

Welcome to

Amber's Bell Tent Camping

at

Branthill Farm

We hope you enjoy your stay!



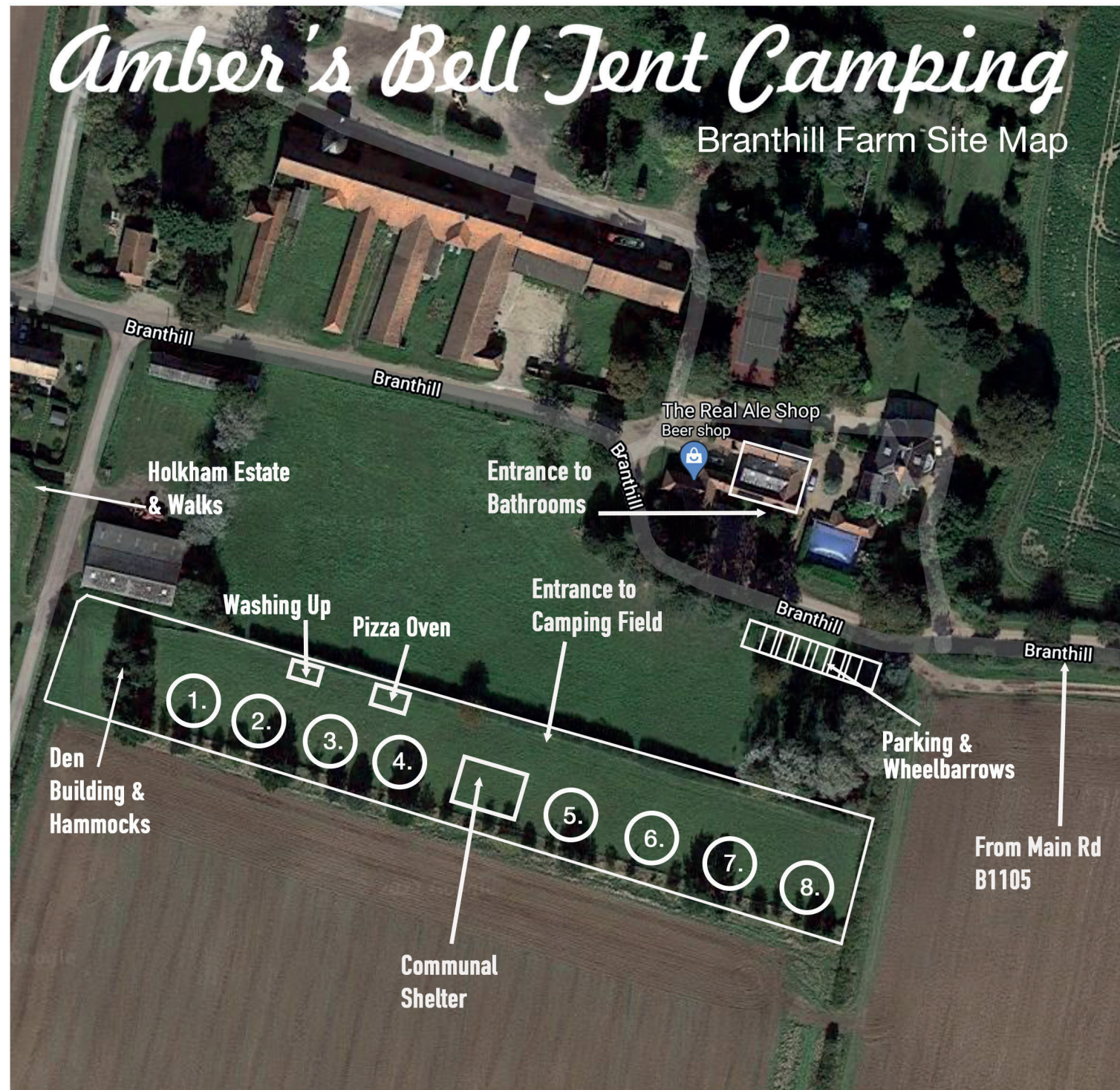
Tent Key

1. Malt
2. Barley
3. Rye
4. Hops
5. Wheat
6. Mustard
7. Spelt
8. Oat

Map not to scale...tent markers to show position only

If you arrive for your stay and we've been called away, please make your way to your tent.... everything will be ready and waiting for you.

We'll come and make sure you've settled in when we return.



