



FROM FOSSILS TO FIREWORKS AND OTHER HIDDEN BEACHSIDE GEMS

Our Family's Ultimate Guide to
North Norfolk Adventures



Discover favourite beaches, hidden trails and
local treats... all tried, tested and loved by us.

Welcome!

*Hello from our family and friends at
The Grove Glamping!*

The Grove is a third-generation, family-run hotel and glamping retreat that's been part of our story since 1936. Cromer has been our home for decades, and over the years... through children, grandchildren, and countless sandy-toed adventures... we've explored every hidden corner of this beautiful stretch of North Norfolk. It's a place we hold very deep in our hearts and we love sharing it with the guests who stay with us

This isn't your typical tourist guide. This is our list... a collection of our family and friends' favourite things to do, see and eat. We're talking about fossil hunts, beach bonfires, secret places, seaside shanties and the best ice cream in the county.

So grab your wellies, pack a beach towel (you'll need it), and let's explore North Norfolk, Grove-Glamping-style...



The Grove Glamping

Luxury Yurts and Shepherd's Huts on the North Norfolk Coast

HANNAH & JONNY'S PICKS

(with kids aged 7 and 9)

Fossil Hunting at Trimingham Beach

We love a good fossil hunt, and Trimingham Beach is the place for it. What makes this spot so fascinating is the chalk itself, which is usually buried deep underground and completely out of reach. But thanks to ice-age glaciers doing their thing, the chalk here has been tilted and folded over time, revealing little glimpses of ancient secrets, if you're lucky enough to spot them.

It's nature showing off, and definitely worth a look, as kids always end up with pockets full of treasures and muddy smiles. Check out [Fossils Trimingham](#) for tips on what to look for... and don't forget to pack your rock hammer!

Puppet Making at The Puppet Tree

Rainy day? No problem! The Puppet Tree is a magical spot where you can create your own puppet characters and put on a show. This is a rare opportunity to become a true puppet master, and it's definitely creative chaos at its best! Visit [The Puppet Tree](#)



LUKE & LACEY'S PICKS

(with kids aged 8 and 10)

Paddleboarding Adventures

Beach, river, and mill paddleboarding is a perfect mix of adventure and calm. Paddleboarding at Horstead Mill feels like gliding through a storybook, while doing it at Cromer is ideal for any beach day. And you don't even need your own board, as you can hire one from [Norwich Paddleboard Hire](#).

Geocaching Around Cromer

There are loads of hidden caches around Cromer waiting to be found! Download the [Geocaching app](#) and get searching. The kids will love it while getting out and about, which means the adults will love it too.



Pottery Painting at Sticky Earth Café

Hot chocolate, paint pots, and giggles. The [Sticky Earth Café](#) in Cromer is one of our go-to spots for calm creativity and cake. This is fun for all ages, and no artistic talent is required.

RUTH & RICH'S PICKS

(with kids aged 1, 5, 7)

Running the Clifftops to Overstrand (and Back Along the Beach)

When there's a rare child-free moment, a run along the cliffs gives fresh air, big skies, and pure bliss. Hand-curated route details can be found here: [AllTrails Cromer Trail](#).

Mud Sliding at Blakeney

Yes, it's messy... and yes, it's brilliant! [Visit Norfolk](#) calls it a "dirty weekend," but the kids just call it epic!

Kayaking at Morston Quay

For a more peaceful water day, try kayaking at [Morston Quay](#).

Cley and Salthouse Marshes

The kids love the binoculars, and we love the bird-watching heaven. A beautiful way to slow down during your holiday. Find out more about Cley and Salthouse Marshes here:

[Cley Marshes](#)



Do a Rock Pool Rummage At West Runton Beach

Tiny crabs, starfish and endless fascination. The Visit Norfolk guide is great for first-timers. Find out more here: [Visit Norfolk's guide](#).

Beach Bonfire on Cromer Beach (New Year's Day Fireworks!)

