

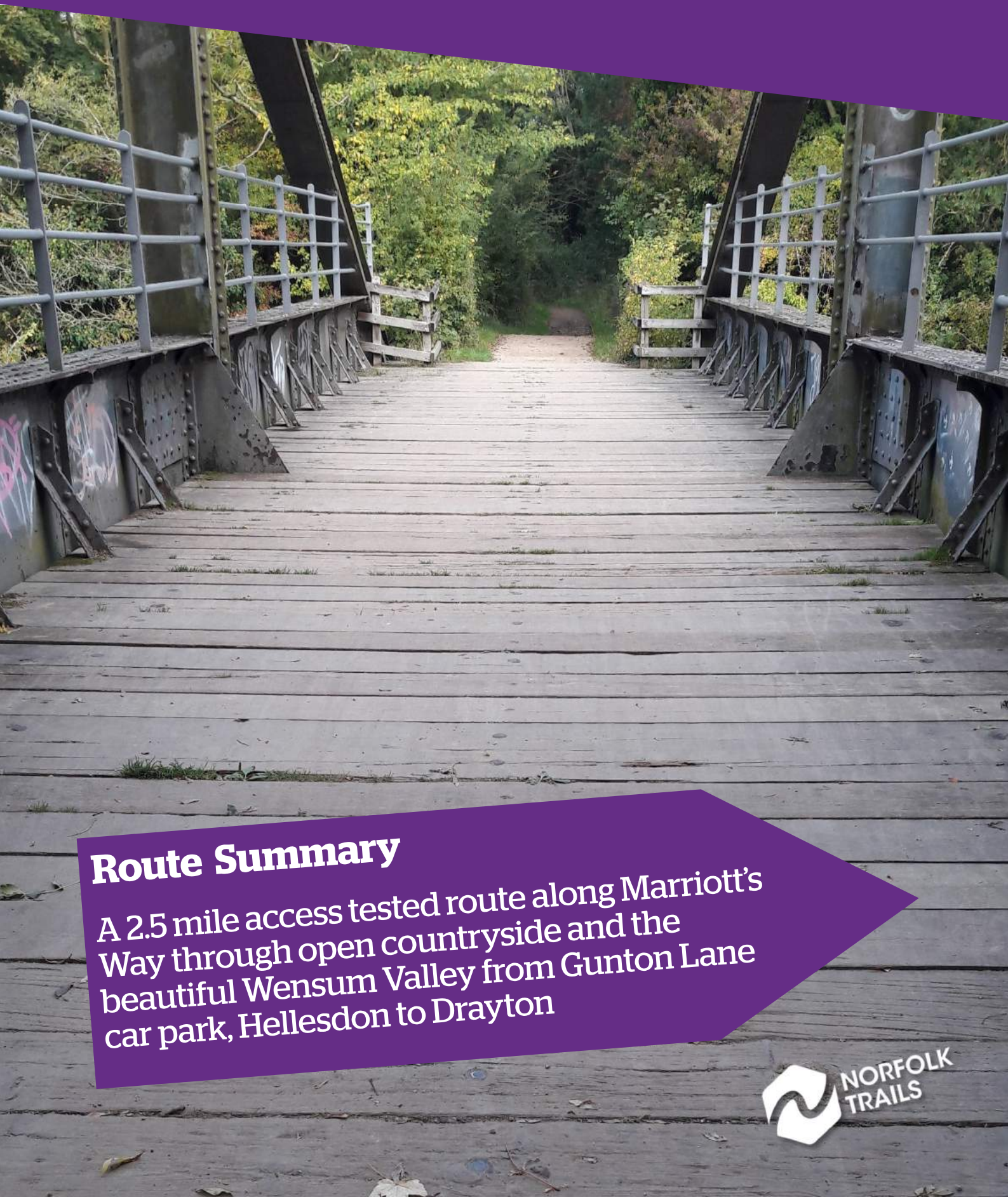
# Marriott's Way

## Hellesdon to Drayton



**Access  
Tested**

**2017**



### **Route Summary**

A 2.5 mile access tested route along Marriott's Way through open countryside and the beautiful Wensum Valley from Gunton Lane car park, Hellesdon to Drayton

