

The Rowan Centre

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Directions to The Rowan Centre, North Hall

From Ipswich

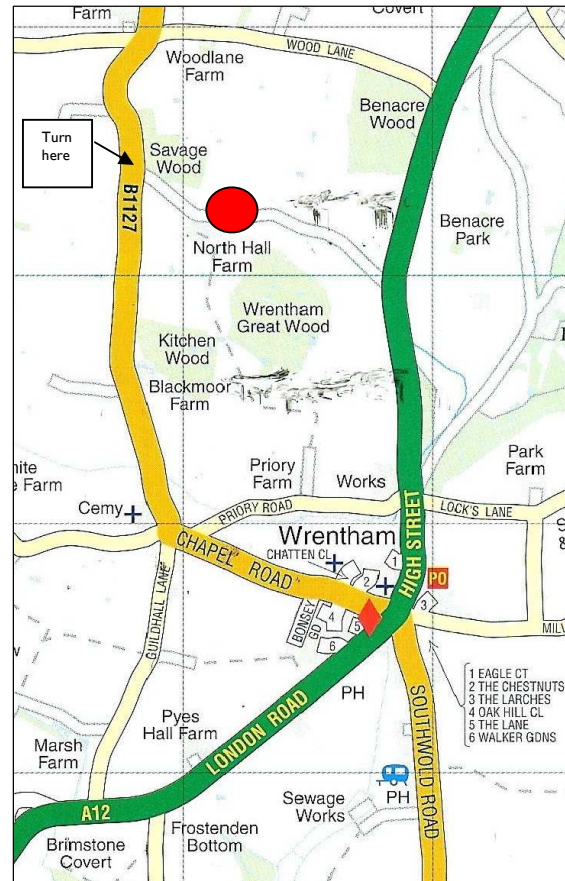
Travelling north on the A12, be aware that the A12 becomes the A14 briefly to bypass Ipswich, and you have to keep alert to the road signs or you will end up driving past the turn off and arrive in Felixstowe! Further up the A12, soon after Blythburgh, pass the turning right for Southwold and Reydon and continue for another 4 miles. Turn left (into Guildhall Lane) signposted Henstead and Beccles Heliport and continue on this road for approx. 2 miles, passing a church on your left at the crossroads before coming to two red brick cottages on the right. Turn right along the farm track just in front of them (there are two big white gates and signs saying North Hall and North Hall Farm) and continue for 400m, pass farm buildings, then red brick wall, then turn right between green posts. Park on the gravel area by the house and ring the bell.

From Lowestoft

Travelling south on the A12
About a mile after the roundabout turning for Kessingland and Africa Live, pass two right turns signposted Henstead and then take the next right turn for Sotterly and Shadingfield. Continue along this narrow country road to a crossroad. Turn left signposted Wrentham and Ipswich and continue along the road for a third of a mile until you come to two red brick cottages on the left. Immediately after is a farm track with a footpath sign (there are large white gates and two signs saying North Hall and North Hall Farm). Turn left down the farm track and continue for 400m, pass farm buildings, then red brick wall, then turn right between green posts. Park on the gravel area by the house and ring the bell.

From Beccles

Take the A146 Lowestoft road out of Beccles and at the set of traffic lights turn right signposted Wrentham B1127, Hulver and Beccles Heliport. Continue on the B1127 for 5 miles (pass large industrial buildings and go straight across the roundabout) through Hulver and you will come to a crossroads. Take the right turn signposted Ipswich A12, Southwold and Wrentham. Continue on this road for three quarters of a mile and you will come to a double bend. 150 metres further on are two red brick cottages on the left. Immediately after this is a farm track with a footpath sign (there are two white gates and two signs saying North Hall and North Hall Farm). Turn left down the farm track and continue for 400m, pass farm buildings, then red brick wall, then turn right between green posts. Park on the gravel area by the house and ring the bell.



