



Eating out

in The Broads 2012





A warm welcome to the best of the Broads...



Top quality

In this guide you'll find some of the very best the Broads has to offer in terms of eating experiences: from modern British gastropubs to inns serving home cooked pub food; from speciality seafood restaurants to cosy riverside tea rooms.

Every business featured serves local ingredients - which could include beef from farmers, game from estates, samphire and seafood from the coast and locally-grown fruit and vegetables.

And even better, these establishments have been quality checked by independent assessors and scored highly. Quality in Tourism judged that all achieved at least 60% in their tests.

The Broads Authority started the Quality Charter scheme back in 2001 with just a handful of establishments. Today, there's a fine range to choose from and each year standards get higher. So relax and enjoy the Broads, take your pick.



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Key



80% +



70% +



60% +



Mooring in easy walking distance



Local produce



Note

You are advised to check opening hours and access for disabled people by telephone. Price ranges are shown as a guide and may change.

The listings in this booklet represent the eating places that were assessed during the summer of 2011. Please check our website for new entries.

www.enjoythebroads.com



Acle



The Bridge Inn

gold
£8-£14



The Bridge Inn has stood by the waters of the River Bure for many hundreds of years serving sailors, smugglers, travellers and locals.

"A relaxed, hospitable inn serving good, honest home cooked food that's fairly priced. We are family friendly and open all day every day, with a beer garden and children's play area."

The Bridge Inn, Old Road, Acle, NR13 3AS.

01493 750288

Acle



Hermitage Restaurant & Public House

gold
£15-£20



Famous for fresh sea food with an extensive choice of fish dishes as well as meat and vegetarian options.

"With lobster and crabs from Wells-Next-The-Sea, mussels from Morston, we source produce locally wherever possible. We also serve snacks and have some special offers on lunches and early evening meals."

64 Old Road, Acle, NR13 3QP

01493 750310 www.thehermitagetd.co.uk

Beccles



Swan House

gold
£14-£26



Swan House is a unique place, just a little eccentric. The food, service and ambience are excellent.

"An extensive range of English food with international flavours and all freshly prepared, locally sourced and free range wherever possible. We also serve breakfast, morning coffee and afternoon tea."

By the Tower, Beccles, NR34 9HE

01502 713474 www.swan-house.com

Beccles



Ristorante Piatto

gold
£6.50-£18



A wide selection of dishes using local meat and vegetables and fish from Lowestoft.

"Why not come in and try our fresh pizza and pasta dishes in a friendly lively atmosphere? English and Latin music make it a night to remember. We promise your first visit won't be your last!"

Ristorante Piatto, 23 Smallgate, Beccles.

01502 711711

Burgh Castle Marina



The Fisherman's Inn

gold
£7.50-£12



This newly refurbished establishment has superb views along the river and free customer moorings outside the pub.

Children and well-behaved dogs are welcome in the bar.

"Our eatery offers fine, fresh food in a quiet and relaxing setting. All ingredients and produce are sourced locally wherever possible."

The Fisherman's Inn, Burgh Castle Marina, Butt Lane, Burgh Castle, Great Yarmouth, NR31 9PZ. **01493 780729**

www.burghcastlemarina.co.uk/facilities.asp

Burgh St Peter



The Waveney Inn

Bronze
£10-£14



The Inn has a lively atmosphere and is the focal point of the Waveney River Centre. Food is served daily to eat in or take away.

"Come and enjoy our regular daily entertainment and special offers during the main holiday season."

Waveney River Centre, Staithe Road, Burgh St Peter, Beccles, NR34 0BT.

01502 677599 **www.waveneyrivercentre.co.uk**

Clippesby



Susie's Coffee Shop

Silver
£5-£9



Susie's Coffee Shop can be found at the heart of Clippesby Hall Lodges, touring and camping park.

"We're a friendly coffee shop selling a wide range of local foods and home-made treats. Delicious bread, rolls and croissants baked to order. Italian coffee served throughout the day. Pizzas to take away."

Clippesby Hall Holidays, Clippesby Hall, Clippesby, Great Yarmouth, NR29 3BL

01493 367800 www.clippesby.com

Coltishall



The Norfolk Restaurant at the Norfolk Mead Hotel

gold
£14.50-£20



A former Georgian merchant's house peacefully nestled on the River Bure on the edge of the Norfolk Broads.

"Our award-winning chefs source the best local ingredients delivered daily by local suppliers and serve the finest food. We have a comprehensive wine list and fully stocked bar."

