

Walks from The Recruiting Sergeant Pub & Restaurant

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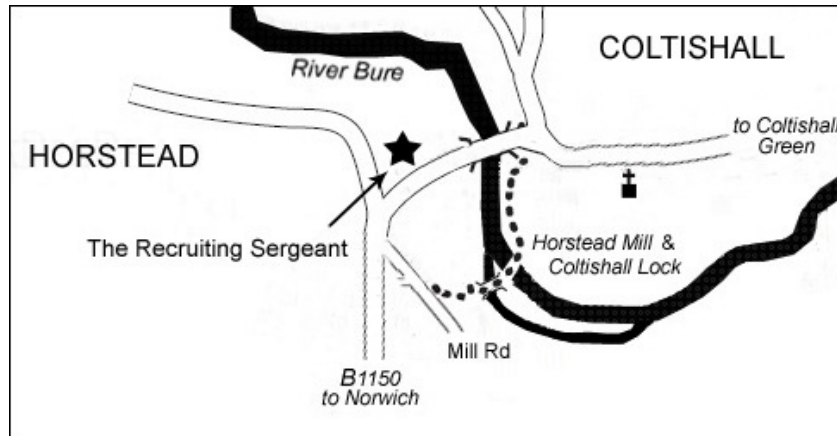
Walk 1. Short Circular Walk via Horstead Mill & Coltishall Lock

This interesting and scenic short walk is just under a mile in length and takes about 30 minutes if walking at a leisurely pace.

Directions

Start by walking along Mill Road opposite the pub then join the footpath on the left and pass through the site of Horstead Mill. Enjoy far reaching views over meadows before bearing left and crossing the river at Coltishall Lock.

Turn left again and follow the footpath beside the river until it meets the road. Carefully cross the road and turn left to use the pedestrian footbridge to walk back to the Recruiting Sergeant.



Some History

Horstead Mill dates from 1789. It was originally two mills, a grist mill used for grinding corn to produce flour and a fulling mill used in cloth production.

Flour production ended during the 1914 - 1918 war but the mill continued to produce animal feed using the millstones until 1960 when machinery was installed. The mill continued operating until 1963 when it was destroyed by an accidental fire.

More recently the Horstead Mill Restoration Project, carried out by the local council together with various other authorities, has seen the site restored for recreational use by the public. It is a popular location for walkers and also local canoeing groups who can often be seen using the Mill Pond.

Coltishall Lock ceased functioning as a navigational structure in 1912 when a devastating flood swept down the Bure Valley. It now marks the end of navigation on the river.

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