



Thornham Walks

The 12 miles of waymarked footpaths within the Thornham Estate wind through beautiful countryside taking visitors into ancient parkland, woodland and farmland. The Walks also include a surfaced path suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs which leads for half a mile to the Victorian Walled Garden, passing on your way the renovated folly and pets' cemetery.

Thornham Walks is signposted from the A140 near Eye. For all enquiries and to book events please contact the staff at:

Thornham Walks, Unit 16, Red House Yards, Thornham Magna, Eye, Suffolk IP23 8HH
telephone 01379 788345 email thornham@midsuffolk.gov.uk www.thornham.org.uk

Parking charges 2012

Monday-Friday £2, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays £3
Do you come here often? If so, why not buy one of our annual passes, cost £30, concessions £20; or become a Friend and get your permit at the concessionary rate.

Also available to the public

- **new play area** – mixture of bespoke and traditional equipment, situated by the main car park
- **picnic areas** are found at various locations around the Walks.
- **environmental birthday parties** Thornham Walks provides the activities whilst the Forge Tearooms or Thornham Coach House can provide the food.
- **volunteering** Thornham Walks needs volunteers to help out with a variety of practical work and events. We can offer midweek and weekend volunteering. Every last Sunday of the month is volunteer day. Come and meet new people and learn new skills.



- **information and advice** The Countryside Officer and the Ranger can provide advice on a range of wildlife and conservation issues.
- **electric all-terrain wheelchairs** which enable people with disabilities to explore the Walks are available free of charge from outside the toilets.
- **guided walks and environmental activities** for groups can be arranged. Please phone 01379 788345 for details.

Upper Waveney Valley Countryside Partnership

The Partnership works closely with local schools and supervises volunteers carrying out practical works in the Valley. There is a very popular picnic site near Scole village with surfaced footpaths down to the river, free fishing from wheelchair accessible platforms, and the famous Scole dragon sculpture.



Elsewhere along the Valley there are circular walks, cycle trails, a 26-mile horse-riding route, canoe launch sites and nature trails. For more information about any activities please contact Tim Page, Countryside Ranger on 01379 788345, email tim.page@midsuffolk.gov.uk

Thornham Owl Project

The Project is now in its tenth year, with over 250 boxes for barn owls, tawny owls, little owls and kestrels sited along the Upper Waveney and Gipping valleys. The boxes are made by volunteers and are open to sponsorship from the public to raise funds for materials, tools, etc. For more details call 01379 788345 or email tim.page@midsuffolk.gov.uk



Nature Bugs outdoor toddler group

Nature Bugs outdoor toddler group is for children under 5 years and their parents, grandparents or carers. We meet at 10 am on Thursdays during term time to play in the woods. Come and join us for exploring and play, nature activities and crafts, picnic snack, singing and stories.

For enquiries and booking contact Joanne Atkins on 01449 780369 or joanne@naturebugs.co.uk

Beyond the Wall at the Thornham Walled Garden

The Thornham Walled Garden is leased from the Thornham Estate by Beyond the Wall, a charitable project which works with individuals who are facing barriers to their education or work prospects. The charity provides work and life skills programmes helping its clients achieve greater independence. For more information about the charity's work please visit www.beyondthewall.org.uk or contact us 01379 788700 or admin@beyondthewall.org.uk

We are keen for people to see the Walled Garden and the work of our clients. If you would like to arrange a visit please contact us by phone in advance.

The Walled Garden is open to the public at weekends and during holidays when staff or volunteers are on site.

Plants and produce from the garden are available for sale just inside the main entrance and all proceeds go directly to Beyond the Wall.

The Walled Garden can be hired for suitable events subject to availability.

Beyond the Wall (reg charity no 292229), tel 01379 788700, email admin@beyondthewall.org.uk



The Forge Tearooms

We are open 10am to 4pm, seven days a week. Also evenings 6pm to 9pm for bookings only.

