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Welcome

Welcome to Royal Cromer Golf Club, which was founded in 1888, and has just celebrated its 125th anniversary. The Club has a very rich history with royalty, major literary figures and politicians, as well as top golfers, numbered amongst its visitors.

We, the members, are especially proud of our course, and are certain that you will enjoy playing it as much as we do.

Originally designed by Old Tom Morris it has spectacular views – with the sea being visible from every hole. In addition, the course has undergone a number of improvements over the years - some necessitated by cliff falls, as the course is perched high on the cliffs on the beautiful North Norfolk coast – and others by design, in order to make it more challenging for all golfers.

These are exciting times at Royal Cromer Golf Club. We have invested heavily in the course over the last few years, and the tremendous work undertaken by

our green staff is being recognised both nationally and internationally. When you come to the Club, please do read the Visitor’s Book to see what guests say about us.

Every golf club claims a “well stocked shop” but this is particularly applicable to ours. Lee, our professional and his team, Tim and Will, are extremely helpful and keen to sell you something as a memento to remind you of your time with us and make you eager to return.

Henri, our talented chef, always provides some interesting dishes of the day as well as the traditional staples, all of which are to an exceptionally high standard, and can be enjoyed in either our bar or restaurant.

All of these elements, combined with the warmth of our staff and the friendliness of our members, add up to why we believe Royal Cromer Golf Club is the “Best Golfing Experience in Norfolk”.



“I find Cromer excellent for writing but the golf even better”
- Oscar Wilde (1892)



Our Course

With its wide open beaches, famously tasty crab and picturesque surroundings, the Norfolk coastal town of Cromer plays host to a wonderful course that sits proudly within the top 100 golf courses in England.

The course itself stretches out over 6,528 yards across the cliff tops and provides everything you could want from a coastal course; with a wealth of grassy valleys, sandy hills and abundant gorse and bracken. It provides a stern test for even the most experienced golfer, - especially when the wind blows.

From the original design, made by Tom Morris, there have been some improvements made to the layout, but overall the traditional values of the course have been kept, making these 18 holes a joy to play.

Over the last few years, we have invested heavily in the course and this is really paying off and thanks to our outstanding team of green keepers you will find it is in tremendous condition.

The signature hole is the Par 4 14th which is situated adjacent to the edge of the cliff and features a fully operational lighthouse, making it the most attractive of all the holes. But don't let the scenic surroundings fool you this is also one of the toughest holes on the entire course.



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Our Course Continued

Above all, the spectacular surroundings and traditional golfing environment makes the Royal Cromer one of the finest courses in England. Our various competitions provide golfers with a tough, but enjoyable, experience over 18 holes. And when you're done, why not relax in our clubhouse with a cold drink whilst looking out across some of the country's most remarkable views.

We can guarantee that the mixture of all of these elements will give you a golfing experience unlike any other, and we will ensure that your time with us is the best you will experience.

For those that wish to explore the course in greater detail prior to their visit, follow the link to view our stunning 360 degree course tour:

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Opening of the clubhouse in 1888

History Room



History

After 125 years of tending to the golfing needs of the Norfolk area, our club still provides the same experience and enjoyment for all members and visitors, in our picturesque surroundings.

Founded in 1888, and designed by Tom Morris, the Royal Cromer Golf Club was immediately given Royal status through the patronage of the, then, Prince of Wales, who would later become more commonly known as King Edward VII.

The land for the original nine holes, which was the full course at the time, was rented from the Suffield family at the time.

Old Tom Morris was invited back in 1891 to advise on the changes the club was making to make it one of the finest of its kind in the country and to prepare the way to extend the course to 18 holes.

Between the World Wars, Club President Lord Suffield waived the annual rent in order for the club to survive during the uncertain economic times of the period.

In 1976, the club was able to purchase the land, thanks in large to the generosity of the Harbord family, and the present layout has been in place since 1979.

