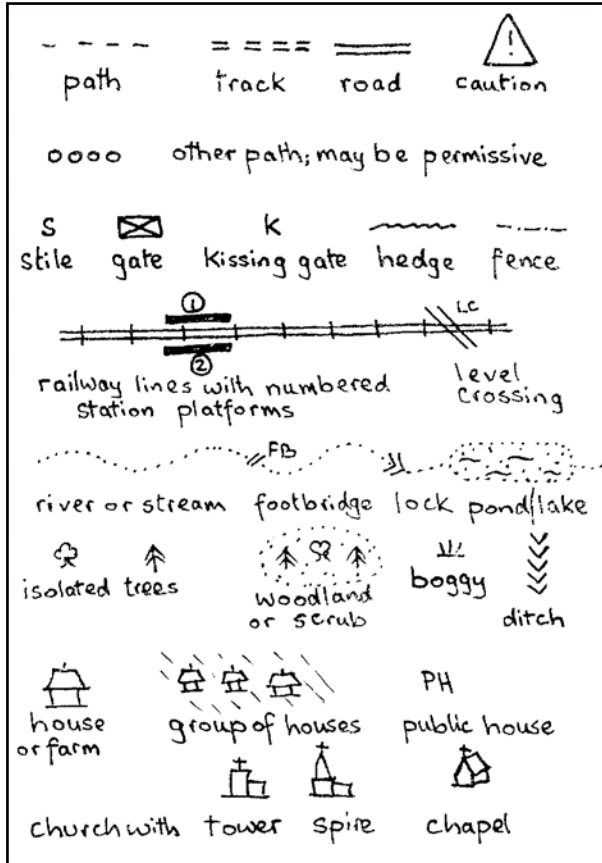


Key to landscape features



PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE:

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

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ROUTE FINDING

You will need a basic understanding of maps and the ability to follow them. The walks can be followed in either direction, but if you go in the same way as the arrows, you won't have to turn the map around to fit the landscape. Parts of the Gipping Valley River Path may be flooded in exceptionally wet weather, so you may need to find an alternative route. Make sure you have a good map of the local area.

TIME

Allow up to 6 hours for the whole route but add on time for refreshments, visiting nature reserves and churches. Shorter options are possible by using bus services linking villages along the Gipping Valley, e.g. bus 88 (inc. Sundays).

MAPS

OS Explorer sheets 197 Ipswich, Felixstowe and Harwich; also 211 Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket.

REFRESHMENTS

Several pubs and shops in villages along the way or close by.

USEFUL INFORMATION

National Rail Enquiries www.nationalrail.co.uk
 08457 48 49 50
 Traveline www.traveline.info 0871 200 22 33
 Suffolk Wildlife Trust www.suffolkwildlife.co.uk
 River Gipping Trust <http://rivergippingtrust.org>

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STATION TO STATION WALKS

WALK
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IPSWICH to NEEDHAM MARKET

11½ miles - 6 hours

Shorter options available



ALONG THE GIPPING

The waymarked Gipping Valley River Path passes close to Ipswich railway station. Most of the route follows the towpath of the former navigation that linked the dock at Ipswich with Stowmarket from 1793 until the 1930s. The remains of many old locks (some restored) can be seen along the way, as well as picturesque water mills.