Bundle up, enjoy the bonfire, and watch the sky explode over the sea to welcome the New Year with a bang! [Cromer NYD Fireworks](#)

Ronaldo's Ice Cream

Because ice cream is essential... obviously... and this scoop of one of Norfolk's finest doesn't disappoint! [ronaldo-ices.co.uk](#)

RUTH & RICH'S PICKS

(with kids aged 1, 5, 7)

Low Tide Cricket Match & Tide Fight

A favourite tradition is a bit of good old-fashioned seaside fun! When the tide's out and the sand is firm, locals and visitors gather for a friendly game of cricket right on the beach. Kids join in, mums and dads chase the ball, and there's always laughter echoing across the shore. And when the sea starts creeping back in, the "Tide Fight" begins as everyone builds sandcastles, plants flags on top, and competes to see whose fortress lasts the longest against the incoming waves. Check the [Cromer tide times](#) and get ready for some sandy, splashy battles!

Get the Coast Hopper Bus

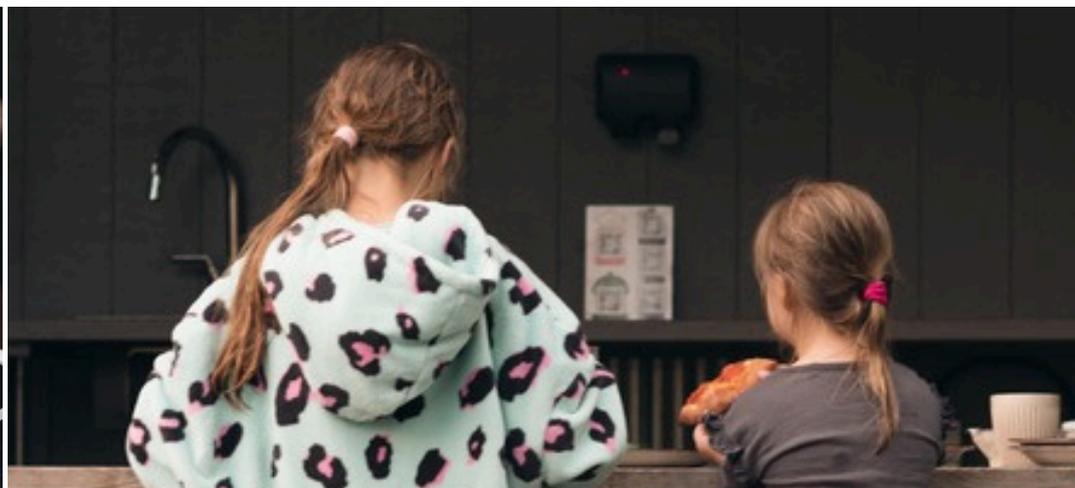
With the Coast Hopper bus, you can hop on and off along the way and leave the car behind. Great for all the fun without having to hunt for a parking space! [Coast Hopper Bus](#)

Surf's Up with Glide Surf

Our friends Ben and Patricia at [Glide Surf School](#) offer excellent surf and SUP lessons. The Grove Glampers receive 10% off! Find them on the East promenade, overlooking the sea and the iconic pier.

Whitewater Café

Another 10% off for glampers! The food's fantastic with seafood platters and loaded fries. Check it out and book a table here [Whitewater Cromer](#)



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Lambing at Felbrigg Hall (Easter)

Say hello to Farmer Graham and Wendy. We even adopted some of their orphan lambs once, and love their open days! Check out [Felbrigg Hall Farm](#)

Sunset Picnic on Cromer Pier

Take a Ban Thai takeaway and sit under the shelter to watch the world go by. You will find all kinds of events taking place. Check what's on here [Cromer Pier events](#)

Beach BBQ at East Beach

There's a handy tap for drinking water near the stone groyne near the pier, which is a perfect spot for a family evening feast on the beach.

Climb the Lighthouse Steps

A rickety adventure from Cromer to Overstrand. Bring your brave legs! Find out more about circular walks in the area here [Cromer Lighthouse](#)

Boat Hire: Norfolk Broads (Wroxham)

We recommend a quiet electric boat ride from [Richardson's](#)

Ranworth Broad

Boardwalks, an interactive visitor centre and homemade pizza at [The Maltsters](#) historic country pub in Ranworth. You can find out more in the area here [Norfolk Wildlife Trust](#).