Since its inception, Royal Cromer Golf Club has received visitors from all over the world. These include major literary and political figures, royalty and, of course, top golfers such as Tony Jacklin, who chose the 14th as one of his best ever holes.

Following the Ladies British Open Championship in 1905, held at Royal Cromer Golf Club, it was here that the idea for the Curtis Cup was first conceived.



2nd Hole

Hole-by-Hole Tour

Our Par 72 course will test the nerve of even the most experienced golfer, whilst still giving less advanced players the chance to test their abilities and better their game. Our spectacular surroundings will ensure that your experience will be both enjoyable and a challenge. But don't fret, we wouldn't send you out without a few tips on how to get the best of our course:

Hole 1 (The Osiers) Par 4, 439 yards

A generous fairway target to ease golfers into the tough challenge that awaits. A clean drive down the left hand side of the fairway will give you a good chance of making the green in two but be warned, the fairway slopes from left to right and there is a line of bunkers on the bend of the dog-leg with a lateral hazard, in the form of a gully, in the crook of the bend. Falling short of the putting surface, on your second shot, could see you in one of the two bunkers that are found on the approach to the pin.

Hole 2 (Jimmy Clements) Par 4, 383 yards

Any of you longer hitters could be tempted to go for the green in one full-on drive on this second hole, but be warned, the narrow green makes it a tough target! Any slice right could easily find the out of bounds area so it is considered wise to keep to the left of the fairway.

Hole 3 (Sycamores) Par 4, 315 yards

The safe bet, on this short dogleg par 4, is to hit a short approach and find the green at the second attempt. However any big hitters could easily be tempted to go for the green in one. If that is the strategy you choose to take, it is worth noting that a low flying shot will see your ball end up in the trees so be sure you clear them by a decent distance.



7th Green



9th Green

Hole-by-Hole Tour Continued

Hole 4 (Parsons Hat) Par 4, 456 yards

A whole 141 yards longer than the par 4 that precedes it, it is crucial to hit the fairway and keep the ball left. Going right could find you in the fairway bunker or out of bounds in the trees. With a downhill slope behind the pin it is safer to leave your shot to the green short rather than long.

Hole 5 (Woodside) Par 5, 492 yards

A decent drive down the left of the fairway will give you the best chance of going for an eagle and reaching the green in two. Various fairway bunkers make the approach tricky, especially if the wind is blowing. The raised green demands an accurate approach.

Hole 6 (Cliffhanger) Par 4, 457 yards

As the name of the hole suggest, this is a tough par 4 which tests a golfer's nerves to their limits. The cliff edge can make for an intimidating tee shot but a good drive down the centre of the fairway should avoid all hazards. The deceptive green falls more from back to front than it initially appears to.

Hole 7 (Punch Bowl) Par 4, 411 yards

Yet another demanding par 4 which requires a great deal of accuracy. Two bunkers in the centre of the fairway mean that leaving the ball short of them will keep you out of trouble, but still leave you a strong chance of reaching the green with the second shot. A sharp slope requires that great care should be taken when putting from above the pin.

Hole 8 (Target Hill) Par 4, 310 yards

There are plenty of slopes which could either aid or hinder your chances of hitting under par, on this hole, but any long hitters could find the green in one on this short par 4.

Hole 9 (Wembley) Par 3, 161 yards

This may be the first par 3 on the course but it is far from easy. The tee shot to the big green requires incredible accuracy and the ability to stop the ball dead where it lands. Any shot too far long, short, left or right of the green is in danger of finding one of the seven bunkers protecting the pin.

Hole 10 (Over the Hill) Par 5, 509 yards

A good straight drive down the fairway is sure to leave you in a good position to find the pin. Then comes the tough choice of either laying up just short of the bunkers or risking it to try and make the green in two. Be warned - any shot over the green could see your ball fly out of bounds, so take great care.