Arrival Instructions

Before you set off, please make a note of the name of your tent and print off the site map attached. There tends to be staff onsite during the day till 5pm, and we can't always be available to meet guests when they arrive, so please make yourselves at home; your tent will be ready and waiting for you from 3pm on the day. There will be an intent folder full of site specific info for your stay.

Look out for the black board ABTC signs once you've turned off the main road. The car parking areas will be clearly signed. Wheel barrows can be found in the car park area for you to transport your luggage to your tent. One for each tent. There are no cars allowed on the field.

If we can't be there to greet you, we'll be over at some point to say hi and answer any additional questions you may have, but feel free to call the number at the bottom of the page if you have any difficulties or queries.

The tents are marked with little name signs on the front to help you find your way in, and are also marked on the map attached.

Keep warm - There will be basket of kindling and wood in your tent for your intent log burner. If you need more, head to the honesty shop / wood store on the field where you will find logs for burners and fire pits, charcoal for bbq's, gas for the camping-stoves, camping stoves, candles, and everything you need to keep the home fires burning.

Check out your folder for eating out recommendations and where you can go for supplies.

Have a safe journey and we'll see you soon!

The Branthill Farm Team

Things to note....

Please have a great time

Please respect your fellow glampers, especially regarding noise. Quiet time from 10pm please.

Please be vigilant of your children, especially around campfires and bbq's.

Please ensure you leave your crockery, pots and pans clean when you leave.

Please remove all your food stuffs from the fridge when you leave, and put all of your rubbish in the big bins.

Please remember to pay for all items taken from the honesty shop before you leave.

Please have a safe journey home, tell your friends, and come again!

Kindest regards,

Branthill Farm

Bell Tent User Guide

In Tent Log Burners You will be supplied with a basket of wood to get things going. Please note, there is no guard around the log burner. If you have little ones who aren't used to being around hot stoves, maybe light it once they're in bed - the main hazard are little ones tripping in the tent and putting their hands out to stop themselves and burning their hands. Don't leave anything on the stove or leaning against it. The door of the stove can be left on the latch to create a draw on the blaze, but close the door down before you leave your tent. Please refer to the stove info sheet further down for stove lighting tips, and the safely sheet for all the risks and how to avoid them.

Fire Pit / Camp Fire Cookery If you want a camp fire or bbq, you can buy nets of logs and bags of charcoal from the wood store. Always get the charcoal white hot before putting your meat or veg on to cook. Avoid using BBQ starter if you can. Don't forget to toast your marsh mallows! There should be a jar of them in the pantry supplies in the tent on arrival.

Gas stove They are available to purchase from the honesty shop on arrival or at booking and cost £15. They are then yours to take away and bring back next time you come and stay! If using a gas stove, please refer to the specific gas stove safety sheet below and please remember to only use this outside.

Kitchen boxes You should find everything you need for your culinary camp cookery in your kitchen boxes. Please could you make sure that all the bits end up back in the box. This is especially important if you are part of a group.

In tent cooler Your vintage trunk in your tent works as a cool box. Frozen hot water bottles and cool packs live in the freezer in the field shelter. I'd recommend putting all your food in your trunk to keep the local wildlife out of your tents looking for tasty treats! Please don't have more than two freezer blocks in your tent at one time, otherwise there may be a shortage in the freezer!

Lighting You will find either a solar or wind up lantern in your tent for you to use during your stay. Our lighting is pretty ambient. You may want to bring a spare torch or lamp.

Keeping Dry Please zip up the tent when you leave or go out....Doors and windows. This will help avoid soggy patches when you get home. If you are camping when wet, avoid any contact with the canvas to avoid drips, and get the stove on!

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Bathrooms and Keeping Clean

3 toilets and 3 showers in a brand new custom built bathroom block.

Washing up - House/Tent Keeping

You're on holiday, so you shouldn't have to do any! But if you're not eating out all the time, then of course there'll be the obligatory washing up. You can either take your washing up in a wheel barrow over to the washing up area, where there is hot water, or go for the traditional rustic affair of boiling a kettle and using the trug as a big washing up container outside. You can drain your water away in some long grass. You can leave your pots and pans to dry on the picnic bench. Don't forget, we supply eco washing up liquid at the washing up station, clean sponges are provided in tents as are tea towels.

Water

Fresh clean water is available at the washing up station and the bathrooms.

Wood Store / Honesty Shop

Firewood, hot logs for the stoves and kindling can be found in the wood store on the camping field. There will also be spare gas cansisters, firelighters, matches and other bits and pieces you may need during your stay.

