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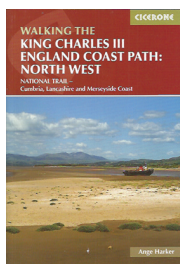
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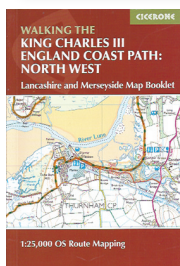
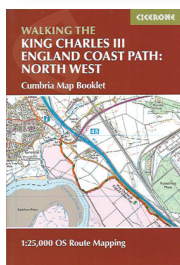
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This walking guide and the two associated map books throw up several anomalies. The first is the title of the walk itself. With the royal dedication it is so unwieldy that it is bound to be shortened, the dedication being its first thing to go, hardly respectful. The adjoining Welsh coast path does not have the dedication, making the Welsh seem less loyal. Even the KCIIIIECP set of initials are unwieldy. The walking guide usually settles for ECP. One of these books probably has the longest title of any book we have ever reviewed, around 1,800 of them.

There are many places where the official path is incomplete. As one of the team installing it, the author has a pretty good idea of where it is likely to go but it would probably be a simpler book if published in a couple of years' time, when the routes will be much nearer completion, not that it makes much difference to those following the coast on the water. The 22 pages of accommodation suggestions seem excessive.

The walking guide has sections of OS 1:50,000 map whereas the map books are at 1:25,000 with more details of access routes. The complex differences between Coastal Access and Open Access are addressed but 'Due to the changeable nature of the coast's land use, exclusions, restrictions and excepted land won't be shown on maps of the Coastal Margins as they'll often soon



be out of date.' Contrast this with the net zero attitude to water access.

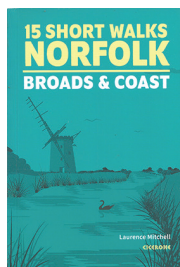
Some paths are shut for half the year so birds do not have to share with people. At Warton airfield there is concern that walkers will disturb birds that will fly into the path of jets taking off and landing. Walkers will disturb birds but jets won't?

You might also be confused that, like elsewhere, flooding can be prevented by breaching flood defences to allow land behind to be flooded, 'creating more floodplain space to accommodate rising sea levels.

The route has different ways of dealing with estuaries. Sometimes the description stops on one shore and begins again on the other, sometimes there is a ferry crossing and sometimes the route diverts upstream to the nearest bridge and then back down the other bank. Thus, the lower Esk, Eden, Wampool, Waver, Calvo Creek, Irt, Duddon, Leven, Went, Lune, Cocker, Ribble, Douglas, Alt, Mersey and Dee are visited, ending on the Shropshire Union Canal.

West Kirby sailing club is a landmark but its International Canoes not mentioned. Although this coast lacks some of the testing conditions found on other parts of the British coast, it does have some unusual water or, at times, lack of it.

15 Short Walks Norfolk - Broads & Coast

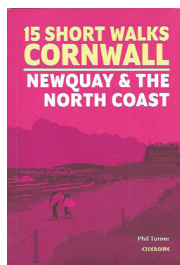


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Despite the title, this book is mostly about the rural Norfolk coast, noting that it is particularly popular with weekend sailors. The routes, mostly circular, do include Great Yarmouth, Norwich and Sandringham. Whitlingham Country Park, with a paddling picture, reaches as far as Norwich Canoe Club, mentioning the extensive canoeing activity on the River Yare. The other inland coverage includes Horsey Mere, Womack Water, Horse Fen and Upton Dyke. Two thirds of the routes involve the coast.

Lawrence Mitchell also wrote *Suffolk Coast & Heaths Walk* (Nov 2012, p46) for Cicerone.

15 Short Walks Cornwall - Newquay & the North Coast



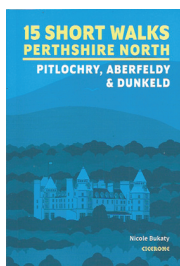
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Other than one walk around the Camel headwaters at Camelford and three or four around the Camel estuary, all the routes selected for this book relate to the north Cornish coast between Pentire Point and Bude, including the Bude Canal.

'The cliffs in this part of Cornwall are particularly rugged and scenic with a succession of sea stacks... if conditions are right, a waterfall can be seen cascading around 35m over the cliffs.' Obviously, much of this fantastic coast is best seen from the sea, not least because some sections of path on the land side are closed because of rockfall. Unusually for a walking guide, the book has something to say about sea states.

This book joins Phil Turner's related guides to Falmouth & the Lizard and Land's End & Penzance (Nov 2024).

15 Short Walks Perthshire North - Pitlochry, Aberfeldy & Dunkeld



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Sections of the rivers Tilt, Tummel, Tay and Braan, lochs Rannoch, Tummel, Faskally and Tay, the falls of Bruar and Acharn and the Moness Burn are all within sight or followed by routes in this walking guide, giving a wide range of waters. Carparks are suggested, along with whether they incur charges.

All walks are circular or out and back except for the one from Aberfeldy to Grandtully along the former railway track. If you wince at use of the term 'Tully' you will appreciate the introduction to this Tay route which begins 'Straightforward river paths alongside meadows framed by birch trees and a wide track through woodland along the disused railway connect Aberfeldy to the charming village of Grandtully (pronounced 'Grantly'). The calm waters of the Tay escalate to exhilarating rapids popular with keen canoeists and rafters.'

The description ends 'Opposite the chocolate shop a left-hand road leads to the fabulous green iron bridge over the Tay', regarded by generations of slalomists getting their breath back below the finish line.

As is often the case, there are many suggestions of places for family members to go if accompanying others to slaloms, wild water races or outdoor centres but not getting on the water themselves.