Hole 11 (Long 'Un) Par 5, 501 yards

A small bunker lies just short of the 200 yard mark to the right of the fairway and any long hitters should take into account the large amount of Gorse on either side before taking their shot. Three more fairway bunkers, and two either side of the green, should be taken into consideration before an approach to the pin is made.



14th Hole



17th Hole

Hole-by-Hole Tour Continued

Hole 12 (The Plateau) Par 4, 285 yards

This extremely short par 4 catches so many out; the slopes, that surround it, make finding the green in one a tall order, despite the small yardage. Meanwhile the second fairway shot plays sharply up hill and can easily be misjudged.

Hole 13 (Windy Ridge) Par 3, 182 yards

A deceptively tricky par 3 on which you are unable to see the green from the tee. The ball normally feeds towards the green from the left and hence is a good line to take. The wind will have a big influence on your club selection and could cause it to range from a middle iron up to a driver.

Hole 14 (Lighthouse) Par 4, 399 yards

Our signature hole. From the tee there is a 165 yard uphill carry in order to reach the fairway. The fairway itself is lined with banks of gorse to the left; whilst a slice right will see your ball fly off the edge of the cliff. Choose the club for your second shot carefully because past the green is out of bounds. The lighthouse, as well as being a stunning piece of scenery, is useful when reading the line of the drive.

Hole 15 (Valley) Par 4, 391 yards

This may not be the longest par 4 but it is certainly one of the most demanding. The tee shot must carry over more than 100 yards of gorse and, with additional gorse trees and heavy rough to the left of the bunker, as well as a bracken covered hill to the right, anything other than a straight drive will be punished. The second shot is uphill and must navigate various bunkers in order to reach the green, which slopes from back to front.

Hole 16 (Hog's Back) Par 4, 317 yards

A blind drive onto this narrow fairway provides plenty of risk for long hitters attempting to reach the green in one. The green is a generous size and a 3-wood or long iron should leave you short on the approach with a simple second shot. This is the highest point on the course and as such the wind could have a crucial role to play.

Hole 17 (Kestrel View) Par 3, 119 yards

This stunning par 3, with its short yardage, could be seen as a simple hole. However that is only the case if you manage to land on the green. Anything off the green could be in trouble. A carry, over gorse, is followed by a deep bunker, before the green is even reached. Over the back of the green is a thick rough which awaits anyone who over-hits their shot.

Hole 18 (Home View) Par 4, 381 yards

The last drive of the day can be a tough one, especially if the wind is against you. It is 155 yards to reach the fairway, which slopes from right to left. Gorse and bracken envelope the right side of the fairway, whilst the left is heavily bunkered, and a straight drive is the only thing that will guarantee you safety. The large two-tiered green demands an accurate second shot, not least when the pin is situated on the top tier and the left and front of the green is also heavily bunkered.

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We have a range of beers, plus a good selection of wine and spirits. Then, drink in hand, you can relax in one of the seating areas and talk over the game.

If you are hungry, you can have a snack in the bar; or you may prefer to have a sit down meal in the dining area. Our menu is full of meals and snacks in addition to which, there are usually some delicious specials devised by our talented chef, Henri, on a regular basis.

All around you will be memorabilia reflecting the history of this famous Club. These include letters from Buckingham Palace confirming the

"Royal" status. There are old photos from the Club's inception; and ones showing the first ever ladies match between the UK and the USA - which then went on to become the Curtis Cup. You may also wish to read an interesting letter sent to a member in the 1930's, which is about his choice of language on the course.

The relaxing and comfortable atmosphere of our clubhouse will make you feel at home from the moment you enter it and our friendly and attentive staff are always on hand to make sure your time, spent enjoying our clubhouse facilities, is the most pleasant it can possibly be.

Before you leave, do please add your contribution to our Visitors Book. You will see comments made by golfers from all over the World who have really enjoyed the Royal Cromer experience.