We will be tempting you with our varied menu, home cooked daily specials, wide selection of homemade cakes and Sunday roasts. We also cater for birthday parties, group bookings and buffets. We are fully licensed.

telephone 01379 783035 email theforgetearooms@aol.com

Thornham Hall

In the centre of the Thornham Estate, the Hall offers accommodation and has five Tourist Board stars. Wedding parties and house parties are welcome. Open all year.

telephone 01379 783314 www.thornhamhall.com

Thornham Coach House

Family run licensed café and restaurant situated near the Walled Garden serving morning coffee, light and hot lunches, Sunday roast dinners, afternoon tea, dinner, private and children's parties, weddings and regular themed evenings. Open Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun and all bank holidays from 10am to 4pm, Fri and Sat evenings for dinner from 6.30pm to last orders at 9pm. Extra weekday openings in the warmer months.

telephone 01379 783373 www.thornhamcoachhouse.com email contact@thornhamcoachhouse.com

Also at Red House Yards ...

Beyond the Image Photographic Gallery – www.beyondtheimage.co.uk email info@beyondtheimage.co.uk

Fancy Pantz – fancy dress and party supplies. telephone 01379 788150, 07510 607581, www.facypantz.co.uk

Folklore Practice – established for over 20 years, helping people and their pets in a natural way. telephone 01379 788170, www.folklore.co.uk, email stuart@folkloreshop.co.uk

Practically Perfect Interiors – interior design consultations and soft furnishings. telephone 01379 788836, www.practicallyperfectinteriors.com, email georgina@practicallyperfectinteriors.com

Friends of Thornham Walks

Would you like to help secure the future of The Walks, then why not become a Friend of Thornham Walks. Membership will entitle you to savings on Walks Passes. There will be special events arranged exclusively for the Friends, plus newsletters keeping you up to date with news about the Walks and future projects. There will be different levels of membership offering different benefits.

If you are interested in becoming a Friend and would like further information, please contact us on 01379 788345 or email thornham@midsuffolk.gov.uk

Alternative transport

Do you have problems accessing the countryside, if so have you considered using your local community transport service. The local one to Thornham Walks is the Borderhoppa, which operates south of the Pulhams, north of Stoke Ash, east of Blo' Norton and west of Harleston.

To use this service you need to be a member, which is free: under five miles £4 return, over five miles £6 return, free to bus pass holders.

For information on other community transport organisations see www.suffolkonboard.com

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events at Thornham Walks 2012



Thornham Walks is open all year round:
April-October 9am-6pm,
November-March 9am-4pm.

Thornham Walks may be closed occasionally between October and January.

Dogs are welcome but must be on a lead at all times.



Thornham Walks is managed in partnership with the Thornham Estate and Mid Suffolk District Council



Thornham Walks, Thornham Magna, Eye, Suffolk IP23 8HH 01379 788345

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Jeżeli chcieliby Państwo otrzymać ten dokument w innym języku lub w innym Formacie albo jeżeli potrzebna jest pomoc tłumacza, to prosimy o kontakt z nami.

إذا أردت هذه الوثيقة بلغة أخرى أو بطريقة أخرى، أو إذا كنت بحاجة إلى خدمات مترجم، فندرج أن تقوم بالاتصال بنا.

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february

Health Walks @ Thornham

WEDNESDAY 1ST The perfect opportunity to get some exercise and meet new people. All abilities welcome. For more information on Health Walks in Suffolk go to www.livewellsuffolk.org.uk
START 10.45am FINISH 12.30pm MEET main car park COST free

Night hike – (family activity)

FRIDAY 17TH Come for a walk through the dark woods of Thornham and discover how good your night vision really is! We will be finding out what creatures live their lives during the night time hours.
START 6pm FINISH 8pm MEET main car park COST £3 per child.

