

# RIVERSIDE RAMBLE

A round route through the Essex countryside



## THE CROWN STOKE-BY-NAYLAND WALK

5.5 miles | 2hr

Heading out of The Crown, take a right on Park Street and go down the lane opposite the Angel Inn (Scotland Street). Continue for 400 yards until you reach a finger post footpath sign on your right. Head through the kissing gate, left and follow the field edge into the adjacent field. Walk parallel to the River Box, following the yellow footpath arrows for half a mile to Valley Farm.

Head along the riverside for a third of a mile, then follow the yellow arrows away from the river and onto a lane. On reaching Hudsons Lane, take a right and head towards Park Road (B1068). Turn right, following the road for approximately 50 yards, then left to follow another footpath sign.

Pass the reservoir towards Wick Farm, then turn right along the road. Continue along Wick Road, then turn left between the barn

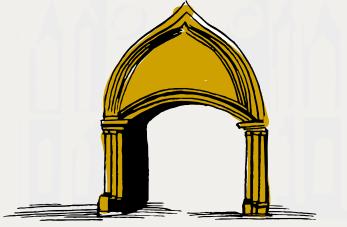
and Grove Cottage following the signposted footpath along Farm Drive. Follow the path past woodland and arable fields, skirting right of Tendring Hall Farm and down the long drive to B1807.

(Take Great Care!) Turn right on B1807 for a quarter of a mile, then left opposite the "fishing temple".

Follow the farm track to Poplar Farm. At the 3 finger post sign, head right up the track into Stoke-by-Nayland. Go through the churchyard to the crossroads and back to The Crown for seasonally inspired dishes, fresh from our creative kitchen.

# AROUND AND ABOUT

## Points of interest in Stoke-by-Nayland



### ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH

Dedicated to St Mary the Virgin, it is one of the largest and finest churches in Suffolk, with a history stretching back to the 10th century. Its tower dominates the landscape of Dedham Vale, and can be seen for miles around. Its outstanding treasure is the 15th century carved oak doors in the south porch.



### TENDRING HALL

On the outskirts of Stoke-by-Nayland is the site of Tendring Hall, former home of the Tendring family and later owned by Howards, Dukes of Norfolk. When Thomas Howard was executed for trying to secretly marry Mary, Queen of Scots during her captivity Elizabeth I seized the estate.

An 18th-century mansion designed by Sir John Soane was torn down in 1955, all except the front portico, but the superb landscaped parkland remains. The grounds are private, but you can easily see the remains of the walled gardens and parkland from nearby public footpaths.

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