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Membership categories:

Our Club was established in 1888 and is well regarded for its charm, heritage and friendliness. Limited membership vacancies are currently available. The application process is straightforward. Simply download an application form from our website www.royalcromergolfclub.com and send the form to:

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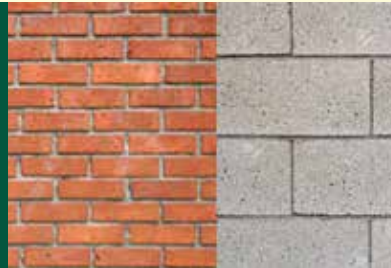
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Member's Golf

Members at Royal Cromer Golf Club can enjoy a full programme of competitive golf throughout the year. There are fixtures against other clubs, together with in-house competitions that are to be enjoyed alongside fellow members. Some are for silverware, and there are others of a more social nature.

There is always something to suit your handicap, age and golfing desire at Royal Cromer Golf Club and you will certainly not be short of playing opportunities.

Whilst there is a keen focus on competitive golf – a likely contributory factor to our success in various team competitions – balance is always a good thing and so we provide regular social golf, where the only thing on offer is renewing friendships and perhaps a drink in the bar afterwards?

Members' matches are very sociable occasions, with the chance to catch up with old friends being as eagerly anticipated as the opportunity to play golf itself.

In addition, we also organise a number of social events throughout the year, which include regular new members' evenings to ensure that early experiences for newcomers are completely positive.

Whatever your golfing aspirations, there are opportunities for you at Royal Cromer Golf Club. As can be seen by the following;

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Member’s Golf Continued

Gentlemen

The men’s section at Royal Cromer Golf Club is strong on competitive golf, both within the club and with other golf clubs.

This includes a very busy schedule of medals, stablefords and team events.

Ladies

The Ladies’ section at Royal Cromer Golf Club has a full range of playing abilities and cater for all standards of golfer.

We play a number of friendly matches against other clubs on a home and away basis, both mid-week and at the weekend.

These matches are very sociable occasions, with the chance to catch up with old friends being as eagerly anticipated as the opportunity to play golf itself.

Ladies will find Royal Cromer Golf Club the ideal place to play and improve their golf, with a warm welcome awaiting any new members.

Juniors

At Royal Cromer Golf Club we welcome juniors of all ages and standards to come and have a fun, safe and positive experience when playing golf.

We currently have a good number of junior members, who have the opportunity to compete in regular weekly competitions and inter-club team matches.

Supporting them is a dedicated team of adults who ensure that our junior golfers are looked after and encouraged. Over the last several years Royal Cromer Golf Club has produced many fine young players – one of whom is now an England international lady.

Seniors

The Seniors are a very strong section of the Club, meeting regularly for either fun competitions or less competitive affairs. They also organise a number of social events throughout the year.

Matches

Here are just some of the teams we run:

Junior inter club: The Bass League and the K.K. Smith Knockout.

Ladies’ inter Norfolk leagues: Two League Teams; then there are the Gillieson, the Carrick and the Scratch leagues.

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Royal Cromer is fortunate to have an excellent team of green-staff, led by Mark Heveran, whose CV includes periods at Royal Liverpool and Loch Lomond Golf Clubs. Mark and his team are leading a long-term development plan for the course.

Already completed as part of this plan is the integration of a complete new irrigation system. Bunker replacement and refurbishment is currently underway and in the coming years several new championship tees will be added to increase the overall length of the course to 6800 yards.



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Championships

Royal Cromer has staged many County and National events through its history.

In 1905, the Ladies British Open Championship was held at Royal Cromer. A strong team of lady golfer's made the trip from the United States for the event, including the sisters Margaret and Harriet Curtis. In the final, Miss Bertha Thompson (Beverley and East Riding) played Miss M Stuart (Royal Portrush). Miss Stuart was bunkered at the 16th and failed to get out after 4 shots, resulting in a win for Miss Thompson by 3 and 2.