Volunteer day

SUNDAY 26TH Join Thornham Walks volunteer team for a day of conservation work, tasks vary according to season. Tea and coffee provided.
START 10am FINISH 3.30pm MEET main car park COST free

Health Walks @ Thornham take place every first Wednesday of the month at 10.45am

Volunteer days are on the last Sunday of each month except December

march

Bird ringing – (family activity)

SUNDAY 4TH Join Sid Batty, our resident bird ringer at our bird hide to see close up some of the regular visitors to the feeders. Bring binoculars and a camera.
START 10am onwards MEET Bird hide COST free

april

Archery – (children's activity)

WEDNESDAY 4TH Ever wanted to have a go at archery, now's your opportunity. We will be running two sessions on the day. Booking is essential as each session is limited to 16 people. Sessions: 10.30-12 and 1-2.30
MEET park in the main car park and follow the signs to the activity COST £5 per person



Easter egg trail & Easter bonnet competition – (children's activity)

SUNDAY 8TH Come and join Thornham in the Easter Sunday activities. Don't forget to bring your homemade Easter bonnets
START 2pm FINISH 4pm MEET main car park COST children £3 accompanying adults free

Den building – (children's activity)

FRIDAY 13TH Come and join the staff at Thornham Walks for a day of den building in the woods. The day is free to all. Families are welcome to drop in and out of the activity. The staff will be in the woods from 10am, so why not come, and have a go.
START 10am FINISH 3pm MEET park in the main car park and follow the signs to the den building area COST free



Willow weaving workshop: make your own pea cone

SUNDAY 22ND Tony Carter, a local basket maker, will be guiding you through the art of making a willow pea cone.
START 9.30am FINISH 12.30pm MEET main car park COST adults £30, concessions £25, booking essential, call 01379 788345

may

Dawn chorus

SUNDAY 6TH Join the Thornham Walks staff on an early morning walk to hear the wonderful sound of the dawn chorus. Bring binoculars and wear stout footwear and warm clothes. Why not treat yourself to a cooked breakfast at the Forge Tearooms after the walk? This can be booked by phoning 01379 783035.
START 4am FINISH 7am MEET main car park COST adults £3, children £1



june

Water powered rockets – (children's activity)

MONDAY 4TH A day of building and launching rockets. How high will yours go? This free event runs throughout the day. Please bring an empty two litre fizzy drinks bottle.
START 10am FINISH 3pm MEET park in the main car park and follow the signs to the event COST free



Treasure hunt – (family activity)

FRIDAY 8TH Follow the clues and solve the questions to find the treasure. Some are easy and some are more difficult. Perfect activity for all the family during the half term break. This is a Drop In and Join In event, question sheet available 11am to 3pm, please park in the main car park.

july

Pond dipping – (children's activity)

SUNDAY 15TH Come and discover how many animals live in our ponds. This free event runs throughout the day.
START 10am FINISH 3pm MEET park in the main car park and follow the signs to the event COST free

Enchanted forest – (children's activity)

THURSDAY 26TH A day of fairy and elf fun. We will be making wands, wildflower fairies/elves, fairy/elf dens and potions. Also, how many fairies or elves can you find hidden in the woods? Families are welcome to drop in and out of the activity. The staff will be on site from 10am, so why not come and have a go.
START 10am FINISH 3pm MEET park in the main car park and follow the signs to the event COST free

august

Bat evening – (family activity)

FRIDAY 3RD Bob Greef will give a talk on bats, followed by a walk in search of these nocturnal creatures. Wear suitable clothing and bring a torch and a bat detector if you have one.
START 7.30pm FINISH 10pm MEET main car park COST adults £3, children £1

Pond dipping – (children's activity)

FRIDAY 10TH Come and discover how many animals live in our ponds. This free event runs throughout the day.
START 10am FINISH 3pm MEET park in the main car park and follow the signs to the event COST free

Woodland activity day – (children's activity)

WEDNESDAY 15TH A day of bushcraft/woodland activities. We will be making charcoal in a tin, natural jewellery, nettle string and mobiles. Families are welcome to drop in and out of the activity. The staff will be in the woods from 10am, so why not come, and have a go.
STARTS 10am FINISH 3pm MEET park in the main car park and follow the signs to the event COST free

