

The Brecks

Historic Weeting



Access
Tested

2017



Route Summary

A 5 mile circular walk around the village of Weeting. Expect open landscapes and historic buildings.



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Route Description

This booklet gives information about two circular walks around Weeting. The first is signposted and is suitable for most people (Route 1). The second is possible to roll in a wheelchair. It is not fully signposted but is shown in this booklet. The accessible route is similar to the signposted route but doesn't include Fengate Drove. Instead, it uses the footway of Brandon Road. It also crosses the Brandon Road at a different point to Route 1 and doesn't use the narrow alleyway between Shadwell Close and Rectory Lane. These two walks have been audited to support people accessing the countryside and to improve quality of life. The walk audit checked for potential accessibility difficulties along the route. Maps are provided on p4-7 showing point numbers which correspond to photos and descriptions of these areas so that you can decide if these walks are suitable for you.

Route 1: The Signposted Route

This walk starts at Brandon Station then heads north to loop around the village of Weeting. The walk is signposted throughout. From Brandon Station head northwest on Fengate Drove until you reach Weeting. Then head east through a housing estate until you leave Weeting on Harling Drove. Head north on a footpath before looping back past the church and ruins of Weeting Castle to finish at Parrots Piece (the village green).

Route 2: The Accessible Route

This walk starts from Brandon Station then heads slightly south on Mundford Rd before heading north on the footway of Brandon Rd. After ½ mile you will reach the outskirts of the village of Weeting. Cross Brandon Rd on to Harling Drove heading east. Next pick up the footpath going north. After a mile the trail returns past St Marys Church and the ruins of Weeting Castle. The track now becomes a surfaced road called Church Lane. After heading west on All Saints, the route crosses the B122 at Saxon Place. Then follow the closed road called Park View past the bowling green. At the signpost on the junction of Park View and Hockwold Road, the easy access route remains on the pavement of Hockwold Road before returning back to Brandon Railway Station along Brandon Road.

Getting there



Start point: Route 1: Village Green (Parrott's Piece) TL7762 8853. Route 2: Brandon Railway Station TV7843 8725.



Distance: Route 1: 5 miles. Route 2: 4.5 miles.



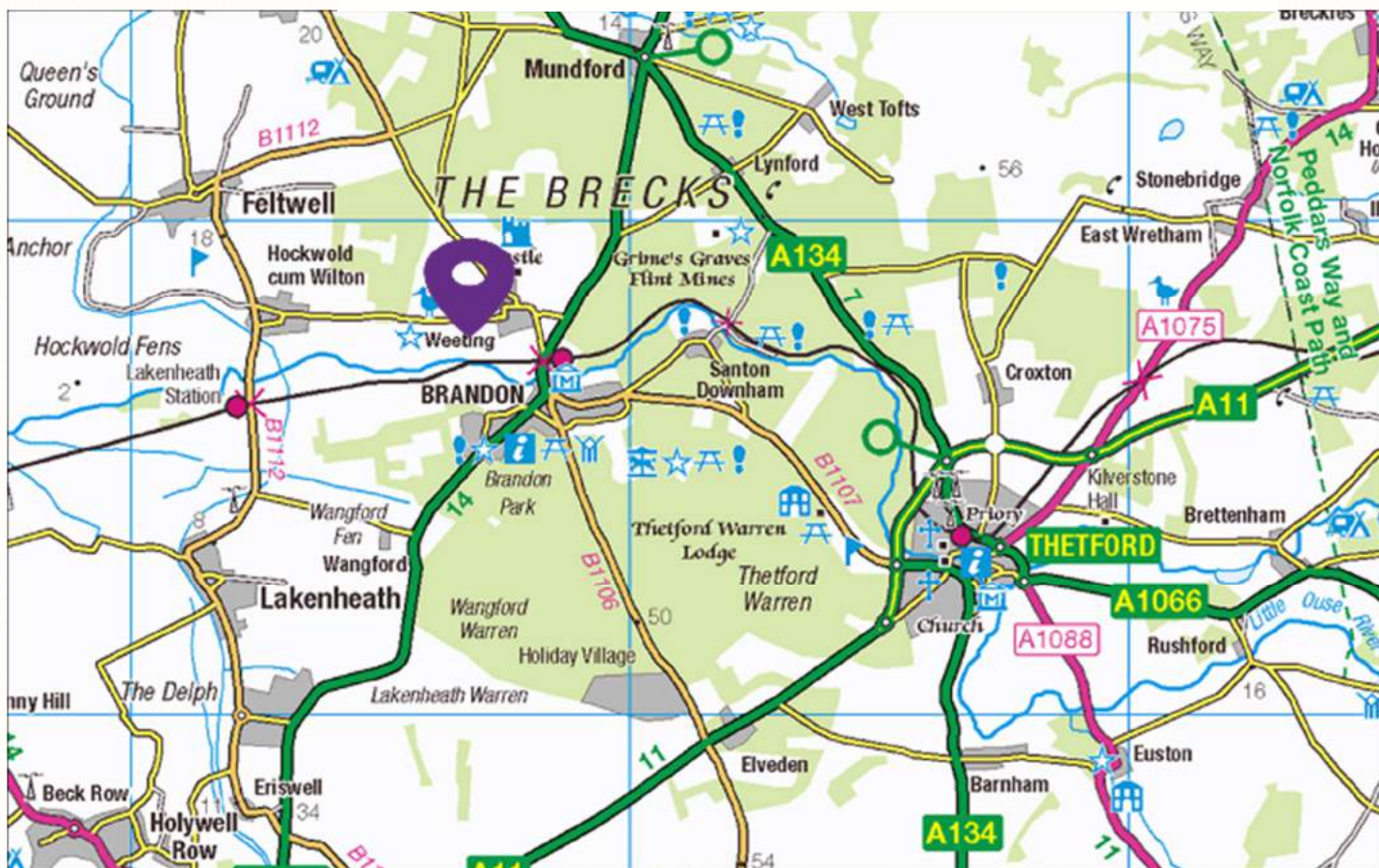
Accessible facilities: The Saxon Pub has accessible toilets.