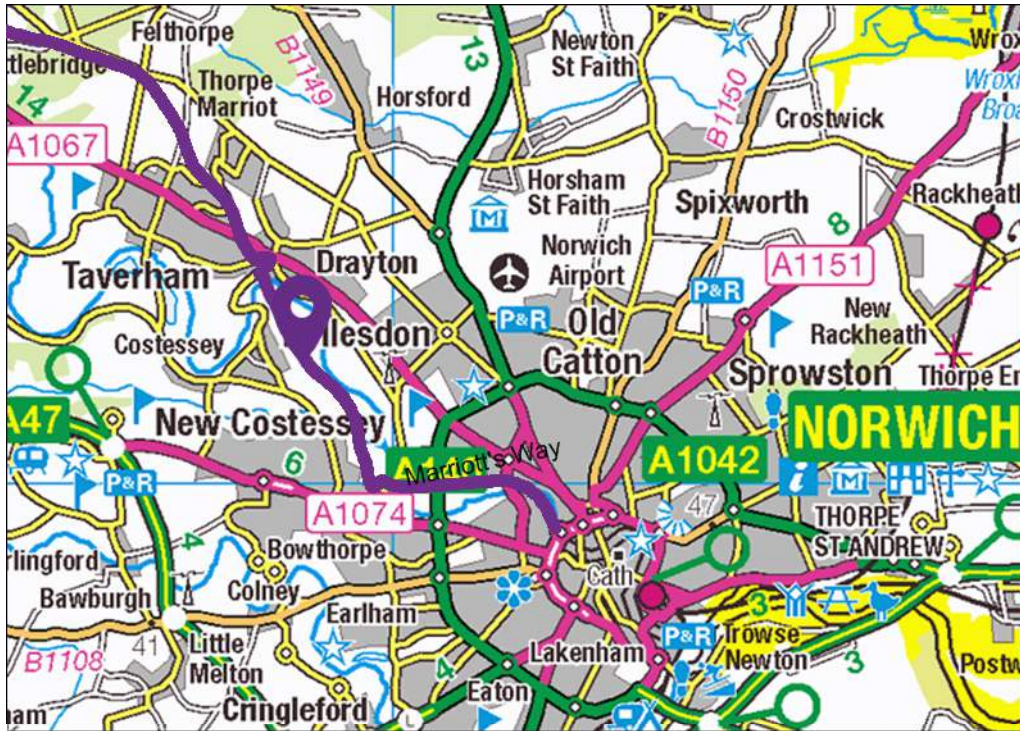
# Route description

This route has been audited to support people accessing the countryside. The route audit checked for potential accessibility difficulties along the route. Maps are provided showing point numbers which correspond to photos and descriptions of the route, so that you can decide if this walk is suitable for you.

The route is a 2.5 mile linear section of Marriott's Way, a 26 mile disused railway line and County Wildlife Site. The route will take you from the suburbs of Norwich City into the beautiful Norfolk countryside. The route starts at Gunton Lane car park where there is easy access to Marriott's Way. As you head north west along the trail you pass through the Wensum Valley County Wildlife Site where there are great views of the River Wensum and is a fantastic place to spot wildlife.

As you travel further along Marriott's Way, the route will take you through open countryside and as you reach Drayton, you will pass by the River Wensum once again. The route section ends in the village of Drayton where there are shops and pubs. Here you could get the bus back home or walk back along Marriott's Way to where you have parked. The route can be tailored to any length that is suitable for the individual.

