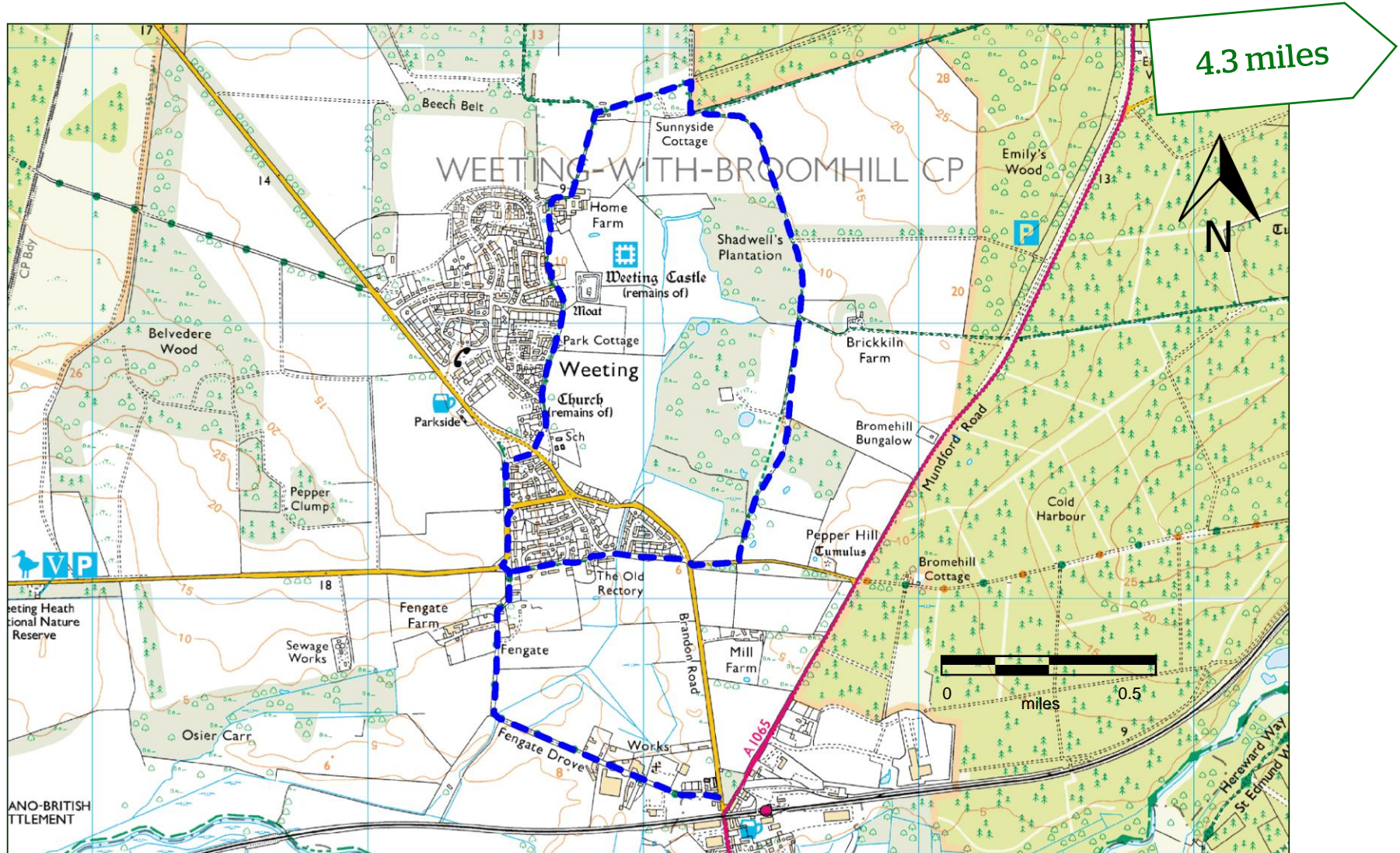


Circular Walk

The History Trail, Weeting



Along the way

Weeting Castle is close to the start of the trail - once a 12th century moated manor house it is now in the care of English Heritage. Nearby is the impressive round-towered St Mary's, a classic Brecks flint church - although at least medieval in origin, most of what is visible today is Victorian, including the tower.

Looping back along the southern outskirts of the village you will pass The Row which dates back, in part at least, to the 18th century. Reputedly the longest thatched terrace in England, it is believed to have been built as housing for Weeting estate workers.

This arable landscape provides a valuable habitat for farmland birds such as the Stone Curlew, and much of the area is under National and European protection. Some of Breckland's farmland is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) characterised by its climate and soils. Some Breckland farmland also has Special Protection Area designation (SPA), designed to protect internationally rare breeding birds.

Walk summary

This historic trail explores various aspects of Weeting's rich history and heritage, with evidence of human occupation since at least the Bronze Age.

Getting started: This trail starts at the village green (Parrott's Piece), opposite The Row (TL7762 8853). From Brandon Railway Station (TL7843 8725) follow the link via Fengate Drove.

Getting there: Coach Services Nos 26 and 40 operate in the area with stops near the start point. Rail links are also available at Brandon. Parking is free close to the start point near the bowling green situated just off the Lynn Road.

Maps and guides: Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 229, Thetford Forest in The Brecks.

What to expect: Surfaced roads and pavements, with some unsurfaced footpaths and farm tracks.

Facilities: Weeting has good facilities with shops, a post office and a pub (The Saxon).