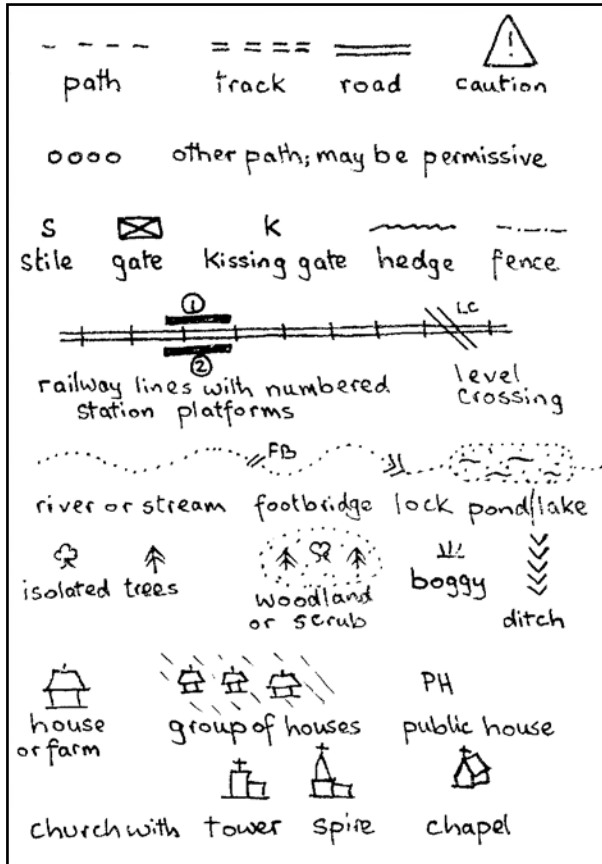


Key to landscape features



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 make it fit the landscape.

TIME

Allow about 4 - 4½ hours, but add on time for refreshments, visiting places of interest.

MAPS

OS Explorer sheet 211 Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket.

REFRESHMENTS

Pubs and shops at Stowmarket, Haughley, Wetherden and Elmswell.

USEFUL INFORMATION

National Rail Enquiries www.nationalrail.co.uk
08457 48 49 50
Traveline www.traveline.info 0871 200 22 33

WALKS IN THIS SERIES

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STATION TO STATION WALKS

WALK
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STOWMARKET to ELMSWELL

8½ miles - 4-4½ hours



THE PATH TO WETHERDEN

A well-developed footpath network provides some useful alternative routes. From Green's Meadow, Stowmarket, follow the Mid Suffolk Footpath across damp meadows to Spikes Lane. Beyond is a choice of routes to Dagworth; either by the wildlife reserve and attractive ford near Hop Farm, or if marshy ground needs to be avoided use the path nearer the railway (map 3.2). The attractive green at Haughley once hosted a market and fair. A path from the churchyard leads by the impressive castle mounds. Beyond Wetherden Hall Farm either cross the line to Wetherden (pub and church with splendid 'false' double hammer beam roof) or follow alternative paths across Darsham's Farm paddocks towards Botany Bay. Drove Lane option avoids livestock (map 3.4).