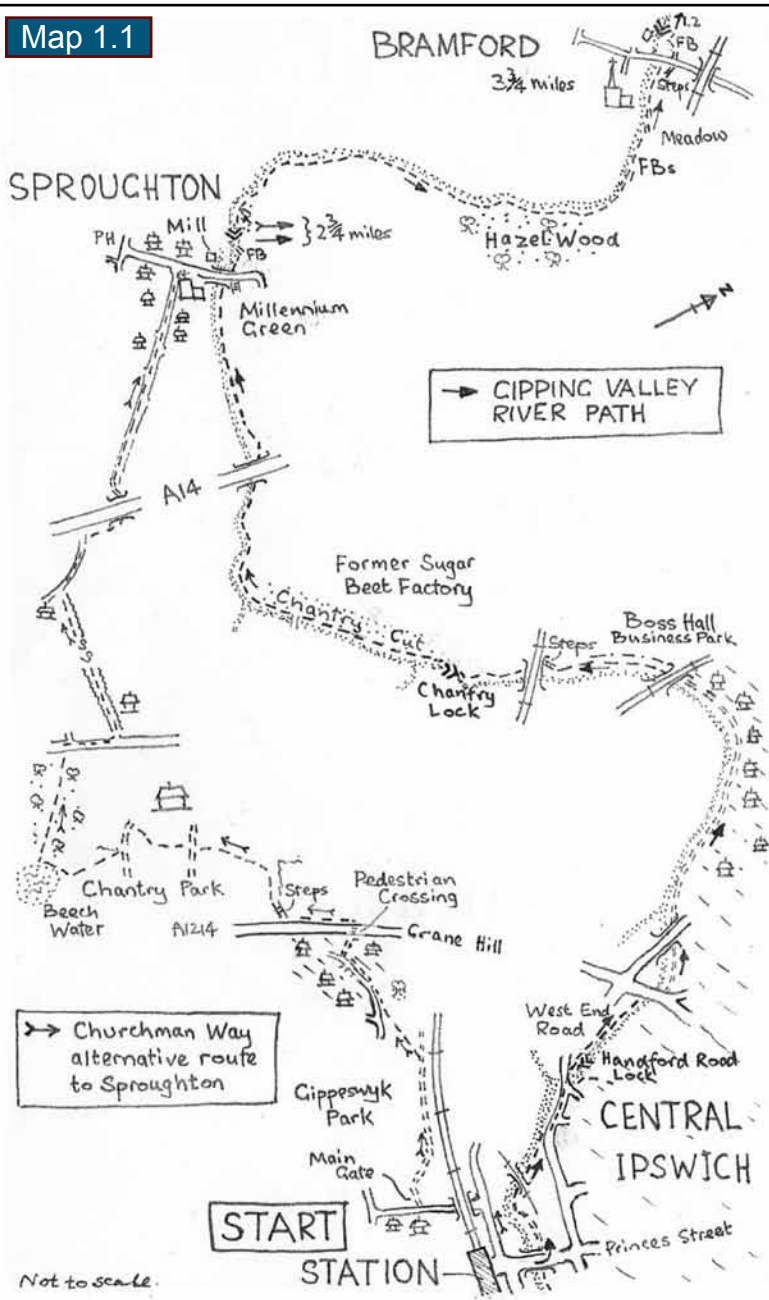
An alternative start can be made from Ipswich station by following the waymarked Churchman Way as far as Sproughton, a route traversing the open spaces of Gippeswyck and Chantry parks. A leaflet is available from the Greenways Countryside Project.

Another alternative can be followed between Gt Blakenham and Needham Market, by using local paths linking the villages of Baylham and the remote church at Darmsden, from where wide views across the valley can be enjoyed.