# Route overview



**Start point:** Gunton Lane car park, Hellesdon, Norwich, NR5 0DQ Grid Ref: TG195103



**Distance:** 2.5 miles



**Accessible facilities:** Tesco Superstore, Fakenham Road, Drayton, Norwich, NR8 6PT



**By car:** Gunton Lane car park

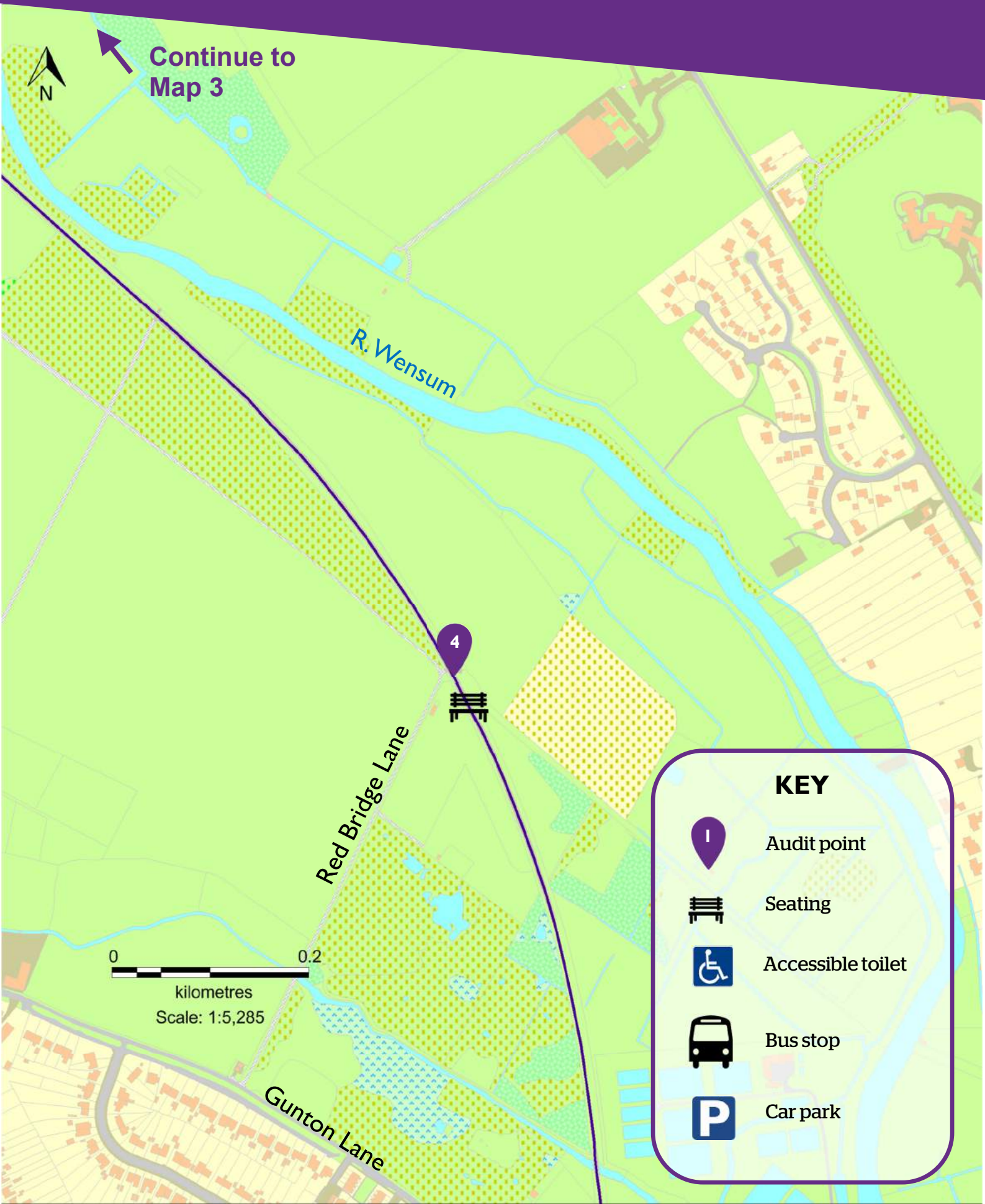