Fire Safety

Please follow safety instructions when using wood burner, gas stoves, tealights etc. Gas stoves are to be used outside the tent only. Please only burn dried seasoned firewood supplied, in your wood burner as burning wet/found wood can cause excess smoke and an unsafe fire.

Please read the fire safety sheet in this pack before lighting any fires and as always please ask a member of staff if you are unsure of anything.

Fire extinguishers and blankets will be clearly marked on site.

Rubbish!

Recycling and landfill refuse bins will be onsite near the shop. Please bag up your rubbish and place in appropriate bins before you leave.

Walks and Cycling

The site is on the edge of the stunning Holkham Park and as such has access to a vast network of public footpaths and cycle paths. You're also only 2 miles from the North Norfolk coast and beautiful beaches such as Wells Next The Sea, Brancaster and Holkham with miles of flat sand and pine forests to explore.

What to bring to the tents...

The website has all the details of where to come and what to bring, but as a reminder.. All you should have to bring is a towel, toiletries, and an extra torch or lantern each. The beds will be made up with sheets, pillows and double duvets on each bed, and there will be a basket of extra blankets and hot water bottles incase it's cold. There's a lantern for use inside the tent, and jam jars and tea lights provided for outside. The tents are fitted with wood burners and there's fire-wood on site, you'll have a bucket in your tent to get you started.

The kitchen boxes are really well stocked with all you need for camp fire or gas stove cooking. I've included a list below for you to check. There's firewood and charcoal and everything to keep the fire burning, and an honesty shop with fuel supplies if you run low. You have an in tent 'fridge' to keep all your perishables cool and a freezer with cool packs provided to help keep your box chilled. Please only take 2 at a time and replace the ones not being used. Outside the tent there's a six seater picnic table for each tent and fireside log seating. Bring cushions, a table cloth and camp chairs if you'd like more comfort.

There's an awning attached to your tent to park your wellies under if it's wet.

Kitchen box list

1 x frying pan, 3 x saucepan, 1 x colander, 1 x kettle

5 x plastic cups, 2 x plastic wine glasses

enamel plates and mugs and bowls for 5 people

pantry supplies - including cooking oil, salt and pepper, tea bags, sugar and marshmallows for toasting on the fire

washing up trug, scourer, dish cloth and tea towel

Utensils

Knives, Forks and Spoons for 5 people

1 x sharp knife

1 x bread knife

1 x corkscrew / bottle opener

1 x wooden spoon

1 x spatula

1 x peeler

1 x chopping board

Stove Advise

In cold or windy weather there may be the chance your stove will be a bit smoky. Please follow these tips to ensure you have a snug and smoke free stay!

- The main key to these stoves is little and often. Start with fire lighters and just a few sticks of dry kindling.
- Crack the door ajar while getting going...this will give your fire a good blaze and get it hotter quicker
- Once the stove is roaring, start adding a few more sticks at a time.
- Once the fire is established you can start adding a few of the eco hot log discs.
- It's best to keep the door slightly cracked open while establishing the fire, but once it is going and nice and hot, you'll be able to close the door.
- Please always ensure the fire is attended while the door is cracked open, and that at all times nothing is placed on top or leaning against the stove (apart from the kettle of course!)
- If you do get a bit of smoke in your tent (it will happen from time to time...sorry!) open one or more of your window vents and it will soon clear.

Hopefully, if you follow these instructions, you'll have a nice toasty stay!

Fire Lighting Outside

Your outside fire pit will be your best friend while you're camping....use it for cooking, toasting marshmallows, boiling the kettle or just keeping warm while you watch the stars at night.

Each fire pit has a sturdy grill with it that you can cook directly on to, or use it to put pans on your fire.

To light your fire outside, lay a small amount of dry kindling in the bottom of the pit. Place 2 or 3 firelighters on top of the kindling. Then build a small pyramid of kindling on top making sure you can still get a match to the firelighters. Light the firelighters with a match or lighter and allow the fire to take hold. Now you can add some more dry kindling to the fire.

Once your fire is going well, you can decide what your next step is...

If you are going to have a bbq with charcoal, use a stick or poker to carefully level out the burning kindling...then put your charcoal on top. You might need to add some more kindling to keep the fire burning hot while the charcoal catches fire. Once your fire is going well, you'll need to wait until the flames have died down before cooking. Place your grill over the embers and BBQ!

If you are just having a fire, then ignore the charcoal steps and just pop some small logs on once the kindling is going.