The Championship was preceded by 3 days of formal international matches involving the ladies of England, Scotland, Ireland and the United States. It was after these matches that the Curtis sisters first offered to present a cup for future ladies internationals, now of course the Curtis Cup.



2015 saw the staging of the England Girls Open Amateur Under 14 and Under 16 Championships over 3 days in July. The best age group golfers descended upon Royal Cromer from all over Europe. The champions though, turned out to be home grown, with Lily May Humphries (Channels) taking the Under 14 title and Cloe Frankish (Chart Hills) emerging victorious in the Under 16 age group with a magnificent score of 2 - under par for 72 holes.

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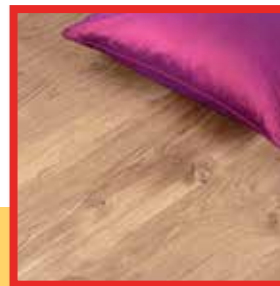
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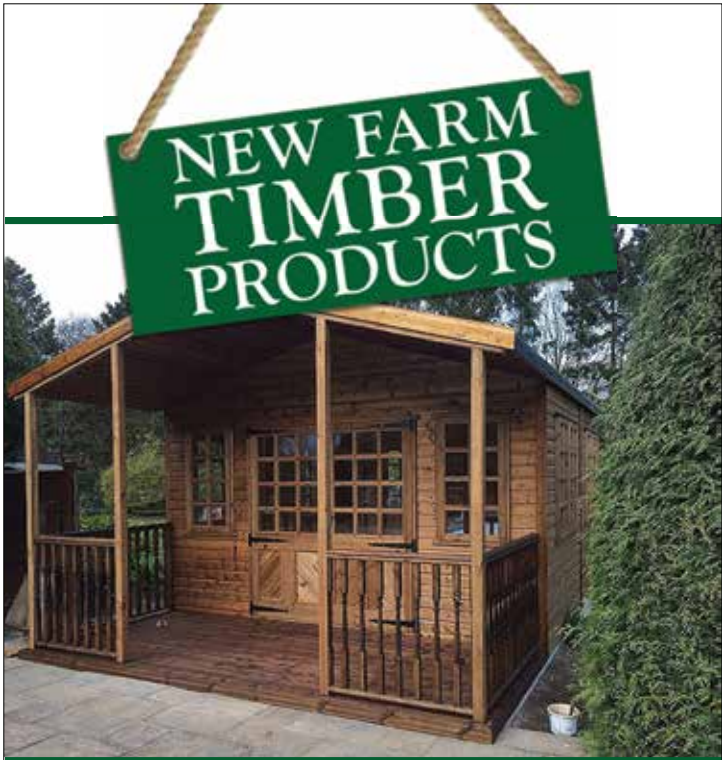
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Visitors Information

At Royal Cromer Golf Club we welcome visitors from all over the world. Visitors can be assured of a memorable experience, as they take in all that our club has to offer, - from the 18 hole, Par 72, course to our relaxing clubhouse and bar.

Our course has been described as 'one of Norfolk's finest' and boasts spectacular views over the coastline. It is a challenge for players of all levels and abilities but that doesn't make it any less of a joy to play.

Our traditional clubhouse offers excellent facilities, with an attractive bar as well as separate lounge and dining areas. Our friendly and attentive staff are always on hand, to ensure that visitors feel at home in our welcoming surroundings.

The bar provides a wide selection of beers, wines and spirits and our top quality catering staff provide a variety of delicious food from light bites to main courses and everything in between.

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Clubhouse – Smart casual dress should be worn, unless otherwise specified. Smart blue denim is permitted.

Handicap Certificates

All Visitors are required to show a valid handicap certificate - before playing at Royal Cromer Golf Club. If you are in any doubt please discuss the matter with our club professional at the time of making your booking.

Mobile Phones

Please ensure that these are switched off, unless you are in the area designated for their use

Green Fees

Members have precedence with early morning tee times, but visitors may book any available times after these with the pro shop. For full details of green fees, please visit our website at www.royalcromergolfclub.com

Buggy Hire

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Royal Cromer Golf Club welcomes societies and corporate groups on almost any day of any week throughout the year.

