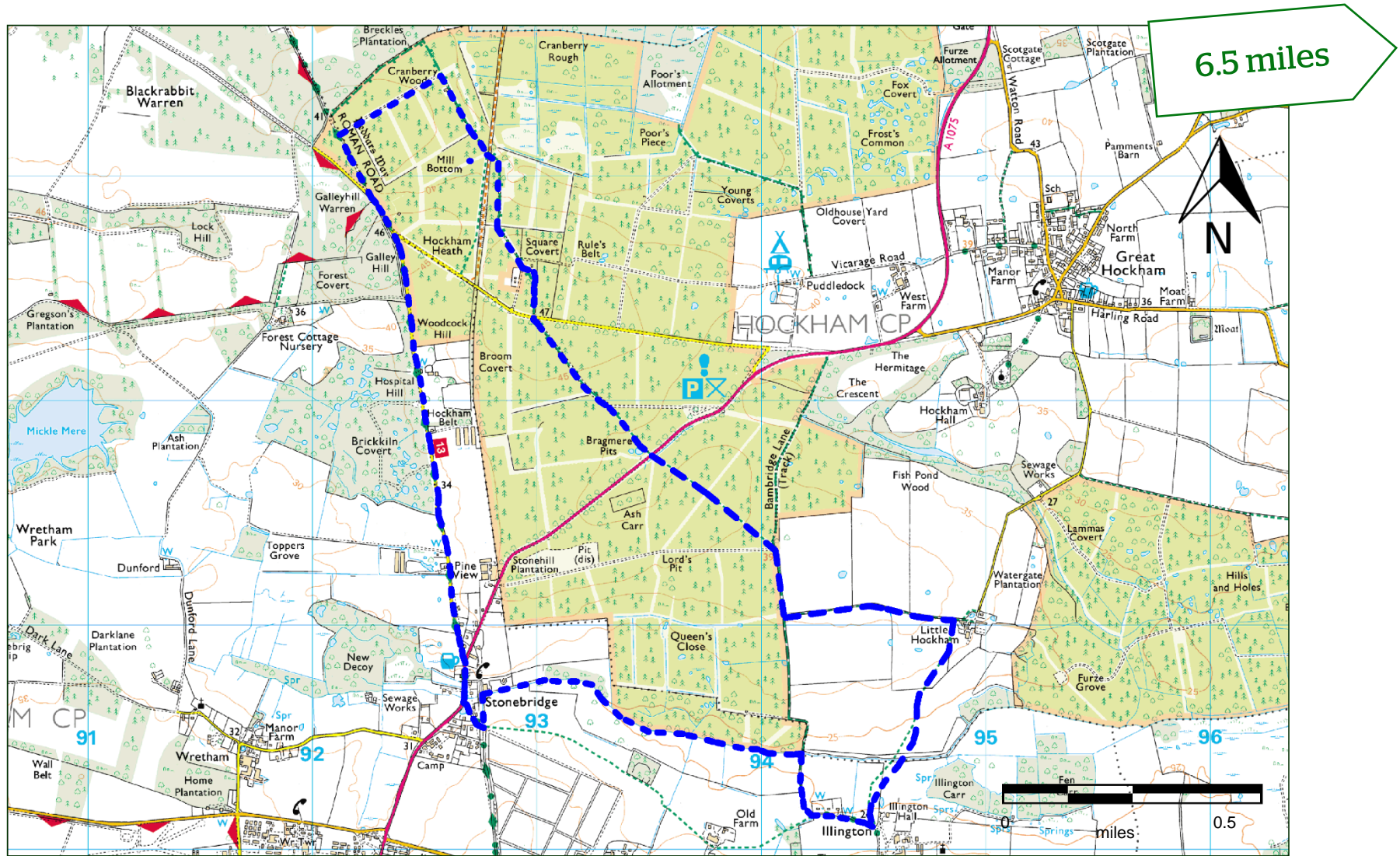


# Circular Walk

## The Wildlife Trail, East Wretham



## Along the way

The Brecks is recognised as one of the most biodiverse areas of Britain with over 12,500 different species of flora and fauna recorded.

The start point is Great Hockham Woods, a great place to spot wildlife, particularly birds. The local speciality is the Firecrest and surveys indicate that Thetford Forest holds roughly 100 breeding territories of this tiny songbird. Brecks woodland habitats are important for deer and the area is now home to a growing population of Red Deer, the largest species of deer in Britain and a magnificent animal.

From the northern tip, there are views towards Cranberry Rough, a Site of Special Scientific Interest and today an outstanding swamp habitat supporting many species of grass and sedge. Joining the Peddars Way, Norfolk's National Trail, continue south passing sunny rides and glades where you will see butterflies and dragonflies on the wing. Heading back to the start point look out for the Brown Hare - this area still has one of the highest densities in the country and they are a regular sight on open farmland and heaths.

### Walk summary

This trail explores a range of habitats in which it is possible to see some of the wildlife that makes this part of East Anglia so very special.

**Getting started:** This trail starts at Great Hockham Woods (TL9332 9196).

**Getting there:** Coach Services No 81 operates in the area with a stop near the Dog and Partridge pub in Wretham. Parking is free at Great Hockham Woods Picnic Site located off the A1075 (TL9373 9195), just a short distance from the start point.

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

**What to expect:** Unsurfaced footpaths and forest tracks.

**THIS ROUTE CROSSES THE BUSY A1075. PLEASE TAKE CARE ON ALL ROAD CROSSINGS.**

**Facilities:** Local pubs include the Dog and Partridge at Wretham and The Eagle at Great Hockham. Facilities and services are also available in nearby Thetford.