Your outside fire is suitable for burning wood you or the kids have gathered, but please only burn dead wood from the ground....please don't pull any branches from trees to burn.

Please only burn kindling and compressed hot logs in your tent's inside wood burner....wet or green wood will produce nasty smoke and will block your chimney quickly.

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Fire Safety at ABTC

We want everyone who stays at ABTC to have a fantastic time, and to go home with great, happy memories. Fire plays a big part of the experience with the fire pit, wood burners and gas stoves....here are some do's and don'ts to make sure you know how to make the most of these facilities whilst staying safe!

In tent wood burner safety

- Always follow the lighting instructions in your Bell Tent user guide
- Only use dried, seasoned firewood in your stove. Suitable wood can be found in the honesty shop. Green or wet wood will clog the flue and lead to nasty gasses in your tent.
- Make sure that once your stove is lit, nothing is leaning against it.
- Never leave your lit stove unattended. If you have to leave the tent while it is lit, make sure the door is firmly closed and nothing is on top or leaning on it.
- Your stove will be incredibly hot when lit...if you touch it you will burn yourself.
- Never put anything on top of the stove (apart from your kettle), even if you think it is out. Residual heat can still cause fires. The picture below demonstrates what can happen when flammable objects are left on stoves....luckily no-one was hurt!
- Keep your log basket well away from the front of the stove

Other Fire Safety

- Tea lights are for use outside of tents only and in glass jars
- Cooking with your gas stove must be done outside of the tent or in the field shelter
- You can collect wood for your fire pit...but again, never leave a fire unattended

Fire extinguishers and sand buckets can be found in the honesty shop.

If you follow all of these instructions we hope that your stay will be a happy and stress free one!



Eating Out and Supplies....Branthill Farm

Pubs and Restaurants

The Victoria Inn Holkham Estate

(Distance 2m) 41 mins on foot or 11 mins cycle through Holkham Park.

Award winning food in a stylish eclectic setting. You can eat thier delicious fayre either in the gallery, or in the conservatory overlooking Holkham Park. Open for Breakfast from 8am to 10am, Lunch 12-2.30pm and Supper 6.30 with last orders at 9pm Booking advised.

The Courtyard Cafe

(Distance 1.6m) 36 mins on foot, 9 mins cycle through Holkham Park.

As its name suggests, is nestled within the main visitor courtyard at Holkham. Offering premade sandwiches, wraps salads, cakes coffees and ice creams, it makes for a good pit stop while out exploring the park.

The Lookout - Holkham Beach

(Distance 2.8 miles) 58 mins on foot, 14 mins cycle through the park.

Offering spectacular views over the nature reserve, while serving quality coffee's and snacks with a zero waste policy.

The Globe Pub - Well's Next the Sea

(Distance 2.4 miles) 15 mins cycle, 45 on foot

A stylish pub with fantastic inside and outside seating. Open for Breakfast; 8am - 10am Lunch; 12pm – 3pm - Dinner; 6pm - 8.30pm - and Saturday Light Bites: 3pm - 6pm

Wells Deli - The Quay, Well's Next the Sea

(Distance 2.4 miles) 15 mins cycle, 45 on foot.

Great coffee and fast healthy food - think juices, shakes, juice shots, salad boxes, noodle soups, vegan and g/f alternatives - all to eat in and take away. Open daily from 9am to 5pm.

Frenchs Fish and Chips - The Quay, Well's Next the Sea

Distance 2.4 miles) 15 mins cycle, 45 on foot.

Traditional British Fish and Chips, to eat in or take out onto the harbour.

Supplies

Just 2 miles down the road, you'll find the harbour town of Well's Next the Sea, which has a cute little high street with bakeries and fresh produce, cafes and bookshops.

Head to the quay for fish and chips.

There's a CO-OP in Wells, which is well stocked for the holiday crowd, with a really great selection of upmarket ready meals as well as everything else you'd expect. Open 7am - 10pm every day, closing 4pm on Sunday.

The Norfolk Coast - which beaches for what

Holkham – Probably the best known beach in North Norfolk. Miles and miles of soft white sands backed with pine woods. A real spectacle in any weather. In fact, as it's not a swimming destination as the sea is often miles out, it's a good place to visit when the weather isn't at its best. Nothing can detract from the spectacular scenery. Why not take in Holkham estate while you're here – and dine at the Victoria arms.