We guarantee a great day out for any and all groups - no matter what size. A wide variety of menu options, the choice of 18 or 36 holes on one of Norfolk's finest golf courses and our excellent club facilities, will ensure that everyone has a memorable day.

We can offer societies an experience tailored to their golfing needs, this includes; buggy hire, excellent menus, prizes (which can be made available). Set packages can be made available.

Our helpful clubhouse and pro shop staff members are always on hand to ensure that your time at the Royal Cromer Golf Club is as enjoyable as possible.

Please contact the pro shop on 01263 512267 for green fees for groups of 13+ players.

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There are many fantastic places to stay along the coast. Particularly recommended are The Links Hotel (West Runton), The Hoste (Burnham Market) and Heacham Manor Hotel (Heacham). These locations form a fantastic tour for golfer's wishing to play some of the finest traditional golf courses in England and stay in one of the most picturesque parts of the country.

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Open Events

Royal Cromer Golf Club plays host to a variety of Open golf events throughout the year most of which are open to both members and non-members of the club to enter.

Prizes are available for the winners and, whilst the competitive nature of our events bring out the best in golfers, it is also a wonderful opportunity to meet new people who may later become playing partners.

Open Events for 2018

Thursday 12th July	Ladies Open
Saturday 4th August	Mixed Open
Friday 24th August	Poppyland Trophy – Over 55yrs Gents
Friday 31st August	Junior Open
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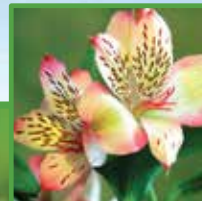
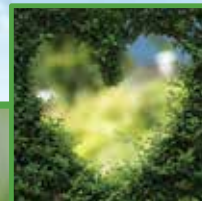
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What to Do in Cromer and the Surrounding Area

Perched on the edge of the North Norfolk Coast, Cromer is a vibrant and traditional seaside town with wonderful beaches, small independent shops and the world famous Cromer Crabs.

It boasts two blue flag beaches, which are excellent to explore on foot, whilst the brilliant pier is a great spot to try out crabbing, or to enjoy a show.

With a wide selection of hotels, B&B's, campsites and caravan parks you are sure to find a form of accommodation that suits you.

Further afield you have the beautiful, unspoilt marshes of North Norfolk, home to several bird reserves. Or, if you fancy some boating, we are close to the famous Norfolk Broads.

If you wish for yet more golf you can also visit the excellent courses at Hunstanton, Brancaster (Royal West Norfolk) and Sheringham.



How to Find Us

Directions from King's Lynn:

Take the A148 from King's Lynn to Cromer. Follow the one way system through the town centre and turn left at the first roundabout. Follow the road straight ahead and exit the mini-roundabout onto Overstrand Road. The club will be on your left after approximately half a mile.

From Great Yarmouth:

Take the A149 from Great Yarmouth to Cromer. After crossing a railway bridge turn right down Station Road. Carry on to the end of the road and turn right down Overstrand Road. Royal Cromer Golf Club will be on your left after 200 yards.

From Norwich:

Take the A140 on the Norwich ring road and stay on the road until you

reach Cromer. Shortly after crossing a railway bridge turn right down Station Road. Carry on to the end of the road and turn right. Royal Cromer Golf Club will be on your left after 200 yards.

By Train:

Cromer Station is approximately two miles from Royal Cromer Golf Club and taxis are readily available from the station.

By Air:

Norwich Airport is 20 miles away. Hire a car and follow the instructions, above, from Norwich. There are also local facilities for light aircraft and helicopters.

For satnav: NR27 0JH



Contact

Here at Royal Cromer Golf Club it is always a pleasure to meet new members, visitors and guests; whilst doing everything we can to make our current members feel at home. If we can assist you with any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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