Church Loke, Coltishall, NR12 7DN

01603 737531 www.norfolkmead.co.uk

Filby



Filby Bridge Restaurant

gold
£7.50-£30



A family run restaurant with unique views over the Trinity Broads.

"Our food is home-made including the pastry and tartare sauce. We have a superb evening a la carte menu with fresh fish a speciality (see website for details) and various steak dishes. We also serve home cooked lunches, a wide choice of morning coffees, cakes and sandwiches."

Main Road, Filby, NR29 3AA

01493 368142 www.filbybridgerestaurant.com

Horning



Bure River Cottage Restaurant



"We're a speciality fish and seafood restaurant, mostly from the local coast, and a lot of our vegetables and herbs are home-grown. We have wild Norfolk mussels in season, local grilled Dover sole, local chargrilled lobster with garlic butter and home-made desserts."

27 Lower Street,
Horning, NR12 8AA

01692 631421 www.burerivercottagerestaurant.co.uk

Horsey



Nelson Head



Set in the pretty village of Horsey, the closest Broads village to the coast, the pub lies between sea and staithe.

"We have so much to offer, a cosy bar, real fire, family dining room, beer garden and good quality home cooked food including Nelson's fish pie (made to a secret recipe) and Woodforde's real ale."

The Street, Horsey, NR29 4AD

01493 393378 www.thenelsonhead.com

Hoveton



Wroxham Barns Restaurant Cafe



Set in the heart of Wroxham Barns (shops, crafts, a brewery visitor centre, a small farm and children's fun area).

"We serve delicious home cooked dishes and traditional teas with fresh baked cakes and scones, all using local ingredients. Good food served with a smile is our motto. Very proud of our Broads Quality Gold, see what the Inspector said on our website."

Wroxham Barns, Tunstead Road, Hoveton, NR12 8QU

01603 777106 www.wroxhambarns.co.uk

Ludham



Alfresco Tea Rooms

Silver
£5-£6



Enjoy the ambience of an English tea room in this grade II listed thatched cottage in the picturesque village of Ludham.

"We serve loose leaf tea in china pots, home-made cakes and quiches using local ingredients, light lunches, freshly made sandwiches and traditional cream teas with Norfolk jam and cream."

Norwich Road, Ludham, Great Yarmouth, NR29 5QA

01692 678384

Ludham Bridge



Wayfarers Cafe

Bronze
£5-£7



The Wayfarers Cafe is situated on the River Ant at Ludham Bridge which offers plenty of free mooring.

"We offer a large selection of hot and cold food and drinks including a giant all day breakfast. Hot lunches are served from 11.30 and food is cooked to order. Prices are very competitive and our convenient take-away service makes us perfect for boaters and holiday makers alike"

Ludham, Great Yarmouth NR29 5NX

01692 630322

Norwich



The Old Rectory

gold
£20+ for 3 courses



The Old Rectory is a delightful Georgian country house-style hotel on the eastern fringes of Norwich.

"Our three-course, two AA rosette menu changes every day and is served in our elegant, candlelit dining room by friendly, attentive staff. All fresh produce is sourced locally with some salads and vegetables from our garden during summer."

103 Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich, NR7 0HF

01603 700772 www.oldrectorynorwich.com

Oulton Broad



Red Herring Restaurant Tapas & Wine Bar

gold
£10-£20



A restaurant, tapas and wine bar situated in the old port area of Oulton Broad. Good food, good wine and good entertainment.

"Head chef James Cyprus has - with Michael and Kirsty - created a completely new tapas-based dining experience that is available all day."

152 Bridge Road, Oulton Broad, NR33 9JT

01502 566499 www.redherringrestaurant.co.uk

Oulton Broad



The Wareney

Bronze
£8-£14



Set in the heart of Oulton Broad, this is a welcoming, family pub with a beer garden.

"We serve traditional pub food: roast dinners, lamb chops, lasagne and great local fish. We also serve children's meals and vegetarian dishes."

132-134 Bridge Road, Oulton Broad, NR33 9JT

01502 573940

Rollesby



The Waterside

gold
£14-£20



Set into the reeds overlooking Rollsby Broad the cafe, tea rooms by day and restaurant by night, offers a stunning and tranquil location.

"By day we serve light lunches and an extensive selection of home-made cakes and afternoon teas (picnic package on The Lady Belinda boat now available). By night enjoy our elegant, fine dining evening experience."