Brancaster - Wide expanses of golden sand make Brancaster a magical beach at any time of the year. Perfect for lazing in the sand or getting active and taking part in beach sports - Brancaster is a favourite for kite sports and wave fun.

Morston – More marshes and harbours like Blakeney. NT carpark on the marsh. Take your wires and bacon down to one of the bridges over the freshers and try your luck. Won't take long before you get a bite.

Salthouse – An endless bank of pebbles for you to perch on. There's a carpark directly in front of the beach, so you can park up, scramble over and you're there. Look out for the vintage coffee van that parks up there. You'll find the Dun Cow on the green – a real pub with great food and the best views of the marsh there is. There's also Cookies Crab shack on the green for fresh Norfolk Seafood.

West Runton – Sand, rock pools, views of Cromer. Park at the cliff top car park - £2 charge. Big sandy beach. Check the tides - When the tide is out there are rock pools to explore. When it's right in you can still access the beach, but 3/4 is submerged. I'd head to the right for about half a mile and camp under the sandy cliff which the kids like to roll down.

Sheringham - A small Edwardian sea side town with plenty of beach to go around. I park at the left hand side of the town behind the steam train station. There's parking there on the front and off the side residential streets. Up the prom to the left, you'll find the life boat centre, great views of the wild north Norfolk coast beyond. The beach is pebbly, but smooth sand appears when the tide is out. Pack your water shoes. Up to the right hand side of the prom, passed the town, you'll find the funky mackerel cafe - for great sea views with a kitsch diner feel and the biggest flapjacks you'll ever see! If you're up this way, check out the pitch and put golfing just up the cliff here. The town has some good charity shops if a rummage is your thing, with some vintage shops tucked away too!

Cromer - A glorious Victorian seaside town, with a great pier and lovely sandy beach. Don't have to worry about the tide here - always plenty of sand for everyone. Cromer surf school is situated on the prom if you and yours fancy a go. Head to the rocket cafe right on the front for great views of the beach, or the No 1 fish and chips bar at the other end. If you fancy a walk, access the coastal path from here, up past the light house and over the cliffs to Overstrand.. A play in the park and ice cream on the cliff top, then back to Cromer along the beach. It's about a 2 hour round trip.

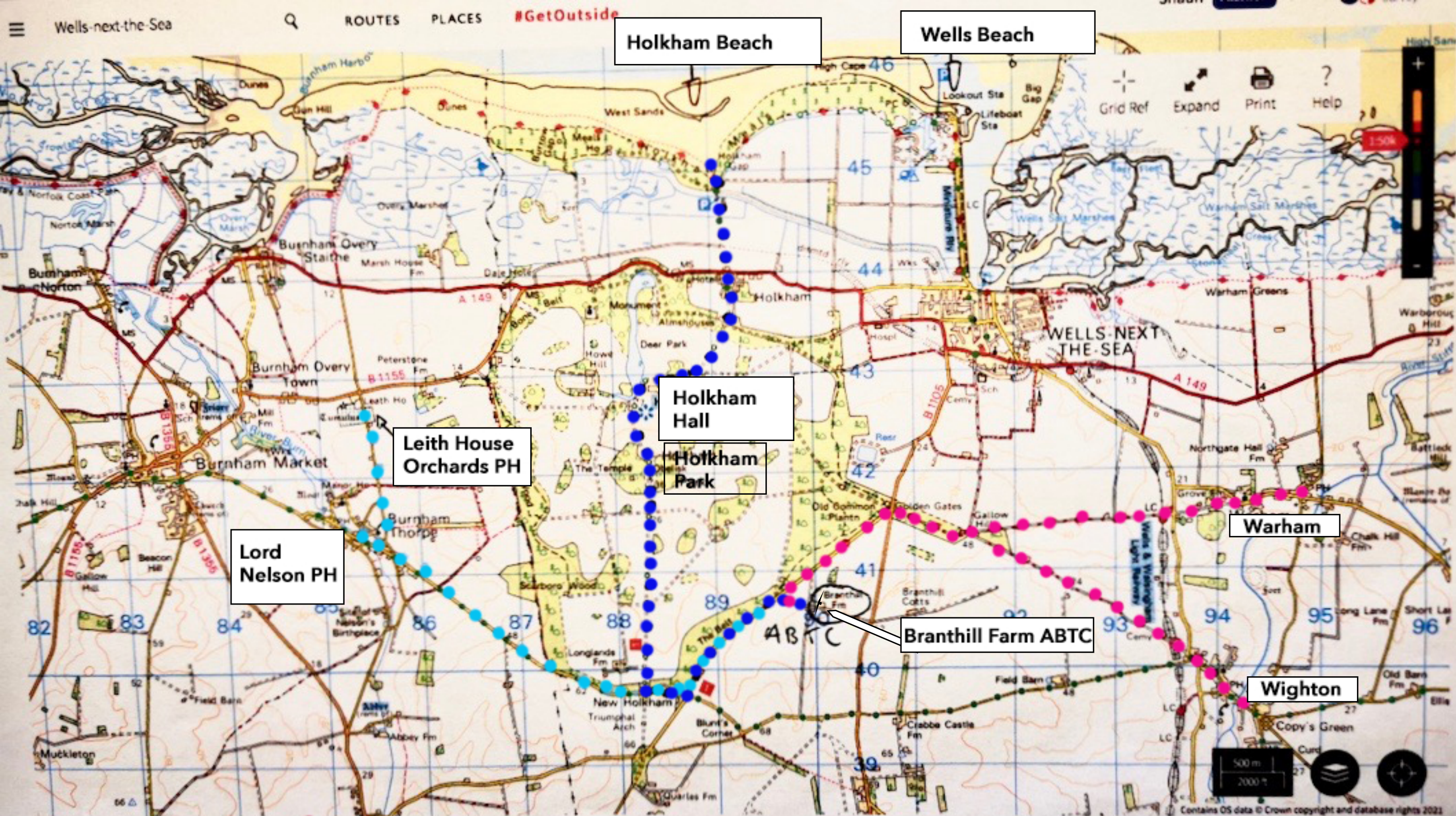
Overstrand – Old fashioned sea side loveliness, with soft sand, groins to rest your back on, and lovely views. Park in the town or at the car park on the cliff and head down.

