

Winterton via East Somerton

Start point	Beach Road car park, Winterton
Parking	Grid reference TG498197 Beach Road car park, Winterton (seasonal charge)
Distance	3.3 miles
Details	Moderate gradient, 30% soft  seasonal café

Walk instructions

From the car park, walk to the village on the path beside Beach Road.

Turn second left onto The Loke and then right at the T-junction onto King Street, which shortly becomes The Craft.

Continue along The Craft to the end, ignoring all side roads.

Turn left at the T-junction onto Hemsby Road. Walk along this short busy section of Hemsby Road for approximately 150 metres, then turn first right onto the public footpath beside Mill Farm.

After passing the buildings, continue in the same direction on the farm track over the hill. Follow the track as it bears right to walk between High Barn Farm and Somerton Wind Farm, continuing ahead as it becomes a tarmac track.

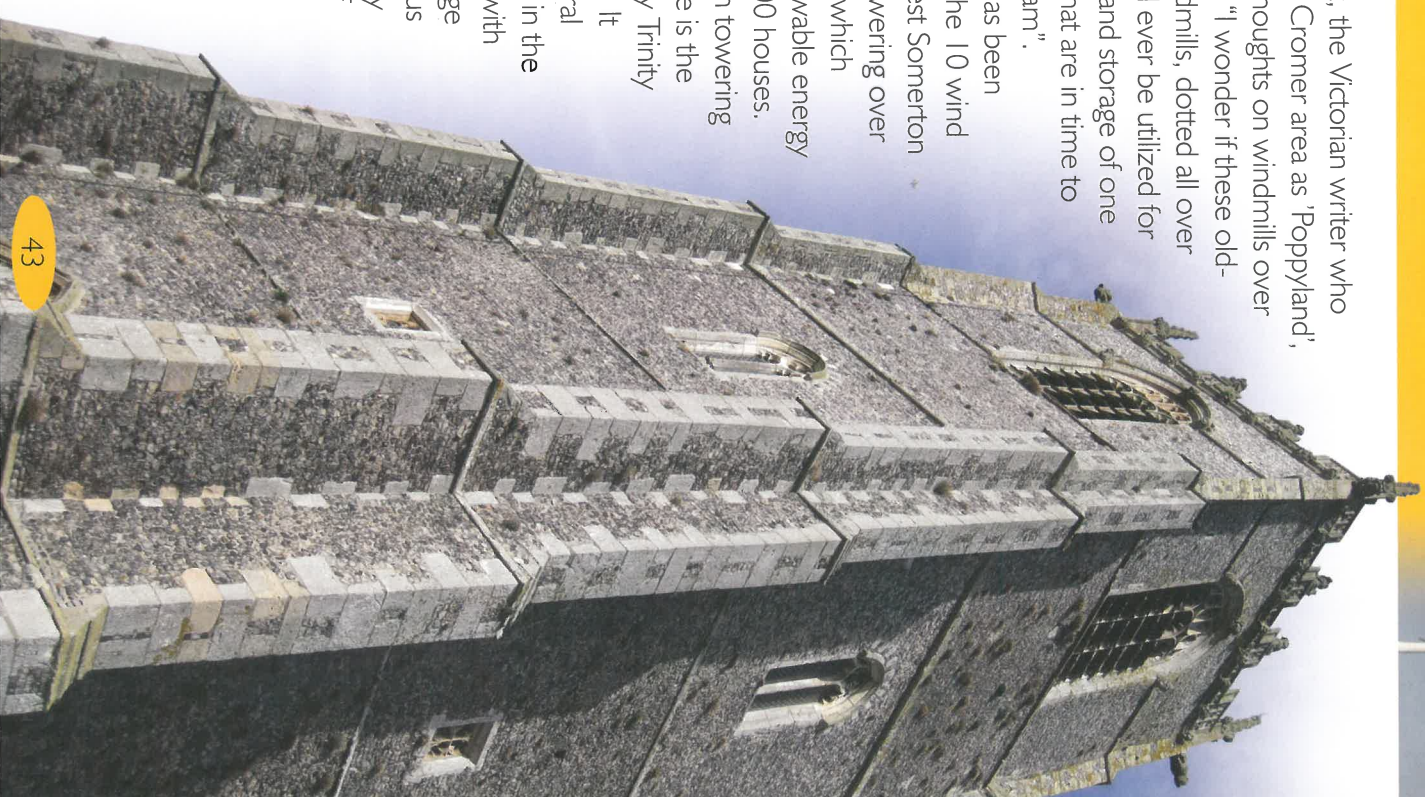
Cross Winterton Road onto Manor Farm Road almost opposite.

Follow the road around to the right as it becomes Low Road. Shortly after passing the white house on the left, continue ahead onto the public bridleway at the point where the road bears sharp right.

Cross North Market Road at the end onto the opposite track, between the houses.

Bear slightly right at the Winterton-Horsey Dunes Site of Special Scientific Interest sign, then left to follow the vehicle track through the dunes to the wooden boat sheds beside the car park.

- Clement Scott, the Victorian writer who promoted the Cromer area as 'Poppyland', recorded his thoughts on windmills over 110 years ago "I wonder if these old-fashioned windmills, dotted all over England, could ever be utilized for the collection and storage of one of the forces that are in time to supersede steam". His question has been answered by the 10 wind turbines at West Somerton Wind Farm towering over the landscape which produce renewable energy for about 1,400 houses.
- The tall church towering over the village is the church of Holy Trinity and All Saints. It is one of several churches built in the 14th century with particularly large towers as status symbols; many generations of sailors would have looked to these as landmarks from the sea.



An easy walk with fabulous coastal views.

- Keep a close look out for the remains of St Mary's Church hidden in the wood on the left, on the corner of Manor Farm Road and Low Road. Clad in ivy, only the roofless nave and tower survive; it was probably last used during the latter part of the 17th century.
- The large concrete cubes in the car park are World War Two anti tank defences. There were seventy one of these blocks forming part of the anti invasion defences centred around Winterton Gap, an area of coast considered particularly vulnerable to attack by an enemy invasion force.

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Parking **P**

Church **⊕**

Wind turbine **⊥**

0 1/4 mile 1/2 km



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