



## **EXPLORE & ENJOY**

Norfolk's royal coast is full of wonderful places to visit and explore - Big beaches, Nature reserves, Norman castles and Majestic Statley Homes. However if your after more family adventure with excitement, thrills and spills then North Norfolk has all of that too.

We've explored the best ways to enjoy an adventurous family day out whether its in the saddle, swinging from a harness or getting wet with a paddle, its all here.

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#### **BRANCASTER BEACH**

This expansive stretch of flat golden, unspoilt sand is a year round favourite. With literally miles of beach there is plenty of room for summer picnics and romantic winter walks. As well as being a good family beach with all this sand space Brancaster is a popular spot for windsurfing, kite surfing and various buggies. It is also one of the best dog friendly beaches in Norfolk. Brancaster beach is part of the Brancaster Estate which is now owned by the National Trust. This iconic stretch of coast is designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and also home to important natural features such as the tidal salt marshes of Scolt Head. There are a few facilities at Brancaster including the Brancaster Beach Kiosk and plenty of parking. At low tide the shipwreck of the SS Vina becomes visible. Mostly buried in the sand all that can be seen are a few sections of barnacle encrusted superstructure. The ship was used as target practice by the RAF during World War II but became stuck on a sandbank. Today it presents two hazards; firstly to other boats as it sits near a channel and also to beachgoers who walk out to see it at low tide only to be cut off when the tide races back in. You should not attempt to walk out to the wreck as this is a real danger.

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# HOLKHAM & WELLS BEACH

Northshore based in Brancaster Staithe will help you get out on the water and exploring the creeks and coast, offering tours, intro to sup boarding sessions and coastal sup surfing for the whole family. Be prepared to get wet and test your balance on a stand up paddle board.



### **HUNSTANTON BEACH**

In 2015 Hunstanton beach was awarded the Seaside Award for its cleanliness and beach management. There are toilets and disabled facilities, as well as a beach office next to the Oasis Leisure Centre. The spacious beach area has plenty of interesting rock pools for visitors to enjoy, and young explorers may be lucky enough to find fossils among the rocks and shingle. Three attractive day chalets on the beach are available to rent during the summer months.

The calm, relatively shallow waters make the beach particularly popular with kite-surfers and windsurfers.



### **OLD HUNSTANTON BEACH**

Just north of Hunstanton is the quaint little village of Old Hunstanton. The beach itself is a world away from the pebbles of Hunstanton main beach. Instead it is an expanse of fine golden sand, backed by dunes and the renown striped cliffs. This soft, sloping sandy beach is generally safe making it ideal for families. Old Hunstanton is part of the only stretch of Norfolk's coast to face west - this means not only is the beach here sheltered but that it's a great spot to view sunset on the sea.



### **CROMER BEACH**

Cromer beach with its victorian pier is probably the best beach if you want to try a bit of surfing, with a wide sand and shingle beach popular for swimming and surfing. Located within the Norfolk Coast AONB, the sandy beach faces the North Sea and is occasionally affected by storms during winter. Beach facilities are good with toilets, shops, food stands and a slipway. The 70m high cliffs support Cromer Lighthouse and are rich in fossils dating back to the Pleistocene era. Beach parking is available at the cliff top car park. From there, access to the beach is fairly steep but there is a lift connecting the town with the promenade and beach.