Main Road, Rollsby, NR29 5EF

01493 740531 www.thewatersiderollesby.co.uk

South Walsham



Fairhaven Woodland & Water Garden Cafe

Silver

£5-£10



This family friendly cafe is located on the edge of the beautiful Woodland and Water Gardens at Fairhaven which have a private access to South Walsham Inner Broad.

"Our café serves delicious local ice creams, home-made pastries, slices, hot food, light lunches and teas."

School Road, South Walsham, NR13 6DZ

01603 270449 www.fairhavengarden.co.uk

South Walsham



Kings Arms Pub Chinese & Thai Restaurant & Takeaway

Bronze

£10-£14



Within walking distance of Ranworth Staithe and South Walsham Broad.

"Our restaurant and pub provides a genuine Chinese and Thai experience. We have an extensive menu with old favourites alongside more exotic creations and a good value 'all you can eat'. Free taxi (for eat-in customers) and free delivery to the Broad on orders over £15."

1 Panxworth Road, South Walsham, NR13 6DY

01603 270039 www.broadlandchinese.com

Surlingham



Coldham Hall Tavern

gold

£9-£17



Coldham Hall offers an excellent selection of freshly prepared home-made dishes on its seasonal menus, real ales, a good choice of wines.

"A comfortable bar area and our separate restaurant overlook the River Yare and beautiful riverside gardens. Dishes are freshly prepared using high quality produce and ingredients from local suppliers."

Carnser, Surlingham, NR14 7AN

01508 538366 www.coldhamhalltavern.co.uk

Going out for quality time

our guide to what to do between meals

The Broads offers endless activities to work up an appetite for a delicious meal or to relax afterwards. The Broads is part of the family of national parks, with delights for all the senses, whether you want to feast your eyes on big skies, hear the booming of a bittern, one of its rare birds, touch the feathery reeds, smell the sweet scent of wild honeysuckle or just enjoy good local food.

Walking



Many people associate the Broads with boating, but what does it offer to those who want to explore on foot? Lots - with over 190 miles (300km) of footpaths through some of the area's most attractive landscapes. Boardwalks are often the best way to reach marshy areas of the Broads and many are on nature reserves. These and other easy access paths are suitable for wheelchair users and people with pushchairs. Please remember that dogs are allowed on public rights of way under close control, but many nature reserves do not allow access for dogs. Broads information centres stock walks leaflets and guides.



Canoeing



The Broads is a great place to go up the creeks with a paddle, and Canadian canoes are suitable for all the family. They usually carry up to three adults but you are advised to check with the operator. There are canoe hire centres throughout the Broads - details from Broads information centres. There are day, half-day, hourly and 24 hour rates. Hire centres supply buoyancy aids and waterproof bags and staff will advise you on safety and on a suitable route. Canoeing is ideal for exploring the headwaters (less tidal waters). We don't recommend canoeing in the lower reaches. If you do you need to be extremely experienced, fit and able.

Cycling



Gently rolling countryside, quiet lanes, wide open skies - take to two wheels with bikes from the Broads bike hire network and you'll discover hidden backwaters, thatched churches and wildlife treasures. There are bike hire centres throughout the Broads - details from Broads information centres. Day, half-day, hourly and family rates are available. Centres supply helmets, locks and racks, as well as a map of a long or short cycle route starting from each centre. Some centres also have children's bikes, child seats and tandems.

Canoe Hire Association

Bungay, Outney Meadow Caravan Park, NR35 1HG tel 01986 892338
www.outneymeadow.co.uk

Burgh St Peter, Waveney River Centre, NR34 0BT tel 01502 677343
www.waveneyrivercentre.co.uk

Geldeston, Rowan Craft, NR34 0LY tel 01508 518208
www.rowancraft.com

Hickling, Whispering Reeds, Staithe Road, NR12 0YW tel 01692 598314
www.WhisperingReeds.net

Martham Boats, Cess Road, NR29 4RF tel 01493 740249
www.marthamboats.com

Potter Heigham, Herbert Woods, NR29 5JD tel 01692 670711
www.herbertwoods.co.uk

Salhouse Broad, Lower Street, Salhouse, NR13 6RX tel 07795 145475 / 01603 722775
www.salhousebroad.org.uk

Sutton Staithe Boatyard, NR12 9QS tel 01692 581653
www.suttonstaitheboatyard.co.uk

Wayford Bridge, Bank Boats & Canoe Hire, NR12 9LN tel 01692 582457
www.bankboats.co.uk