Accommodation

The Rowan Centre, North Hall, Beccles Road, Suffolk NR34 7NP 01502 675012

We are gradually updating the house and now have four bedrooms available that are simply furnished with comfortable beds and well equipped bathrooms. www.therowancentre.com

Nether Barn B&B 01502 578623

B and B at Clare Malim's converted barn overlooking farmland and located at Uggheshall, 15 minutes drive, recommended by a previous client.

Church Farmhouse B&B 01502 578532

Elizabethan grade 2 listed farmhouse located at Uggheshall. Recommended by Joanna Symons, discerning travel writer for the Daily Telegraph. www.uggeshall.fsnet.co.uk

The Five Bells Public House 01502 675249

Big pub about 2 miles from us and serving pub grub type food with starters/light meals being about £5 and main meals £8-10. Haven't inspected the bedrooms but they are separate from the pub which is spacious with pine tables and an open fire. They also have a caravan site on a field at the back and tables outside.

Stephanie's Country Kitchen 01502 675355

Old fashioned cafe (builders breakfasts and cottage pie) with B&B on the A12, about a mile from us. Lovely lady but haven't looked at the rooms.

Jill Starling's B&B 01502 675269

Mature couple with one double room and shared bathroom in Wrentham but just off the A12 about a mile from us. Looks clean and well looked after and Jill serves her own home made bread and marmalade too.

Trish Hazell 01502 675606

Self-catering holiday annex not far from us in Wrentham. Haven't inspected it yet. She may have other contacts if full.

Newlands 01502 722164

Penny and Dave run a very well equipped guest house in Wangford nr Southwold that can cater for disability and has a swimming pool. About 6 miles away which is a 12 minute car ride. We haven't inspected. www.newlandsofsouthwold.co.uk

The Plough Public House 01502 578239

On the A12, a 5 minute drive, but feedback from someone staying is that the road is quiet at night and the en-suite rooms are separate from the pub and are a very good standard. Pub is large and newly refurbished. www.wangfordplough.co.uk

The Old Reading Rooms, Wrentham 01502 675750

Self-catering accommodation just a few minutes away. www.oldreadingrooms.co.uk

Southwold. About 12 minutes in the car or taxi.

There are lots of self-catering cottages, B and Bs and hotels in or near Southwold which is the nicest and nearest little town to stay, so if you google the area, various companies will come up. For further information contact Southwold Tourist Information on 01502 724729 www.visit-sunrisecoast.co.uk

Trains

Our nearest station is Beccles, which is 10 minutes away. There are also Lowestoft, Halesworth or Darsham stations about 20 mins away.

London Liverpool Street to Beccles is about two and a half hours.

Norwich to Lowestoft is 43 minutes.

Lowestoft to Beccles is 15 minutes.

Ipswich to Beccles is 1 hour 11 minutes.

Cambridge to Lowestoft (changing at Norwich) is under 3 hours.

National Rail enquiries is 0845 748 4950 and the website is www.nationalrail.co.uk.

Cheap single tickets (between £6 and £24) can be purchased well in advance by calling 0845 6007245.

Taxis

Halesworth Taxis Halesworth	01986 874028	estimate £12-15 to or from Halesworth, £18 to Southwold	
Mark Adams Beccles and Bungay	01502 471774	estimate £15 to or from Beccles...	10 min journey
Alpha Taxi Service Lowestoft	01502 741400	estimate £16-20 to or from Lowestoft...	20 min journey
Goldline Taxis Beccles and Bungay	01502 711611	estimate £15-20 to or from Lowestoft...	20 min journey
Southwold Taxis Southwold	01502 723400	estimate £12-15 to or from Southwold...	12 min journey

Airports

London Stansted is two hours 15 minutes drive. There is a bus to train shuttle service that will get you to Beccles train station. Or a taxi door to door.

London Heathrow is 3 hours 15 minutes.

Norwich is 45 minutes drive.