



What to see and do in March 2023

Pot of Gold Shanty Crew @ RNLi Henry Blogg Lifeboat Museum, The Rocket House, Cromer NR27 9HE 4 March 11 – 12 & 2 - 3

The Henry Blogg Museum celebrates the most decorated lifeboatman in RNLi history, who served for 53 years on Cromer's lifeboats. With the assistance of his crew, he saved 873 lives from the North Sea. This small museum is a fascinating place to visit and on 4 March they are welcoming the return of the Pot of Gold Shanty Crew to the Museum. They are ready to tread the weathered decks of the historic lifeboat once again. Hear the museum ring with great sea faring songs. Be prepared to join in! The standard opening hours of the museum are 10 – 4, Tuesday to Sunday. <https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/museums/henry-blogg-museum>

Norwich Riverside Guided Walk – Paul Dickson Tours

11 March 10am

This guided walk starts outside the Maids Head Hotel in Tombland, then head along the river to Pulls Ferry, hear about the historic trade and industry of Norwich, finishing in the historic Cathedral Close. Paul runs various tours throughout the year both in Norwich and in the Broads including Ranworth, Fairhaven and St Benet's Abbey. To find out more and to book www.pauldicksonstours.co.uk

Hickling Nature Reserve

Children's Wildlife Watch – Pony Checks – Saturday 11 March

The ponies help the warden manage the reserves, although they are not pets they still need checking and looking after, join the warden to search for the ponies and carry out the health checks. To book this and other events <https://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/whats-on/all-events>

National Garden Open Scheme

18 March East Ruston Vicarage Gardens, NR12 9HN

26 March Mannington Estate, NR11 7BB

<https://ngs.org.uk/>

Horse Seal Boat Trips

Boats Trips from Sea Palling Beach, dates and times vary depending on the tide. Contact them on 07759331641 or 07968798700. There are a large number of adult seals on the beach at the moment and the boats are a great way to see them without disturbing them. They also offer Angling and Lobster trips and Sea Kayak Hire.

East Ruston Gardens

These stunning coastal gardens re-open for the season on Wednesday 1 March and are then open Wednesdays to Sunday and bank holidays, 12 til 5.30pm. A beautiful, 32-acre modern garden containing many garden rooms with herbaceous borders, gravel gardens, sub-tropical gardens, a box parterre, sunken rose garden, Mediterranean garden, Desert Wash and a large woodland garden — there really is so much to explore, along with a nice tea room for some lunch or refreshments.

<https://eastrustonoldvicarage.co.uk/>

Picnic Boat Hire

<https://www.marthamferryboatyard.co.uk/>

01493 748291

Enjoy the quieter part of the Broads by hiring a picnic boat from Martham Ferry. You can motor to Hickling and Horsey Broads, the boats are electric so great for the broads environment and much quieter than a diesel day boat. As they open all winter they have heaters on the boats to keep the chill off, but still wrap up warm!

Norfolk Makers Festival 11 – 19 March, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1TF

Norfolk Makers Festival 2023 will offer nine days of inspiring exhibitions, demonstrations, free activities, and workshops. This is a friendly and free-to-enter celebration of both traditional skills and modern practice involving textiles and other crafts. For a full programme of events <https://norfolkmakersfestival.co.uk/>

Weekly Monday auctions at Keys Sale Ground Aylsham, 9.30 plants and yard sale and 11am antiques and collectables <https://www.keysauctions.co.uk/>

Tea Rooms and Village of the Month

<https://heydon.co.uk/>

Heydon Tea Rooms open Wednesday to Sunday 10 – 4, NR11 6RE

Heydon Tea rooms and village is about 50 minutes from here but only 10 minutes from National Trust Blickling Hall, so if you are heading over to Aylsham and Blickling Hall it is only a few miles further on. Heydon is a delightful discovery, off the beaten track but with a collection of small artisan businesses, the village is an idyllic example of unspoiled, rural England. You can wander through the village, sit on the village green and walk in the park where the main hall is located. There is a pub, a tea room , bakery , floral design and artisan store , interiors & clothing studio. As you arrive you will see signs for the village car-park (free) please use this as the village roads are quite small. We went to the tea rooms in late February, and it was wonderful, perfect to eat in or grab a coffee and cake for your walk. The interior is beautiful, the staff attentive with such amazing and pretty cakes and goodies!