Cley next the Sea - There's a bit of a swimming scene in Cley in the evenings. People cycle down to the pebbly beach just out of the town with beers and picnics and have a dip. A lovely grown up beach, with interesting art happenings to stumble across. Great spot for evening Mackerel fishing. The town offers some lovely shops, selling art and books, and smoked fish and some good pubs – the king's head and the Three Swallows. You can walk from the the camp if staying at Wiveton, through the town and along the marsh

Blakeney – Just a six minute walk if camping with us at Wiveton, or you can park up at the marina and at low tide the kids can play in the 'freshers' - the creeks. It's very muddy, but much fun especially if you've a dinghy to throw into the mix. Maybe take a wetsuit... You can walk to Wiveton cafe from here if you head west along the front, you'll find the footpath up to the fruit farm. Pick your own strawbs, have some afternoon tea or tapas, and wander back to Blakeney. The seal trips run from the harbour at Blakeney. Great fun. Try and find a trip that will drop you at the point for an hour or so. It's wild over there, and heavenly. You can walk to the point, but you need to take a good map and check the tides. It's a good hour there. There's maps in your pack!

Wells next the Sea - A must while you're here. It's about a 30 minute drive if staying at Mannington, and 15mins from Wiveton. It's a magnificent place, with it's HUGE beach, backed with pinewoods and beach huts. It's a splendid wilderness. The woods are just great in themselves. Like a film set. Park in the main carpark near the beach, and walk through the woods, all the way to the end till it pops you out at the Holkham end of Wells beach for a real wild treat. You can take your bikes and cycle to Holkham from here. Look out for the rope swing in the woods - you'll hear the children yelping as you approach. Wells Deli on the front in the town is a good stop for coffee cake and noodles! French's fish and chips on the quay are renowned. Or head into the centre onto the Green for the Globe and the Crown.

Weybourne – A real wild Jurassic feel here, with working boats moored up on the shingle and lots of fishing going on on the shore. You can access the coastal path from here and walk along the top of the cliffs to Sheringham. It's just over an hour's walk. If you don't fancy the walk home, you can tempt the little ones with a ride on the steam train back to Weybourne.



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FOR LORD NELSON PUB
OR
LEITH HOUSE ORCHARDS

● ● ● CYCLE TO HOLKHAM PARK FOR
PLAYGROUND/CAFE/GARDENS ETC
HALL: APPROX 3.5 MILES
BEACH: APPROX 5 MILES

● ● ● CYCLE TO WARHAM (THREE HORSESHOES PUB)
OR
CYCLE TO WIGHTON (CARPENTERS ARMS PUB)



●●●● CYCLE TO WELLS FOR PUBS/BEACH/SHOPS
APPROX. 2.5 MILES