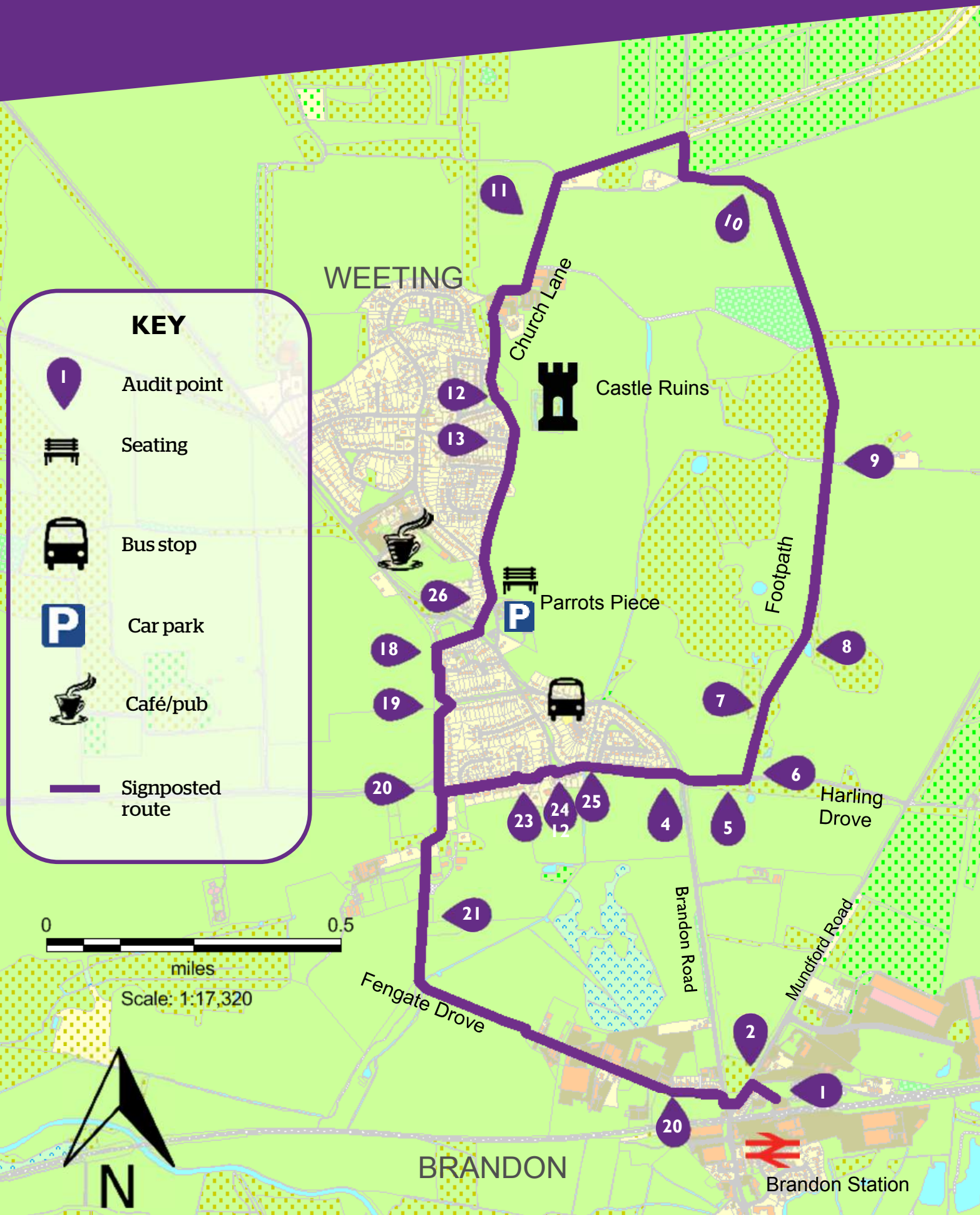
By car: Parking is available on Parrots Piece (the village green) or by the bowling green on Parkview (B112)