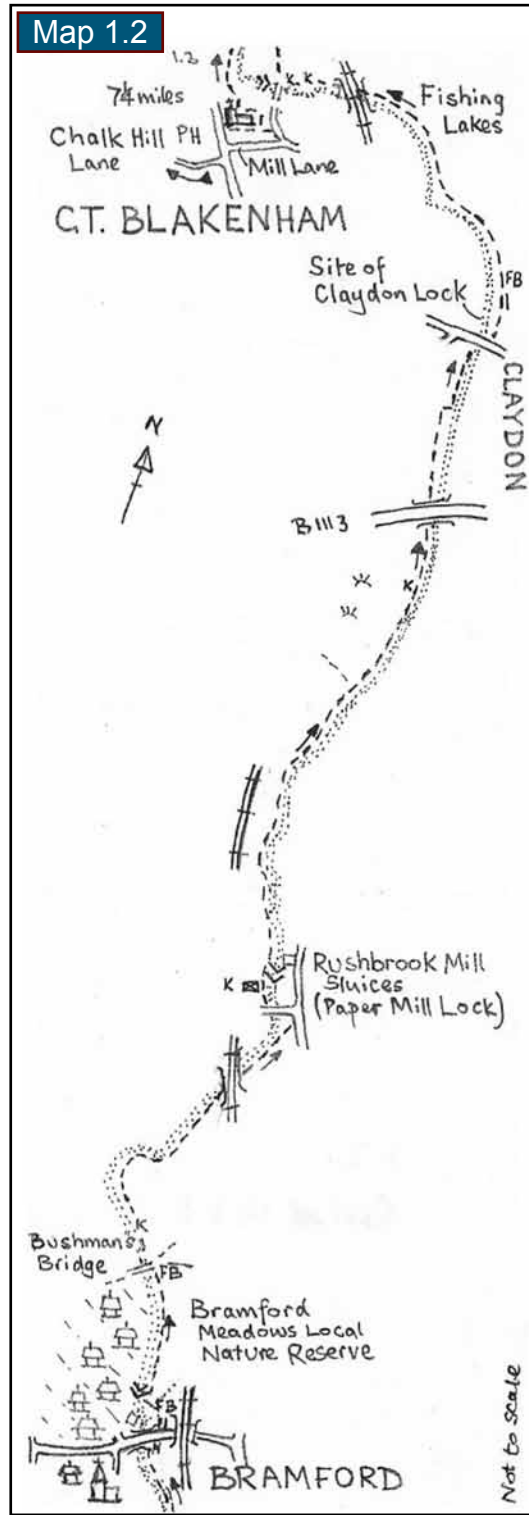
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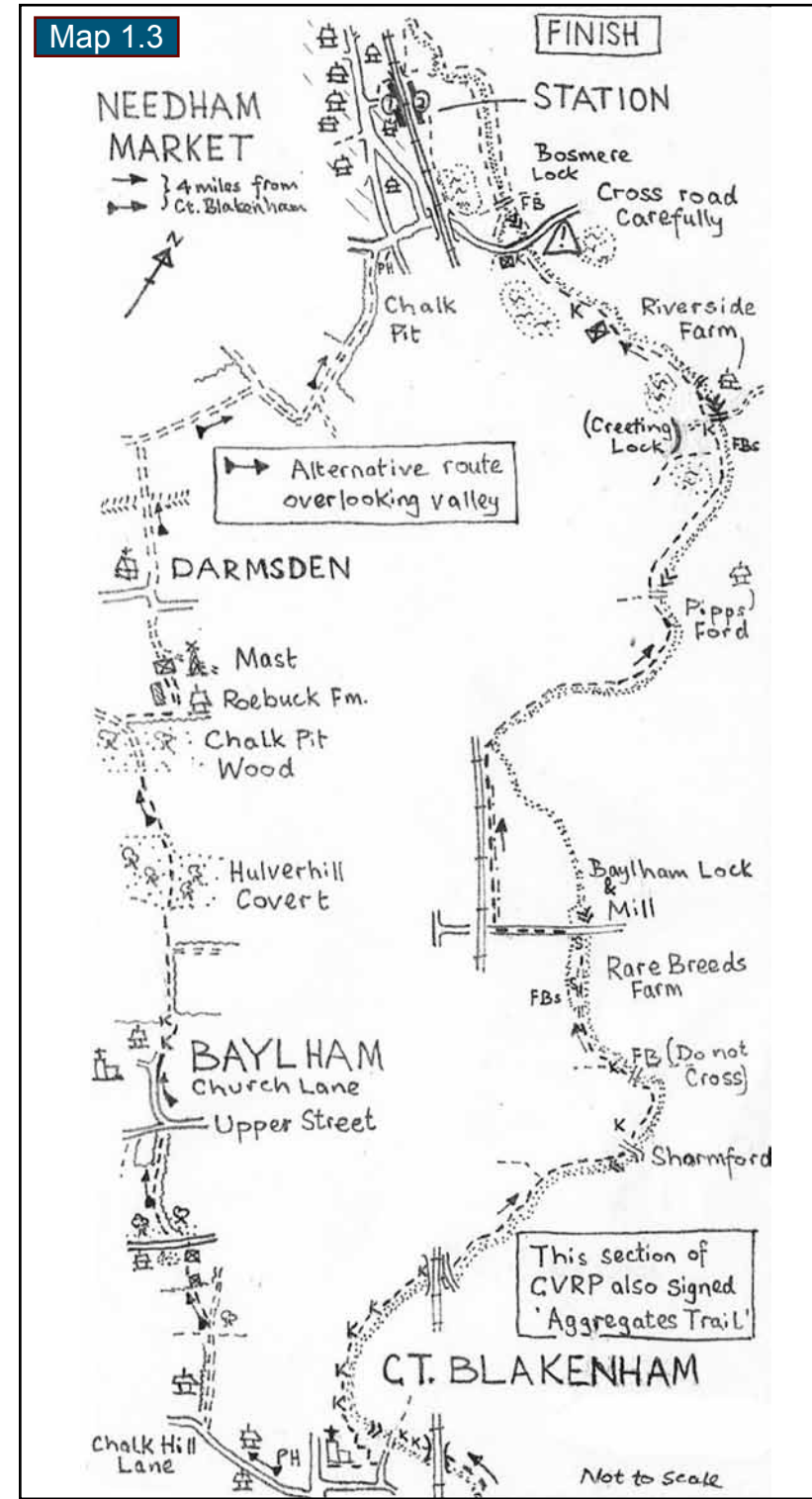
Map 1.1



Map 1.2



Map 1.3



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