**By bus:** Outside The Red Lion Public House, Drayton [travelineeastanglia.co.uk](http://travelineeastanglia.co.uk)

# Map 1



# Map 2



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Map 3

R. Wensum

Red Bridge Lane

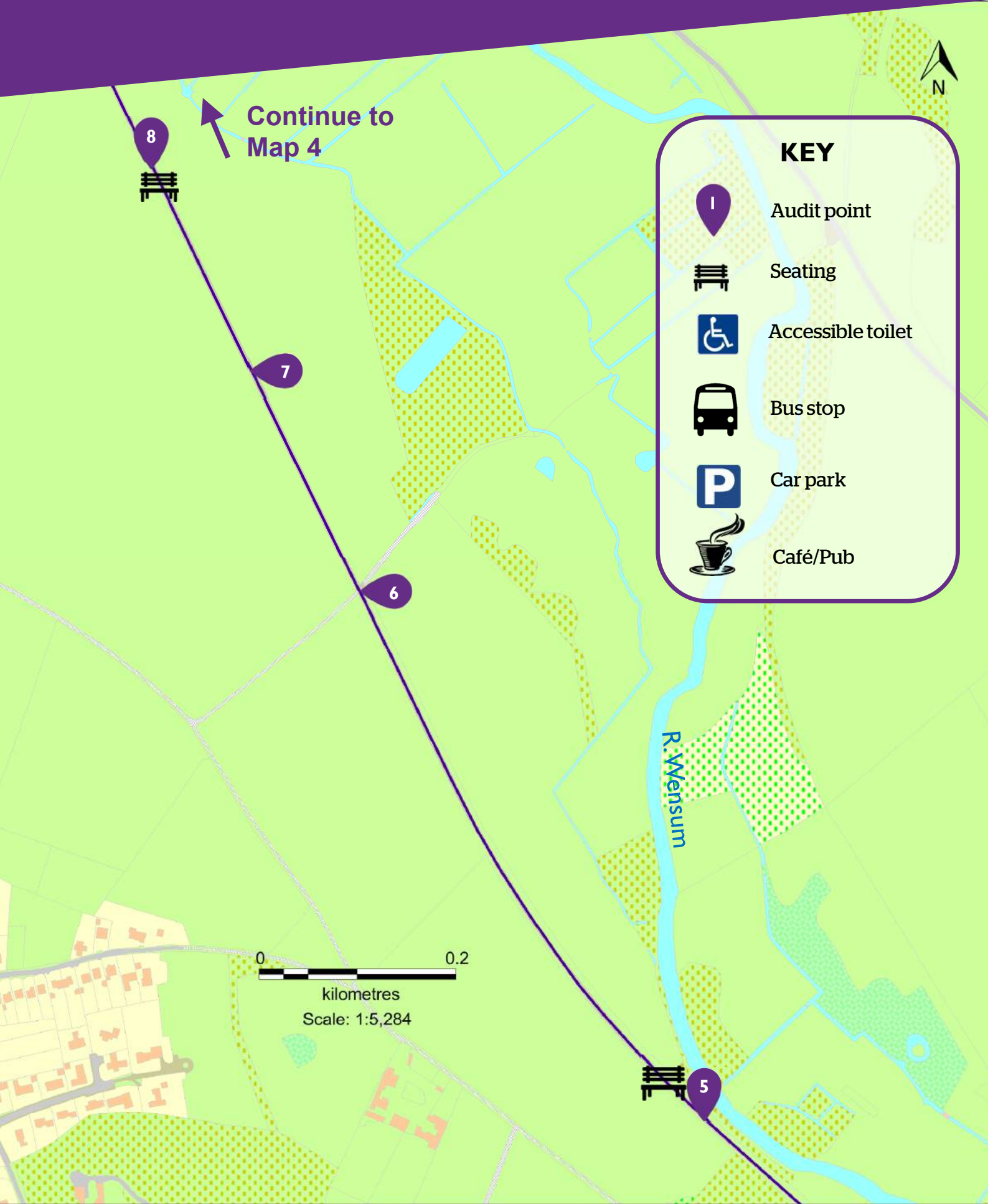
Gunton Lane

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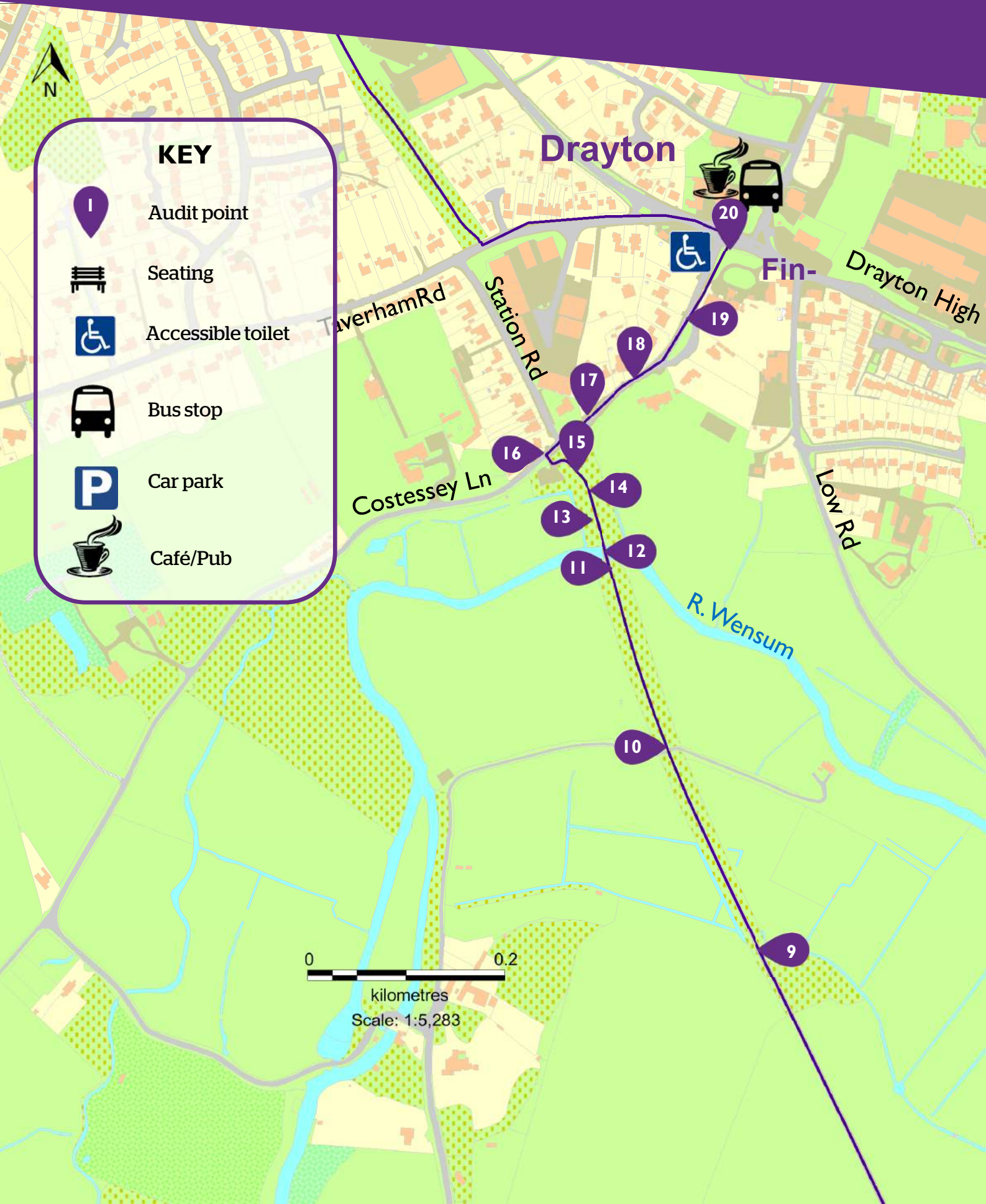
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-  Seating
-  Accessible toilet
-  Bus stop
-  Car park

