Morning
Start in Downham Market, one of Norfolk’s oldest market towns. Explore the history of the area at the Downham Market & District Heritage Centre (www.discoverdownham.org.uk), or venture out on a beautiful walk around Denver Sluice and the Fens. Norfolk County Council produce a guide to walks in and around the Downham Market area – visit www.norfolk.gov.uk, search ‘Health Heritage and Biodiversity Walks’, and select Downham Market.

Longer walks are available along the Fen Rivers Way which runs for nearly 50 miles between Kings Lynn and Cambridge, passing near to Downham Market (www.norfolk.gov.uk/fenriversway).

Once you have finished exploring Downham Market, Denver Sluice or completing a circular walk, why not stop in Downham Market for a well-earned coffee and cake stop.

Around Lunch-Time
Travel to WWT Welney where you can explore an extensive wetland area. Between Easter and mid-October you can use the equipment provided at dedicated pond-dipping stations, and get a closer look at some of the underwater inhabitants. There is a summer walk available, so you can also fully explore the wetlands. A year-round destination, WWT Welney has one of the largest wetland habitats in the UK.

Afternoon
Travel on towards Ely for a culture filled afternoon. Ely boasts one of the most magnificent cathedrals in the UK and is home to Oliver Cromwell’s House, Ely Museum and the Stained Glass Museum which are all within easy walking distance. The riverside area is also perfect for walking, relaxing, dining or water based activities. Ely Liberty Belle Cruises provide river cruises along the Great Ouse. 30 minute cruises depart regularly from the riverside near the Maltings starting from 11am daily between March and the end of October.

If you are then looking for dinner – Ely is bursting with choice to cater for all tastes. You can spend much more than just an afternoon in Ely, so you might want to consider extending your stay with an overnight stop. Call into Ely Tourist Information Centre to find out more about the accommodation available and let them help you make the most of your time in Ely (www.visitley.org.uk).

Extending your stay
Ely is a great base for exploring the Ouse Washes area – other suggestions include:

• Cycling or walking along Sustrans Route 11, which connects Harlow in Essex with Wigginhall St Germans (south of Kings Lynn) in Norfolk, via Cambridge and Ely. The route passes straight through Downham Market (www.sustrans.org.uk/route/route-11)

• Prickwillow Museum – its collection of diesel engines tells the story of the drainage of the Fens, the people who ran them and the history of the local area (www.prickwillowmuseum.com).

• Shopping – Ely is home to some great independent shopping, regular weekly markets -including a fortnightly Farmers’ Market recently voted one of the best nationally (Observer Sunday Readers Survey Oct 2016) - and a good selection of high street brands.

WWT Welney are offering 2 for 1 on admissions up until 31st October 2017 with this voucher.

Simply present the voucher upon arrival to claim your 2 for 1 entry.