Mid-Anglia Rail Passengers' Association Walks

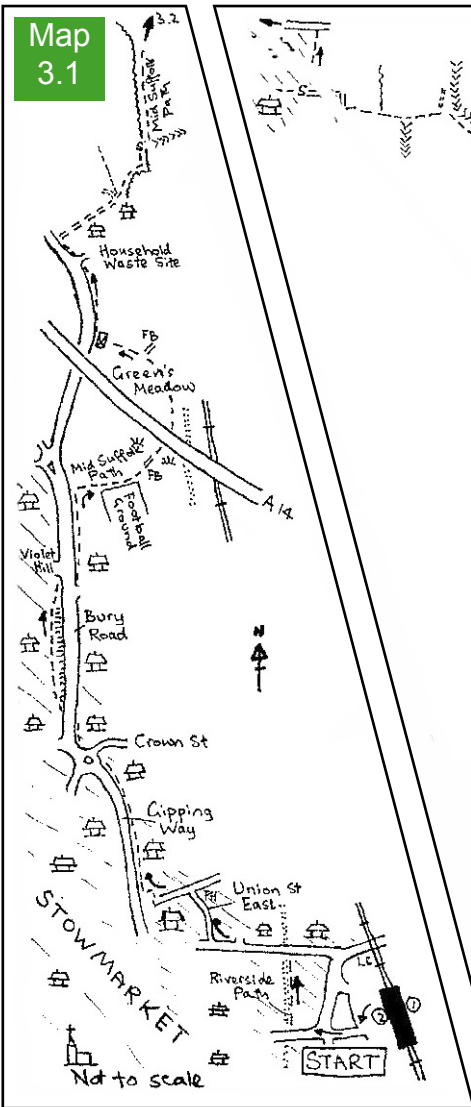
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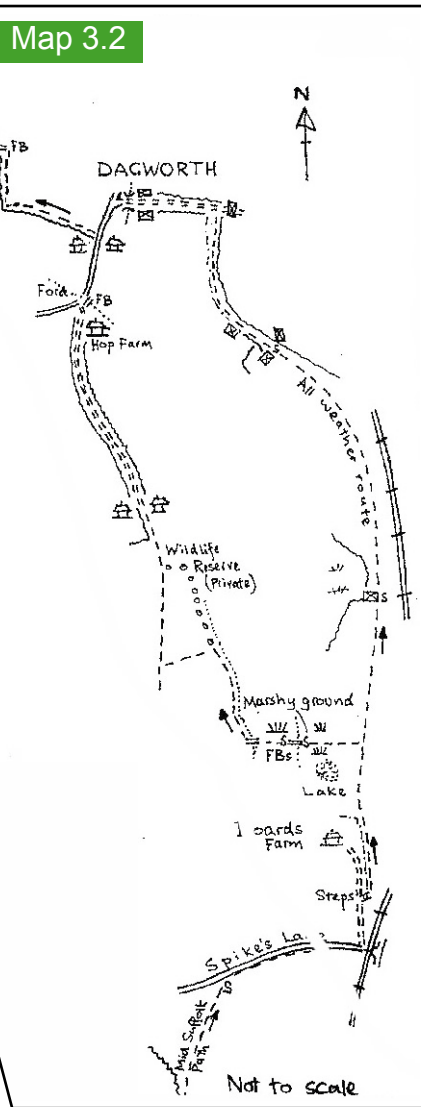
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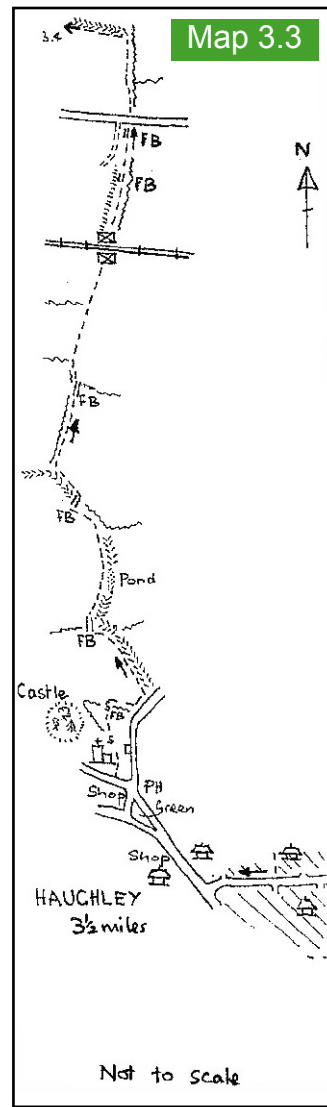