By bus: Coach service No 26 and No. 40 (from Thetford/ Kings Lynn)



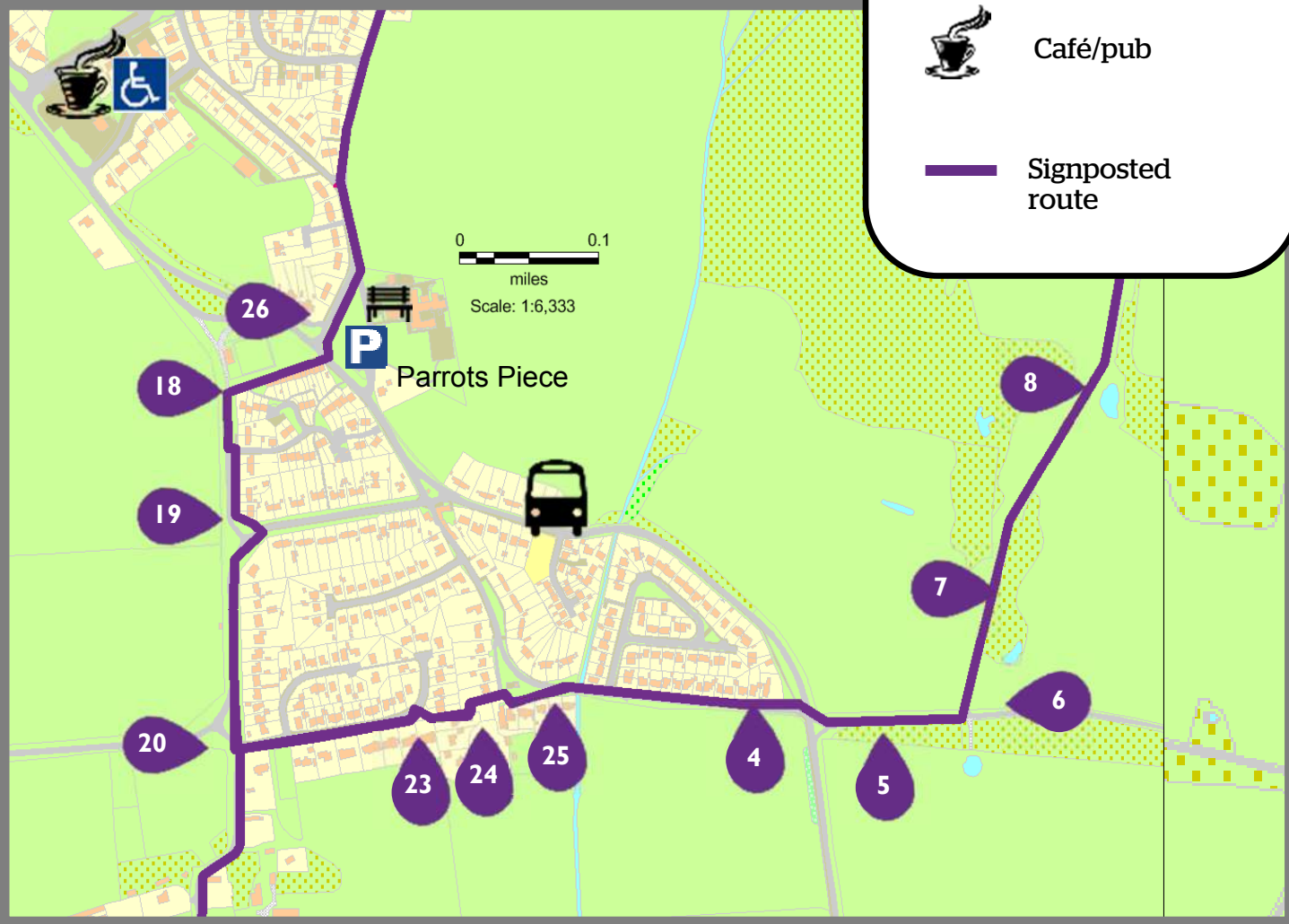
Route 1: Signposted Route



Signposted route detail

