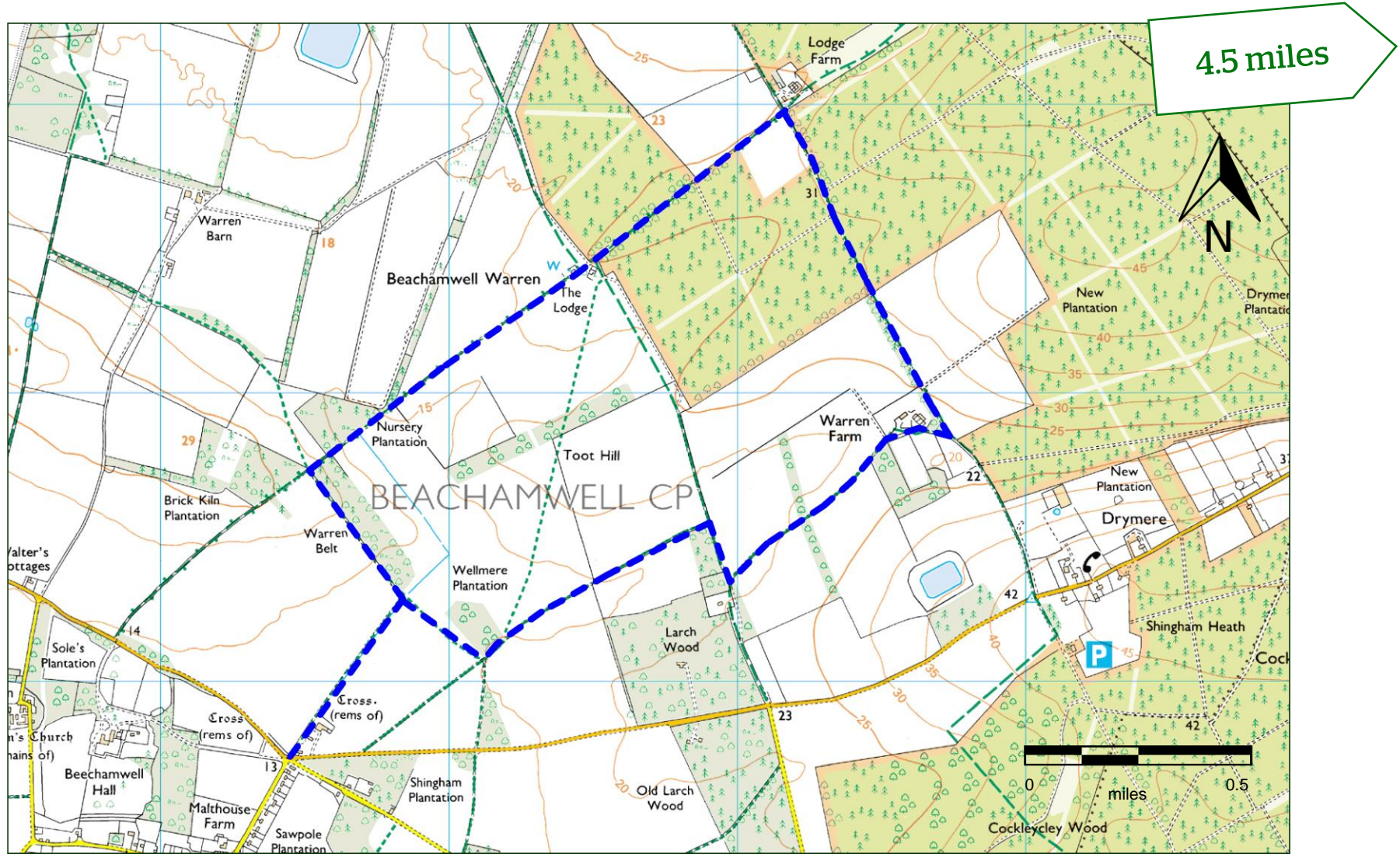


Circular Walk

The Warren Trail, Beachamwell



Along the way

Historically a mainstay of the local economy, there were possibly up to 20 active warrens in the Brecks with the light sandy soil suiting the animals well.

The start point is only a short distance from the village hall and you will soon reach the site of the now vanished warren lodge. Located on the highest point, the warrener would live here with his family keeping a lookout for predators and poachers.

The forest rides attract many species of butterfly including Comma, Brimstone, Gatekeeper, Meadow Brown and Orange Tip. The sun-dappled glades are home to the scarcer Silver-washed Fritillary and White Admiral, both on the wing from late June to August.

Keen birdwatchers will note an impressive variety of birds of prey hunting over the area. In summer look out for the fast-flying Hobby, a migratory falcon, as it hunts and catches its prey in mid-flight.

Walk summary

This trail explores beautiful countryside around Beachamwell Warren, a once-enclosed area in which rabbits were farmed.

Getting started: Starting from the crossroads at the north end of Chestnut Walk (TF7545 0573), just a short distance from the village hall.

Getting there: A limited bus service operates in the area. Eagles Coaches No 18 (Tuesdays only) and West Norfolk Community Transport No 31 (Saturdays only) with stops at the Church and Chestnut Walk.

Please note: Free parking is available adjacent to the village hall – please do not park on the village green.

Maps and guides: Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 236, King's Lynn, Downham Market and Swaffham.

What to expect: Surfaced road, unsurfaced footpaths and forest tracks.

Facilities: Beachamwell has a post office (limited opening hours). The Great Danes Country Inn has a bar and restaurant open from 6:30pm Monday to Sunday, and also offers accommodation. Facilities and services are also available in nearby Swaffham.