

# CARLETON RODE INSPIRING SOULS TRAILS



## Blue Route

circular walk using country lanes and field edge footpaths

Approx. 3.5 miles - 1½ hours

The walk begins with a short detour to visit the War Memorial. Leave the church by the main gate and turn left, passing marker posts (19 & 20) on your left in front of the churchyard wall. 50m further along the road just before a sharp right turn where you will find the entrance to the cemetery (21 & ●).

On leaving the War Memorial, retrace your steps along Church Road, passing the primary school (●). Turn left into a well-defined wide track just after School House – look for the public footpath sign in the hedge. Follow the track, passing the side of the school, and bear left at the Sewage Works perimeter fence. Continue straight ahead on the field edge path until you reach a footpath post and turn right with the hedge to your left (do not go into the wood). Keep going on this field edge path until you meet a minor road (Rode Lane). Lovely views of the village and surrounding countryside all around you. At the road, the footpath turns right and keeps to the edge of the field. However, this can be overgrown – so it might be preferable to cross the plank bridge and walk along the lane which has little traffic. Pass a sugar beet concrete pad on your right, ignoring the footpath sign. On the bends, marker posts (16 & 17) on your left. Continue up Rode Lane to Kendall Lodge (18). Go to the end of the lane passing marker post (15).

*At the crossroads (Scott's Corner), there is a short diversion right, approx. 25m along Flaxlands Road to marker posts (22 and 23 on your right) then retrace your steps.*

At Scott's Corner, continue directly over into Hall Road passing marker post (14). On reaching Old Hall Farm, turn right into Hunt's Green and follow the road (Womack's salvage yard on your right) until the junction at Corner Farm and marker post (13). Turn right into Chapel Road and walk its full length, passing the Baptist Chapel on your left. This will bring you back to Carleton Rode Church, approx. 1 mile and enter the churchyard through the car park rear entrance.

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## Green Route

War Memorial to Kendal Lodge – country lanes

Approx. 1.5 miles – 40 minutes

From the church, turn left out of the main gate onto Church Road, passing marker posts (19 & 20) on your left in front of the churchyard wall. 50m further along the road just before a sharp right turn where you will find the entrance to the cemetery (21 and ●).

On leaving the War Memorial, retrace your steps along Church Road, passing the primary school (●). Continue along the road, around a sharp bend to your right and then to Carleton Manor marker post (12). Follow the road as it winds up over the Flaxlands and through the village, looking out for markers (22 and 23) before the crossroads.

At Scott's Corner crossroads, turn left into Rode Lane (formerly known as King Street at this point) walking through a mix of modern houses and old thatched properties, passing the former Plough Inn on the left. The lane then descends slightly through great swathes of arable fields with lovely views all around. Continue to Kendal Lodge on your right (18) and then a few metres further along the road to the final marker posts at a field opening on your right opposite a left-hand bend.

*End of Green Route. You can retrace your steps or use the footpath signs shown on the map to return to Carleton Rode church.*

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## Red Route

cycle/drive around the village starting from All Saints' Church and ending at Brittain's Buildings opposite Bury's Hall

Approx. 9½ miles – cycle time 45 minutes (without stops)

### CYCLE ADVICE

***There is a blind, right-angled bend close to the start of the route from Church Farm to Flaxlands. Further on, the southern section of the route travels along the B1113 (The Turnpike), a main road to Norwich. Care should be taken on this road especially when turning right into Ash Lane and then again when re-joining the road at the Hargate. Caution should also be exercised on the northern section of the route when turning from the Mile Road into Uppgate Street. All these points are highlighted ⚠ on the map.***

Start by visiting the War Memorial – leave cars at the church (passing marker posts 19 & 20) and walk the short distance to the cemetery (21).

Returning to vehicles/cycles, take Flaxlands Road from the church and go up through the village passing (12) at Carleton Manor and (22 & 23) further along.

Drive past the Village Hall & Social Club on your left and at the crossroads, turn left into Uppgate Street.

Continue until you reach the B1113 passing markers (10 & 11) on your left.

At the junction, turn left onto the B1113 (The Turnpike) and pass markers (7, 8 & 9). Care needed if stopping on this busy road.

Take the next turn right into Ash Lane, passing markers (6) and then (5).

Turn left into Fen Road, opposite White Lodge Farm, and re-join the B1113 at the Hargate.

Continue along this road, turning left into Church Lane, Bunwell (signed). Stay on this road to the end and then turn left into Bunwell Street. Cycle/drive the length of this street.

*Detour: turning left at Bunwell Stores into North Road, will take you to (13). Rejoin Bunwell Street.*

Bunwell Street becomes Mile Road, passing markers (2, 3 & 4) on your right.

Turn left at the junction into Uppgate Street and continue past Telegraph Farm, turning right at the crossroads (Old Buckenham Road).

Brittain's Buildings are opposite Bury's Hall where you will find marker (1).

This completes the cycle/driving route. It is 1.7 miles back to Carleton Rode church.

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