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Gunton Hall & Suffolk

Discover our hotel and the outdoors

Places to visit

Many of the top places to visit in Suffolk are within an easy drive of both Corton and Gunton Hall, including some of the best beaches in England and along the East Coast. Whether you prefer soft or stony beaches, the traditional seaside experience or contemporary modern art sculptures in the sand, our local guide to Suffolk has something for everyone.

Things to do

The Norfolk Broads are one of England's best-loved tourist attractions – but with so much focus on the Broads, some of the area's hidden gems are easy to miss. We asked our teams at Corton and Gunton to recommend some of the best things to do in Suffolk that might be a little off the beaten track, and the results include a classic stately home and one of the most underappreciated nature reserves in the country.



We've partnered with ViewRanger to create walking routes for all levels of ability – tap [here](#) for more info.



POSTCODE &
DIRECTIONS



OPENING
HOURS



PARKING
CHARGES

THE BEST OF OUR GROUNDS AND GARDENS

We're so proud of our grounds here at Gunton Hall, with formal gardens, the beautiful lake, and the abundance of daffodils we enjoy every springtime. Our team have picked out three of their favourite things to do within the grounds, just for you:

The lake

The half-mile walk that surrounds our lake leads directly to our waterside hide, perfect for watching the birds flitter between the woodland and the water, with the relaxing sound of our fountains in the background. The jetty provides a unique photo opportunity.



Walled garden

Hidden away from the hustle and bustle of the hotel, our walled garden provides absolute tranquillity, particularly on a summer's day. When everything's in bloom and the sun is shining down there's no place we'd rather be.

Our wildlife

If you keep your eyes peeled there's a hive of animal activity going on at Gunton Hall, from muntjac deer to our bustling bug hotels. Every season is different, with migrating wildfowl taking a break on the lake and of course baby season in springtime.



THE GUNTON AREA

Did you know that we've got three unique nature reserves just a stone's throw from our doorstep? Each of these unique environments is within walking distance, just ask our friendly Reception team for directions.

Gunton Meadow

Gunton Meadow is relatively small but fits a lot into a small space, a rich grassland with perfect ponds for newts and frogs while butterflies and finches flutter above a colourful tapestry of wildflowers.



NR32 4TZ
11-minute walk



Gunton Warren

With grassland, lowland heath and a sandy beach, Gunton Warren is unique in Suffolk as an unspoilt wildlife paradise. Adders and lizards can often be seen basking on WWII pillboxes, while in June the beautiful green hairstreak butterfly comes out in force.



NR32 4PQ
25-minute walk

Gunton Wood

You can walk straight from the foot of our grounds into this enchanting woodland. With some areas well-maintained and others deliberately left to grow wild, the winding pathways are ideal for a relaxing afternoon wander.



NR32 4LE
25-minute walk






OUT AND ABOUT

Venture a little further afield from our grounds and you'll find some of Suffolk's best days out, from quiet parks to wildlife wildernesses, and of course the world-famous Norfolk Broads aren't far away either.

Oulton Broad


Just a mile west of Lowestoft, Oulton Broad offers year-round watersports, family-run cafés, fishing sports, and Nicholas Everitt Park, an Edwardian garden that's ideal for watching the sailing and powerboat racing (Thursday evenings, Apr – Sep).

 NR33 9JR 10-minute drive	 7am – 9pm	 Parking £1 p/h up to £5
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Orford Ness National Nature Reserve

Well worth the drive, take a short boat trip to this wild and remote shingle spit (Europe's largest) to enjoy quiet walks by the lagoons and spot some truly unique wildlife, including Ness hare (larger than their mainland relatives) and Chinese water deer, escapees from local deer parks.

 IP21 2NU 59-minute drive	 Opening times restricted during winter – please visit their website for details	 Pay & Display Parking
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The Scallop at Aldeburgh Beach

The seaside town of Aldeburgh is a postcard-perfect seaside town with plenty to see and a rich artistic history, but it's the four-metre high 'Scallop', designed by Suffolk's own Maggi Hambling, that makes it unique. Sound is focused at its centre, creating a unique sensory experience.

 IP15 5BH 50-minute drive	 Pay & Display Parking
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Carlton Marshes

“A great day out and you can walk for hours” is how our team describe Carlton Marshes, a network of flower-studded marshes that is home to birds of prey, water vole, wildfowl, and an astonishing 28 species of dragonfly. Don't forget your wellies if it's been raining.



NR33 8HU
12-minute drive



Free entry



Free parking



Lound Lakes

A birdwatcher's dream, the mixture of woodland, grassland, meadows and open water have created a paradise for wildfowl.

Over 140 species of bird have been recorded here over the last five years, from migrating visitors to permanent residents, as well as several kinds of bat.



NR31 9AU
9-minute drive



Free parking

Somerleyton Hall and Gardens

One of the UK's finest stately homes, Somerleyton Hall boasts some of the finest gardens in East Anglia, now being reimaged into a series of interconnected 'rooms', each garden different from the last. Somerleyton also features its own tea room and gastro-pub.