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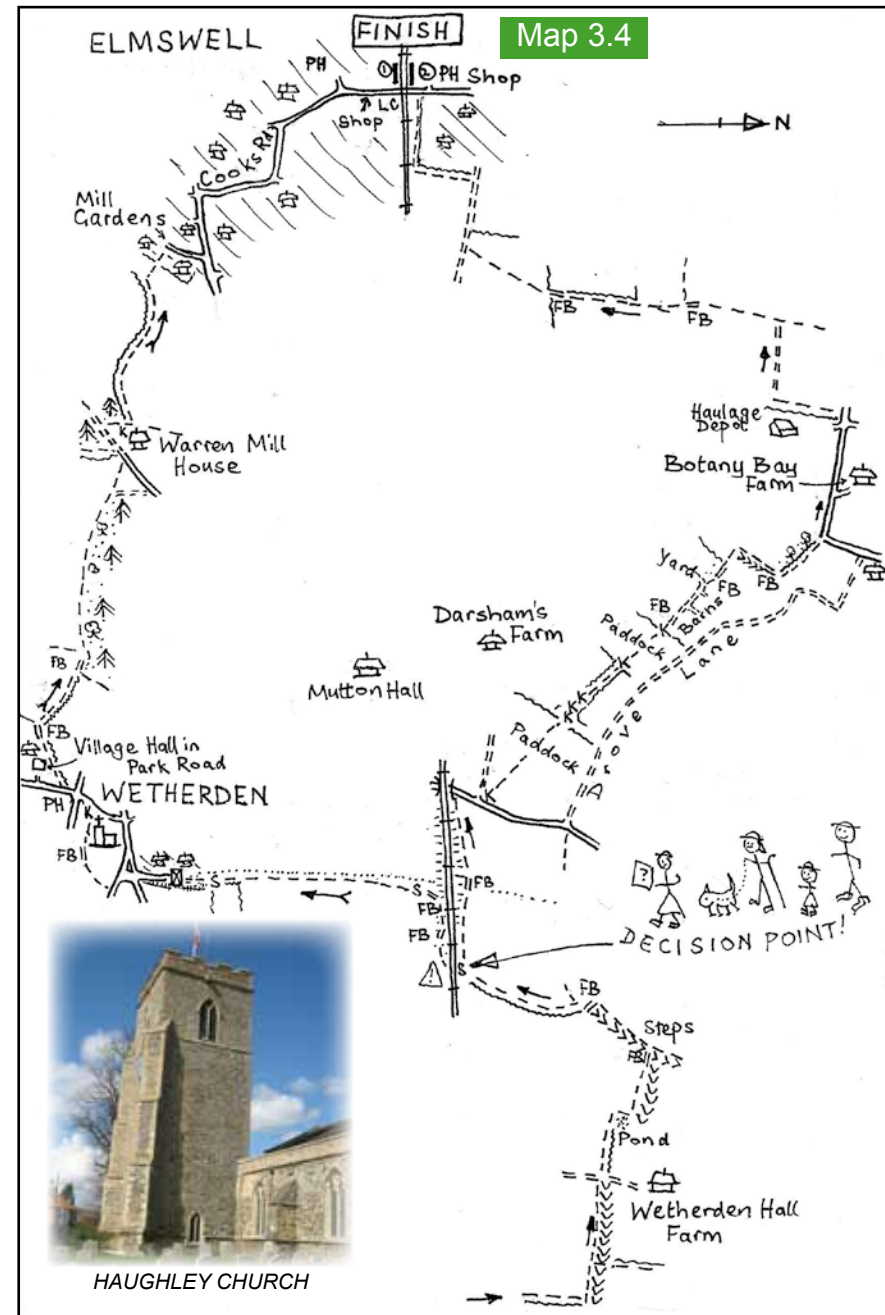
Map 3.1



Map 3.2



Map 3.3



Map 3.4



HAUGHLEY CHURCH

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