Scarecrow building – (children's activity)

SUNDAY 19TH Join the staff at Thornham and make your own scarecrow. Please bring your own old clothes for the scarecrow.
START 2pm FINISH 4pm MEET main car park COST children £3, accompanying adults free

Water powered rockets – (children's activity)

THURSDAY 23RD A day of building and launching rockets. How high will yours go? This free event runs throughout the day. Please bring an empty two litre fizzy drinks bottle.
STARTS 10am FINISH 3pm MEET park in the main car park and follow the signs to the event COST free



Den building – (children's activity)

MONDAY 27TH Come and join the staff at Thornham Walks for a day of den building in the woods. The day is free to all. Families are welcome to drop in and out of the activity. The staff will be in the woods from 10am, so why not come, and have a go.
START 10am FINISH 3pm MEET park in the main car park and follow the signs to the den building area COST free

Minibeast hunt – (children's activity)

THURSDAY 30TH Come and join the staff at Thornham Walks for a day of Minibeast Hunting. The day is free to all. Families are welcome to drop in and out of the activity. The staff will be on the Walks from 10am, so why not come, and have a go.
START 10am FINISH 3pm MEET Please park in the main car park and follow the signs to the event COST free

september

Wild food

SUNDAY 9TH Join Jonathan Tyler, local expert, for a walk around the Thornham Estate. We will be looking at the different uses of the plants in the hedgerows and woods.
START 1pm FINISH 4pm MEET main car park COST adults £7, concessions £5, family tickets £18, booking essential call 01379 788345 or email

Willow weaving: make your own basket

SUNDAY 16TH Tony Carter, a local basket maker, will be guiding you through the art of making a willow basket.
START 10am FINISH 5pm MEET main car park COST £25, concessions £20, booking essential, call 01379 788345

Rhythm of Life walk

Raising money for local heart treatment equipment

SUNDAY 23RD The Stowmarket & District Lions Club long established Rhythm of Life charity walk, will take place in the beautiful surroundings of Thornham Walks. A choice of 4 or 8 mile routes is offered. Individuals and groups are all welcome. Full marshalling and other support will be in place and refreshments will be available at the start/finish. Entry and sponsor forms are available in advance from Lion, Jonathan Pearce on 01449 771440.
START 9am FINISH 11am



october

October event

Thornham Apple Festival, fundraising event in aid of Beyond the Wall (charity No 292229), Thornham Walled Garden. Food, drink, games, entertainment, stalls, apple press, apple display and much more. For latest details please visit www.beyondthewall.org.uk.



Archaeology walk

SUNDAY 7TH Mike Hardy, local archaeologist, will be leading a walk around the historical Thornham Estate.
START 1pm FINISH 4pm MEET main car park COST adults £3, children £1

Fungi forage

SUNDAY 21ST Spend the day with Jonathan Tyler collecting, identifying and learning about these strange flowerless plants.
START 10am FINISH 4pm MEET main car park COST adults £10, concessions £8, booking essential call 01379 788345

Witches' brooms – (children's activity)

WEDNESDAY 31ST Come and make your own witch's broom to take out trick or treating. All materials will be provided
START 11am FINISH 2pm MEET please park in the main car park and follow the signs to the event COST free



november

Fungi forage

SUNDAY 4TH Spend the day with Jonathan Tyler collecting, identifying and learning about these strange flowerless plants.
START 10am FINISH 4pm MEET main car park COST adults £10, concessions £8, booking essential call 01379 788345

december

Christmas folklore and carols – (family activity)

SUNDAY 16TH A short walk to explore Christmas folklore. The walk finishes at Thornham Magna Church for carols, mince pies and punch. Please bring a torch for the walk back to the car park.
START 1.30pm FINISH 4pm approx MEET main car park COST adults £3 children £1