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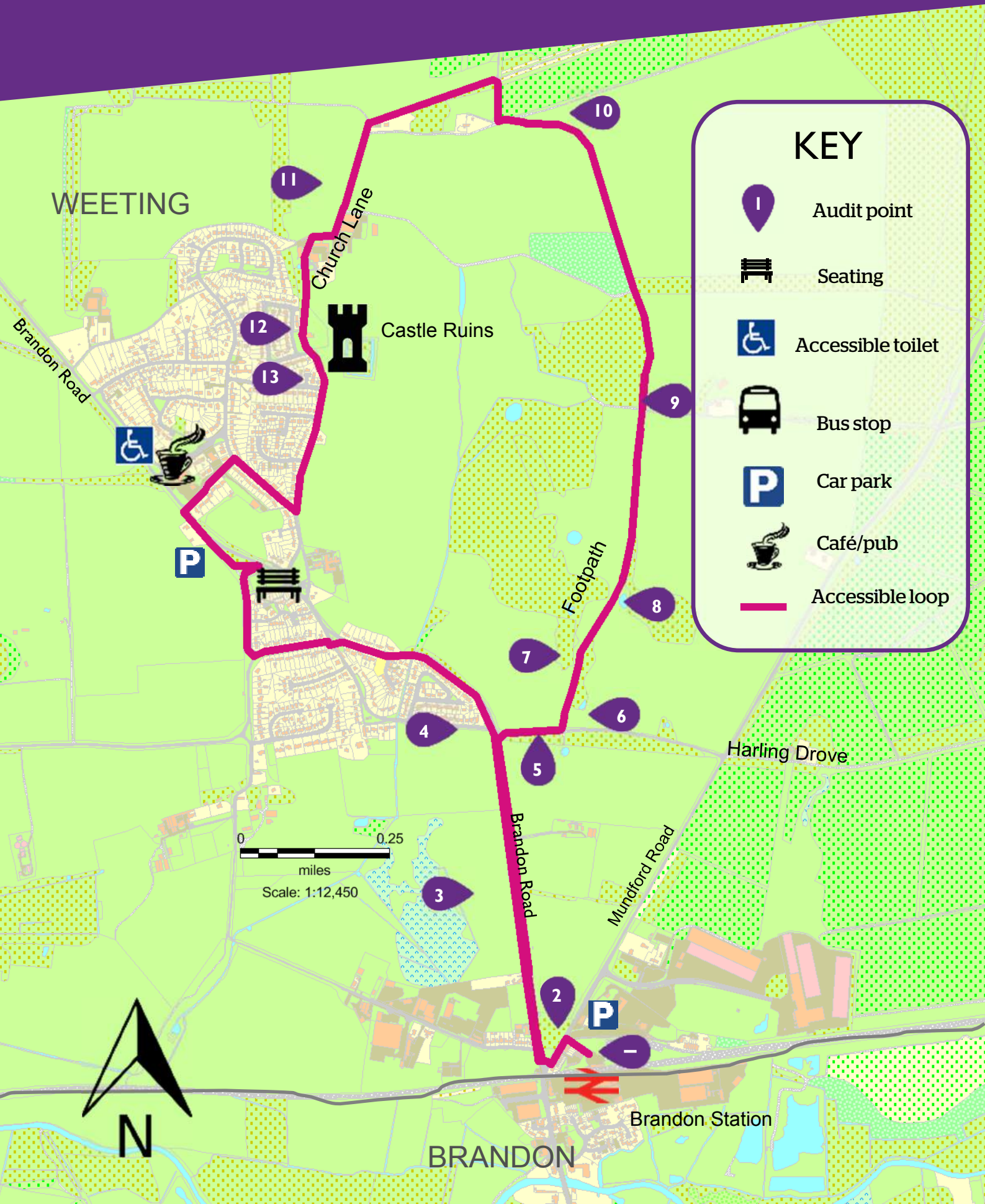
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-  Seating
-  Bus stop
-  Car park
-  Café/pub
-  Signposted route



