

The present buildings in the farmyard date to the 18th century. The workhouse was built in 1777, one of the earliest 'Houses of Industry' in Norfolk. The building was in use as a workhouse until 1948. You can find out more about the history of the workhouse in the displays inside the main museum building.

9. 19th century Gressenhall – the mill

Across the river is a former miller's house. There has been a mill on this site since medieval times. The last mill burnt down in 1914.

10. 19th century Gressenhall – the land

In 1813 Gressenhall was enclosed by an Act of Parliament. This meant that the landscape changed completely. All the strips were removed and were replaced with small fields like those you can see around you today.

8. 20th century Gressenhall

Records show that an American Liberator aircraft crashed on the other side of the river at this spot on 27th March 1944, following a mid air collision with another plane.

M. Dennis (NLA), March 2007.

Collect your badge from the farmhouse when you finish the walk.

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Please obtain a ticket from the shop before following the trail and keep to the paths.

1. Prehistoric Gressenhall

Prehistoric worked flints have been found on these fields. Can you find any more? You can see some examples of flint tools in the First Farmer's gallery in the museum.

2. Roman Gressenhall

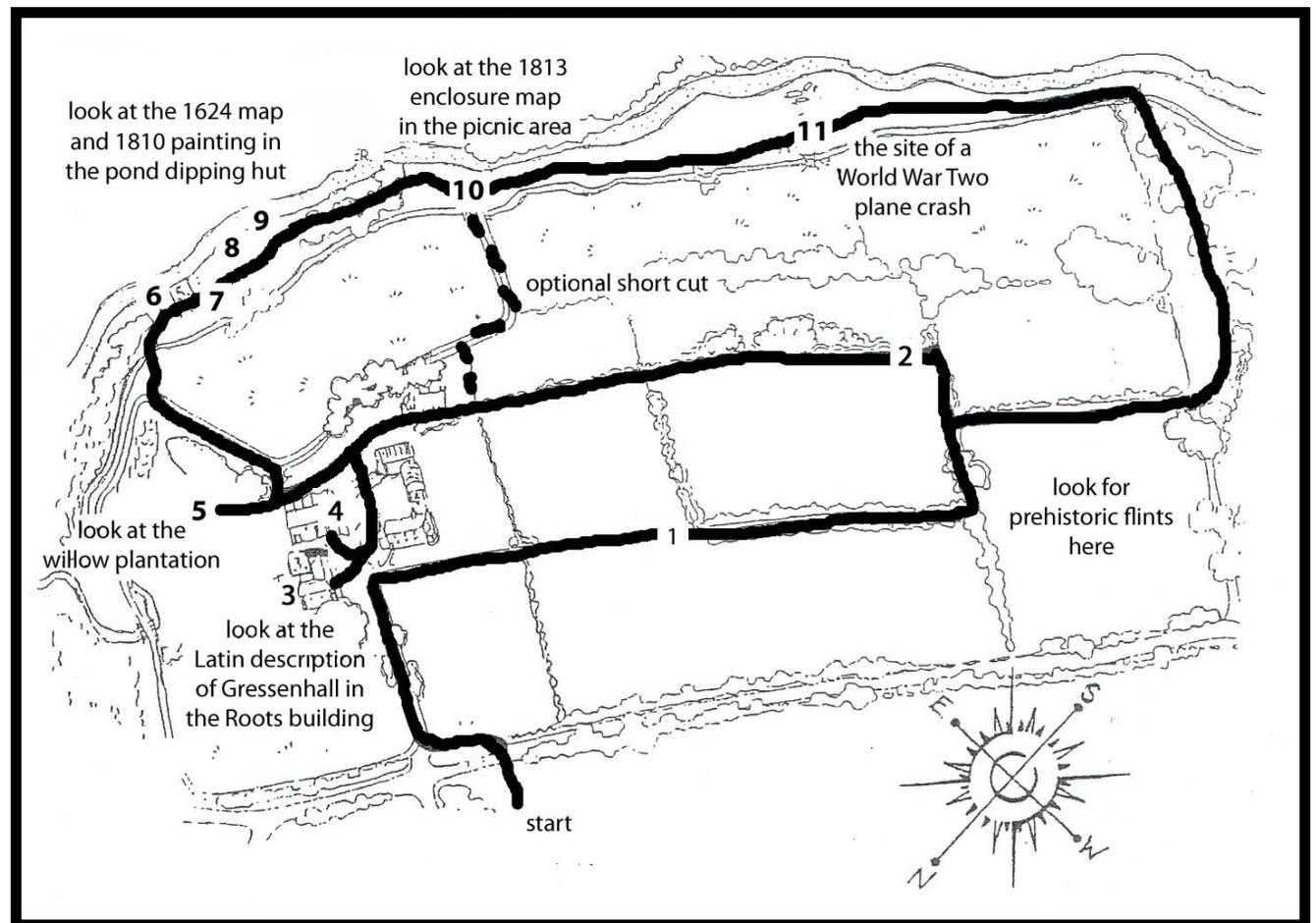
Pieces of Roman pottery, a quern (grinding stone) and a coin have been found in Gressenhall.

3. Saxon Gressenhall

Gressenhall is first recorded in the Domesday Book in 1086. There was a mill, meadows, woodland and sheep, goats, pigs and cattle.

4. Medieval Gressenhall

In the 13th century there was a chapel here dedicated to St Nicholas. The chapel has now gone but you can see some large stones inside the barn that might have come from the buildings.



Map of Gressenhall Farm Heritage Trail

5. 16th century Gressenhall

This area is now a willow coppice. In the 16th century alder trees grew here. A man was fined for chopping some of them down.

6. 17th century Gressenhall – the landscape

The fields used to be divided into strips that were farmed by different people. There was also a common where people could graze their animals.

7. 17th century Gressenhall – the buildings

Two buildings are marked this site on a map drawn in 1624. One is labelled 'Site of the Manor of Rougholm'. This manor house stood where the farmhouse is now. The second building beside the manor house might be the ruins of the medieval chapel.

8. 18th century Gressenhall

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