NR32 5QQ
9-minute drive



Opening times
restricted
during winter
– please visit their
website for details



Free parking



BEST OF THE BEACHES

We're lucky to be near some of the best beaches in the UK, and with so many seaside destinations to choose from we've put together this handy guide to just a few of our favourites to help you decide.

Horsey Gap Beach

This quiet, uncluttered beach is perfect for a summer walk, and is home to a colony of grey seals who can often be seen bobbing around in the bay. Between Nov – Jan they come ashore to raise their pups and can be watched from dedicated viewing platforms.



NR29 4BH
30-minute drive



Pay and display
parking



Gorleston-on-Sea Beach

With pristine yellow sands, a small lido, grassy cliffs, pitch-and-putt, bowling greens, floral gardens and a promenade with ice cream vans and fish and chip shops, Gorleston-on-Sea offers the quintessential British seaside experience.



NR31 6BU
13-minute drive



Free parking

Lowestoft Beach

Lowestoft's sandy beaches have won awards for their maintenance, cleanliness and safety, and it really shows. Stretching either side of Claremont Pier, their golden sands have been welcoming holidaymakers for decades. We recommend arriving early to reserve the softest sand for yourself.



NR33 0BS
8-minute drive



£1.10 p/h
parking

Southwold

Southwold is almost an island, bordered by the North Sea, River Blyth and Southwold harbour – in fact, there's only one road in or out. As well as its famous pier, the town also boasts a working lighthouse, pristine beach, and some of the region's finest tea rooms.



IP18 6LT
30-minute drive



£1.20 p/h
parking



GRAB & GO

Heading out for a busy day sightseeing and want to grab a bite to eat on the go? We've got you covered. As well as our packed lunch (perfect for taking with you for a full day out), we also offer a range of grab-and-go options, including:

SANDWICHES AND BAGUETTES

(all served with pickled vegetables on white or brown bloomer, gluten-free bread available on request)

SANDWICHES | BAGUETTES

- Prawn, avocado, dill & mayonnaise **7.25 | 7.75**
- Honey-roast ham with wholegrain mustard **6.75 | 7.25**
- Red Leicester cheese with onion chutney (V) **6.75 | 7.25**
- Chunky egg with cress, mayonnaise & rocket (V) **6.50 | 6.95**

BEETROOT WRAPS (all served with pickled vegetables)

- Chickpea, avocado, red onion, carrot, mayonnaise & spinach (VE) **7.25**
- Tuna with cheese, spring onion, celery & paprika mayonnaise **7.50**

PLOUGHMAN'S PLATTER

Hand-carved meats with sliced pickled onion, golden beetroot piccalilli,
Red Leicester cheese, apple, boiled egg, mini pork pie **14.00 for two | 8.50 for one**

CREAM TEA FOR TWO

Fruit or plain scones, clotted cream, butter, preserves and a choice of tea or coffee **10.95**

CAKE SELECTIONS

Giant rainbow cake **4.95**

Toasted teacake | Fruit or plain scone with clotted cream & strawberry jam | Raspberry Victoria sponge | Carrot cake | Lemon meringue slice | Caramel & ginger slice | Lemon drizzle cake
Caramel shortcake slice | Fruit cake | Sachertorte slice | Chocolate brownie | Lemon Grove cake (VE)
All **3.50**

And if you're a bit like us and struggle to function without your morning cuppa, we've got grab-and-go hot drinks too!

[Visit our coffee shop or café during opening hours to order yours](#)

VIEWRANGER AT GUNTON HALL

What is ViewRanger?

ViewRanger is one of the world's leading digital walking guides, available for all Apple and Android devices, that lets you explore local areas and walking routes like never before. We've joined forces to provide a few routes around our hotels and villages for all levels of fitness. With ViewRanger you can follow the map with or without a data connection, with viewpoints, interesting attractions and helpful advice along the way.

How do I download ViewRanger?

It couldn't be simpler!

- 1** Go to your phone or tablet's app store
- 2** Search for "**ViewRanger**" and download "**ViewRanger - Hiking Trails & Bike Rides**" by Augmentra
- 3** Use the below web address or scan the QR code and it'll open up with our selection of walks for **Gunton Hall** (it's up to you whether to create an account, although we do recommend it).

How do I get walking?

Simply tap the signpost button in the top left corner of the app and select your chosen route. You can do this from the starting point or back at the hotel, and you can even download the route so there's no need to use up your data allowance while you're wandering.



All of the walks are self-guided so that you can do them at a time and pace that suits you. Here are a few tips to help you enjoy this walk:

- Check the weather and be prepared with wet weather gear, or a coat, hat and maybe sunscreen when necessary
- Wear sensible shoes or walking boots, most of our walks are on well-worn paths, tracks, trails or woodland and pastoral land. There might be some muddy areas, gates or stiles to cross
- Pack a bottle of water, not all walks have a café or pub en-route
- Capture the beautiful countryside with your camera
- Take your mobile phone just in case of emergency

www.guntonhall.co.uk/walks



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