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Route 2: Accessible Route



Accessible route detail



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Audit point



Seating



Accessible toilet



Bus stop



Car park



Café/pub



Accessible loop
returning to start
point

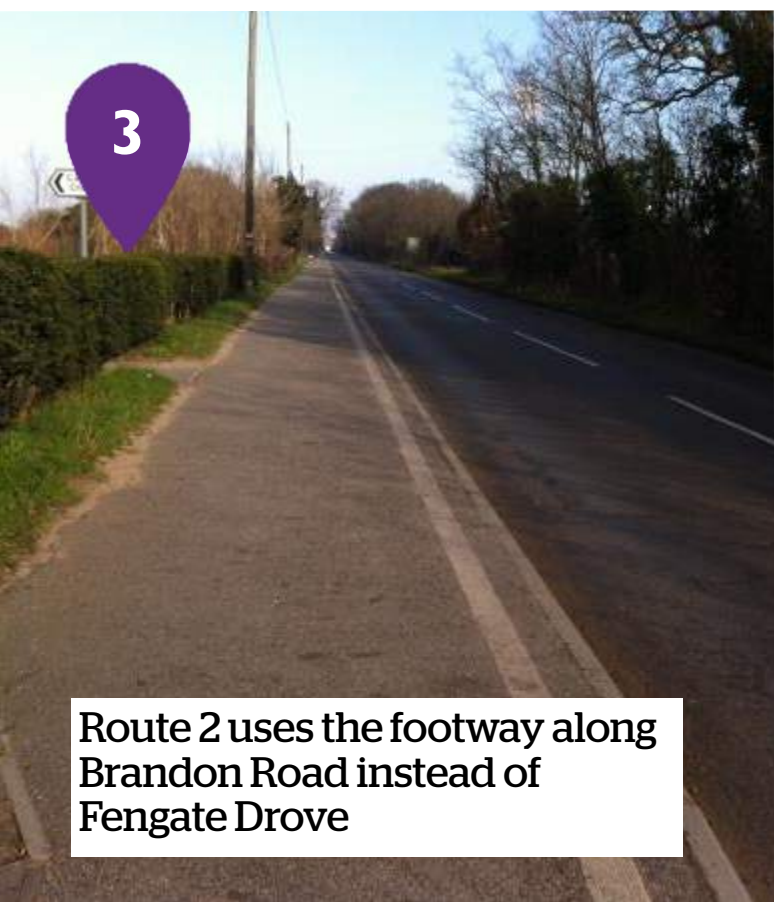
Accessibility Information - Both routes



Brandon station car park



Uneven footway for 20m with two kerbs (100mm and 80mm high) at the crossing of the junction with Mundford Road



Route 2 uses the footway along Brandon Road instead of Fengate Drive



Take care when crossing Brandon Road to join Harling Drive



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The route follows Harling Drove. Take care as there is no footway



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At the footpath sign there is a double field gate (usually open). The adjoining small kissing gate is often overgrown



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Sandy track, shown in winter when it can become puddled



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Our auditor visiting a Pingo along the trail



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The route follows a field edge track. The surface is sandy with puddles. A public footpath joins the route here



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Grassy track along a line of trees



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Natural track joins compacted aggregate track with an uneven surface by The Kennels



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The track becomes better surfaced at the church. At Weeting Castle it becomes a metalled road with a pavement (Church Close)