Holkham & Wells-next-the-Sea

Adventure playgrounds, high ropes, and big family days out. Check out [Holkham](#)

Tiny Cromer Cinema

One screen has just 16 seats, which means cosy perfection for you and your friends and family! Check out [Merlin Cinemas](#)

Climb Cromer Church Tower

Epic views if the Peregrine Falcons allow (they might be nesting)! Find out about this hidden gem at [Norfolk Churches](#)

STUART & SUE'S PICKS

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(Grandparents)

Happisburgh Lighthouse

Fascinating and slightly thrilling, you can gain epic views from the cliff edge (safely!). This is the oldest working light in East Anglia, and the only independently run lighthouse in Great Britain, so it's definitely worth a visit [Happisburgh Lighthouse](#)

Letheringsett Watermill

A living piece of history with a watermill, flour shop and a cafe. Just don't go on a Monday when it's closed! [Letheringsett Watermill](#)

St Mary's, Erpingham

History buffs will love the Battle of Agincourt display in this grade 1 listed, medieval church achurchnearyou.com/church/2782/



CORRINE & GEORGE'S PICKS

(with kids aged 10, 12, 14)

Walk from Cromer to Sheringham (then take the train back!)

A stunning stretch of beach, which is an easy 4-5 mile coastal walk along the sand and clifftops. Find all the details and information you need here: [Circular walks](#).

Sandcastle Ball Run Challenge

Engineering meets beach fun... build your own marble run in the sand! An event primarily associated with the TBSC (Treaddur Bay Sandcastle) group, but a general sandcastle competition is a regular feature of the annual Cromer Carnival Children's Weeks. Find out about all their [carnival events here](#)

Lifeboat Museum & Station

Inspiring stories of local heroes at [Henry Blogg Museum](#) and [Cromer Lifeboat Station](#). Established in 1804, Cromer Lifeboat Station has been awarded 56 gallantry medals throughout its remarkable history. Visiting the museum and lifeboat station is a great day out and also helps support our Lifeboat Crew.

Seal Trips from Morston Quay

Get up close and personal with England's largest grey seal colony, with around 9,000 pups born each year. Hop on a boat to Blakeney to see them at their best, which is always a hit with the whole family! [National Trust guide](#)

Steam Trains: Holt/Sheringham Line

Step back in time with the [North Norfolk Railway](#). This is East Anglia's premier heritage railway and will take you through the county's most stunning coastal scenery. Operated almost entirely by Volunteers from all walks of life, it offers a fantastic day out for everyone.

Sea Shanty Mondays

Sing along with the Nelson Shantymen at the [Jolly Sailors, Brancaster Staithe](#), in an award-winning 18th-century coastal pub. Together with the music, you'll find pub classics and fresh seafood, giving an authentic taste of life by the sea and an absolute gem of an evening!

ANN'S PICK
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(Grandparent)

The Cabin With a Taste of Ice Cream Heaven

Homemade, creamy, and best enjoyed at the top of the gangway with sea views. Ann's top pick, hands down.



Your Turn to Explore **Your Turn to Explore**

*There's so much to do in North Norfolk,
you'll want to keep coming back
time and time again!*

The area is bursting with so many secret adventures, we're still discovering new ones ourselves!

So if this has you dreaming of rock pools, ice cream and sunsets over the sea, come and join us at [The Grove Glamping](#) the next time you want a break with sea views, hiking trails, and plenty to keep the whole family entertained... even on rainy days.

We're open all year round, and whether you visit in summer for sea swimming and sandy toes or winter for hot tubs and cosy fires, you'll find your own family favourites to add to the list.

So, are you ready for your next adventure?

Pack the car, grab the kids, and join us to create some unforgettable North Norfolk memories.

Stay connected with us to get more insider tips straight from our family to yours, plus early access to more North Norfolk inspirations and glamping updates.

See you under the stars,

[The Grove Glamping Family](#)

