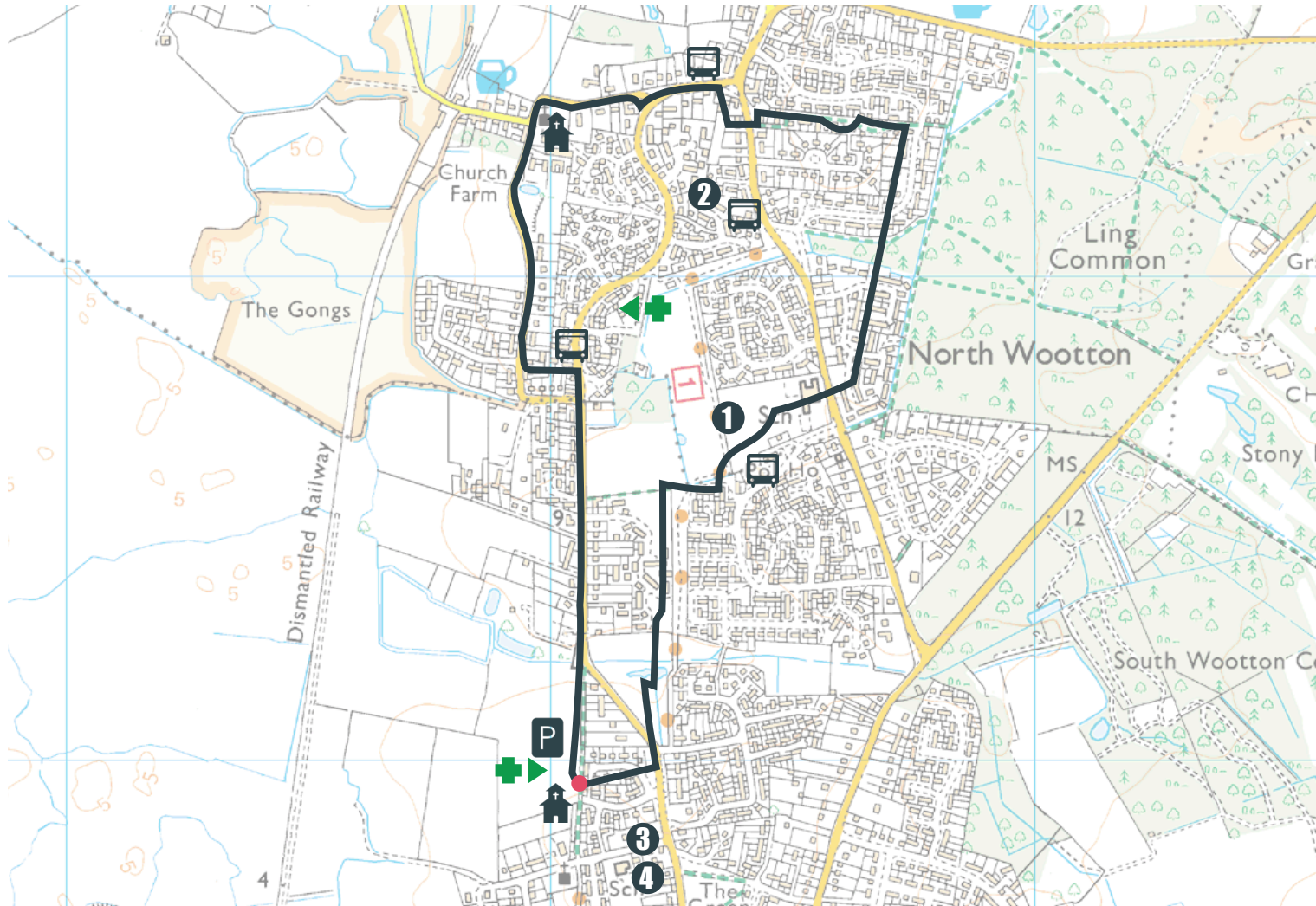


THE WOOTTONS


3 miles / 4.75 km



Defibrillator (AED) map location. 

Business location. 

Route link. 

Route. 

Start point. 

Bus Stop 

Church 

Tesco Express 

Meadow Stores 

The Swan Inn 

Wootton Fish Bar 

Parking 

The Woottons route is very accessible, with good surfaces throughout and a number of bridges to help visitors through the woods of Ling Common. The spread of these now somewhat suburban villages across the landscape can almost be charted by the fabric of their buildings.

The Domesday Book of 1086 lists Wootton as having two plough teams, one hundred and twenty sheep and fourteen saltern mounds. Salt would have been an important commodity for trade at this time, and it was extracted from saltwater by evaporation in the saltern mounds that dotted the local landscape.

Over time, two settlements emerged, each surrounding a medieval church. Old maps depict the two villages being separated by fields. In 1862 the railway reached North Wootton, which was then the first station on a new branch line between King's Lynn and Hunstanton.

Today, North and South Wootton are virtually contiguous. While some families have lived in the area for generations, many have settled here to take advantage of good transport links to commute to work from these popular residential areas. The railway was removed in 1969 however, and the station building is now a private residence.

North and South Wootton both retain their own parish churches. All Saint's at North Wootton has the most recent origins. It was built for the Honourable Mrs Mary Howard of Castle Rising in 1852. It replaced the original medieval church on the site which by then had fallen into ruins.

St Mary's Church in South Wootton dates from the Saxon period, although there have been many alterations and additions since. The church still has a beautiful Norman font and a funeral bier dated to 1611.

John and Annie Sage and their family moved to the area in 1899. John became landlord at the New Inn in South Wootton. Four of their children were baptised at St. Mary's in 1901. In 1908 they moved again, to Peterborough, had dreams of but starting a new life in the United States. In 1912, all eleven members of the family boarded a ship, the *Titanic*. Tragically, none of the family survived.

The Woottons Circular Walk navigates a route through modern housing developments along the edge of the wooded Ling Common, between All Saints at North Wootton and St. Mary's at South Wootton, crossing an area previously occupied by fields and saltmarsh.



Getting Started

The route's starting point is on Church Lane (TF640227).

Getting There

There is a bus stop near the route's starting point. South Wootton's stop Meadow Road is served by 3 Go To Town – approximately 3 minutes walk from the start point. South Wootton's stop Castle Rising Road is served by Lynx service 35 and Coastliner 36 – approximately 11 minutes from the start point. Car parking at the village hall next to the start point. Limited road parking.

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FEEDBACK FORM

How many people are in your party? (including yourself) Please write in number

Male ☐ Under 18 ☐ 18-35 ☐ 36-60 ☐ Over 60 ☐

Female ☐ Under 18 ☐ 18-35 ☐ 36-60 ☐ Over 60 ☐

Are you: Walking ☐ Dog Walking ☐ Cycling ☐ Other

Which ONE of the following BEST describes your visit to this Trail?

SHORT visit (less than 1 hour) ☐ PART-day visit (1-4 hours) ☐

FULL-day visit (5 or more hours) ☐ LONG DISTANCE trip (more than 1 day) ☐

Where is your permanent residence? (This is just to help us monitor where visitors come from)

Did you use a website to find out information about the route before your visit to this Trail? YES ☐ NO ☐ if YES which website?

During your visit to this Trail, approximately how much have you spent on the following, per person, per day and where? Please write in £

Accommodation [£] Food and drink [£]

Where:..... Where:.....

Is this your first visit to this Trail? YES ☐ NO ☐

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