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Weeting Castle is not accessible to all. There are four steps with handrails, two gates, an uneven surface and a 1:9 gradient ramp to negotiate

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Route 2 heads west along All Saints

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The Saxon Public House

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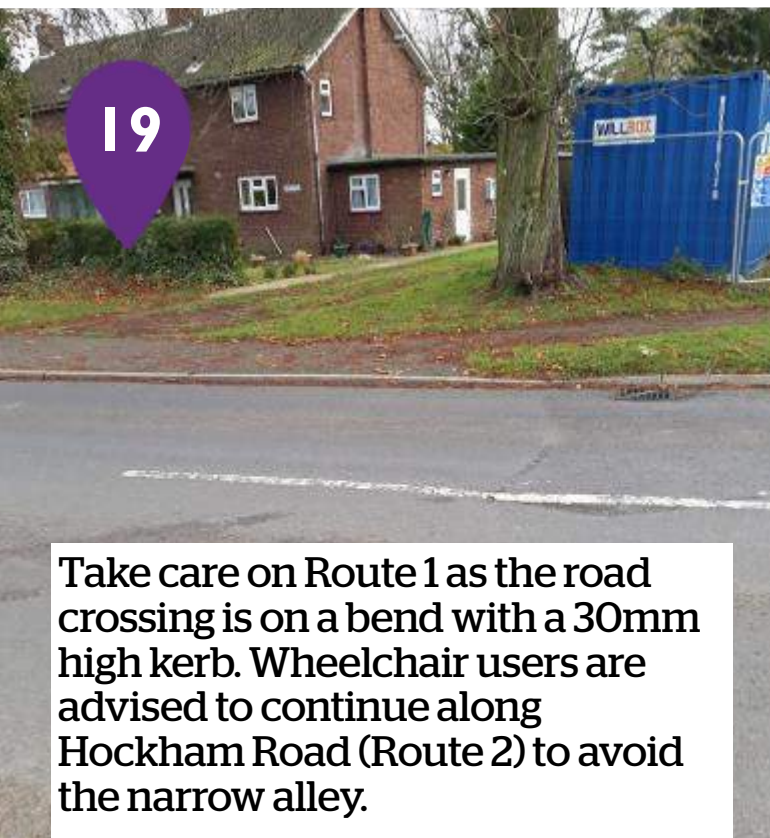
Cross the B112 here, making use of the dropped kerb and good visibility



On Park View there is a width restriction of 800mm and an irregular surface due to root damage



The surface changes from compacted stones (for 150m) to a metalled road. This is the best place to park for Route 2



Take care on Route 1 as the road crossing is on a bend with a 30mm high kerb. Wheelchair users are advised to continue along Hockham Road (Route 2) to avoid the narrow alley.



Signpost at the northern end of Fengate Drove-the link to Brandon Station

A wide, paved track in an industrial area. The track is made of asphalt and appears to be in good condition. There are some utility poles and buildings in the background.

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Track becomes metalled through an industrial area. It has a firm and even surface. Caution: track is shared with commercial vehicles

A narrow, unpaved dirt track with puddles. The track is made of dirt and has several large puddles of water. The surrounding area is grassy and appears to be a rural or semi-rural setting.

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Uneven and soft surface for 1km due to potholes and puddles. Wheelchair users are advised to follow Route 2 along the footway of Brandon Road

A narrow alleyway between a brick wall and a corrugated metal wall. The alleyway is very narrow and appears to be a dead end. The ground is uneven and appears to be made of gravel or dirt.

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The alley way has a restriction of 900mm and an uneven surface. It has corners which are difficult to negotiate in a wheelchair

The entrance to a narrow alleyway from Rectory Lane to Shadwell Drive. The alleyway is very narrow and appears to be a dead end. The ground is uneven and appears to be made of gravel or dirt. There is a wooden sign in the foreground that says "Public Footpath".

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The entrance to the narrow alley way from Rectory Lane to Shadwell Drive



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The last 35 metres of Rectory Road have a narrow footway. Wheelchair users will have to go on the road



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Circular walk start point. The crossing of the B112 has a kerb of 50mm (wheelchair users can cross at point 16)



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On Parrots Piece (Weeting village green) you can find a sheltered bench. There is a car park here



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An information board for the walk is located on Parrots Piece



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