Wroxham, Barnes Brinkcraft, Riverside Road, NR12 8UD tel 01603 782625
www.barnesbrinkcraft.co.uk

Other hire centres

Potter Heigham, Herbert Woods tel 01692 670711
www.herbertwoods.co.uk

Whitlingham, Outdoor Education Centre, Whitlingham Lane, Trowse, NR14 8TR tel 01603 632307
www.whitlinghamoec.co.uk

Wroxham, TheCanoeMan, Norwich Road, NR12 8RX tel 0845 4969177
www.TheCanoeMan.com

Also has bases at **South Walsham**, **Horning**, **Buxton** and **Beccles**

Cycle hire centres

Bungay (see under canoe hire)

Burgh St Peter (see under canoe hire)

Clippesby Hall, NR29 3BL tel 01493 367800
www.clippesby.com

Hoveton, Broadland Cycle Hire at BeWILDerwood, Horning Road, NR12 8JW tel 07887 480331
www.norfolkbroadscycling.co.uk

Ludham Bridge Services, NR29 5NX tel 01692 631120 / 07768 108818

Sea Palling Cycle Hire at Waxham Great Barn, NR12 0DY tel 07747 483154 / 01692 598592
www.seapallingcyclehire.com

Stokesby, Riverside Tea Rooms and Stores, NR29 3EX tel 01493 750470

Boat trips



Electric Eel

How Hill National Nature Reserve has something of everything that makes the Broads so special - its very own broad, fens, grazing marshes, woodlands and drainage mills. Take a boat trip on the Electric Eel along the reed-fringed dykes, follow the Wildlife Walking Trail to explore the reserve on foot and visit Toad Hole Cottage Museum for a glimpse of life on the marshes about 100 years ago. For boat trip bookings contact Toad Hole Cottage.



Ra

Ra, Britain's first solar-powered passenger boat, is based at Whitlingham Country Park on the River Yare on the edge of Norwich. Enjoy a hi-tech boating experience, excellent views and the chance to see Broads wildlife close to the city. Ra has a ramp so is accessible to wheelchair users. For boat trip bookings contact Whitlingham Visitor Centre.



Liana

This boat offers a magical wildlife boat trip from Hoveton. Enjoy Edwardian style, travelling along the River Bure towards Coltishall and back, on the only trip taking this route, with plenty of time to enjoy this tranquil and varied stretch of river with woodlands and meadows, just minutes from the centre of Wroxham. For boat trip bookings contact Hoveton Broads Information Centre.

Map of the Broads

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-  Broads canoe hire centre
-  Broads walk
-  museum
-  nature reserve
-  24 hr free mooring
-  historic building
-  country parks and gardens
-  Broads information centre





Broads information centres

Open April - 4 November

Hoveton/Wroxham

Station Road, Hoveton NR12 8UR
tel 01603 756097 / 01603 782281
hovetontic@broads-authority.gov.uk

How Hill

Toad Hole Cottage Museum, How Hill,
Ludham NR29 5PG
tel 01603 756096 / 01692 678763
toadholetic@broads-authority.gov.uk

Whitlingham Visitor Centre

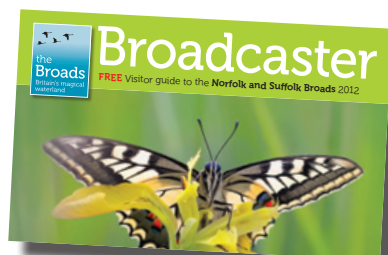
Open all year from April

Whitlingham Lane, Trowse,
Norwich NR14 8TR
tel 01603 756094 / 01603 617332
whitlinghamtic@broads-authority.gov.uk

Broads Authority
Dragonfly House,
2 Gilders Way, Norwich NR3 1UB
tel 01603 610734
broads@broads-authority.gov.uk
www.broads-authority.gov.uk

FUN IN THE BROADS

Fun in the Broads is the events programme for the Broads, which runs each year from Easter onwards. Events include boat trips, canoe trails, walks, children's activity days and many others, suitable for all ages. Find out some of the best places for rare Broads wildlife, discover local history and traditions, visit hidden away parts of the Broads and meet some of the people who keep the Broads special.



The **Broadcaster** visitor magazine, published every year by the Broads Authority, lists events and is packed with other useful information. Broadcaster is available free from Broads information centres.

Full details of events are available from
www.enjoythebroads.com