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kilometres  
Scale: 1:5,285

# Map 3



# Map 4



# Accessibility information



The route begins at Gunton Lane car park. The surface is firm gravel with potholes. The surface can be wet and muddy during winter periods



Head left out of the car park and you are able to join Marriott's Way here. The surface is uneven and there can be muddy puddles during winter periods



The surface is compact 20mm gravel. There are stones protruding 20mm for 20m



The surface of this section of the route is overlaid with soft mud and leaf mulch for 50m





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The side of the path has become eroded, creating a steep cross gradient to one side. Take care when passing. There are stones protruding 20mm for 15m



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There is a very muddy section here for 20m



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There is a section with stones protruding 20mm for 5m

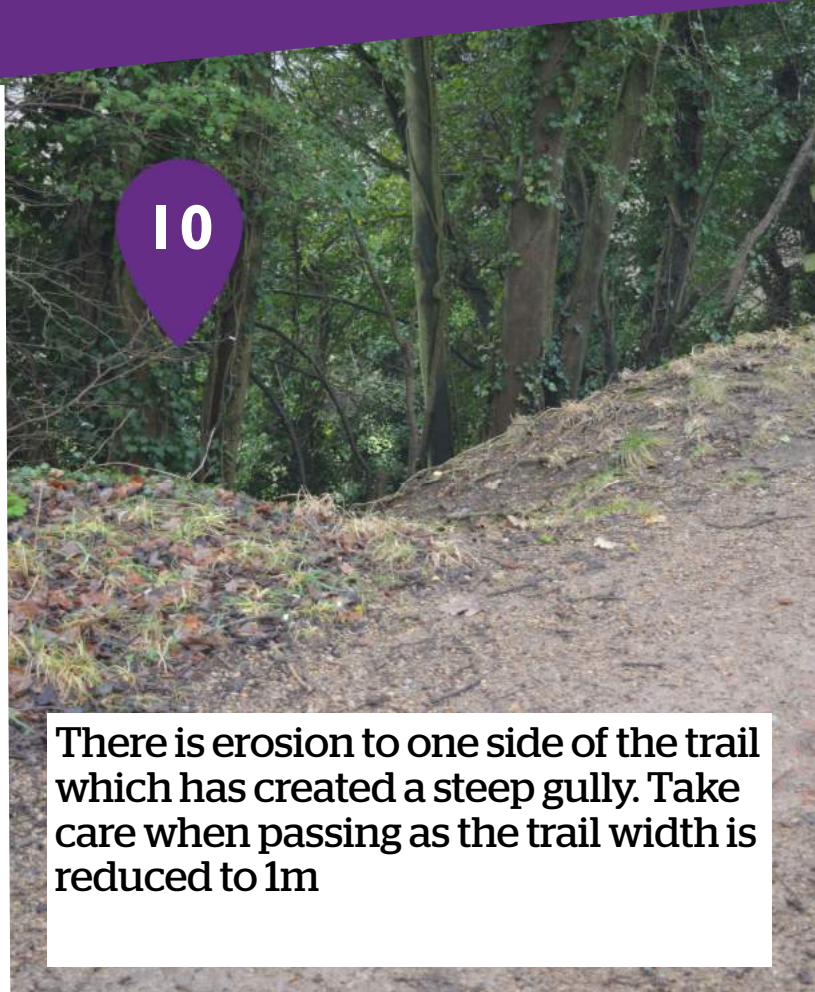


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The surface of this section has some loose 20mm gravel and stones protruding 20mm for 20m



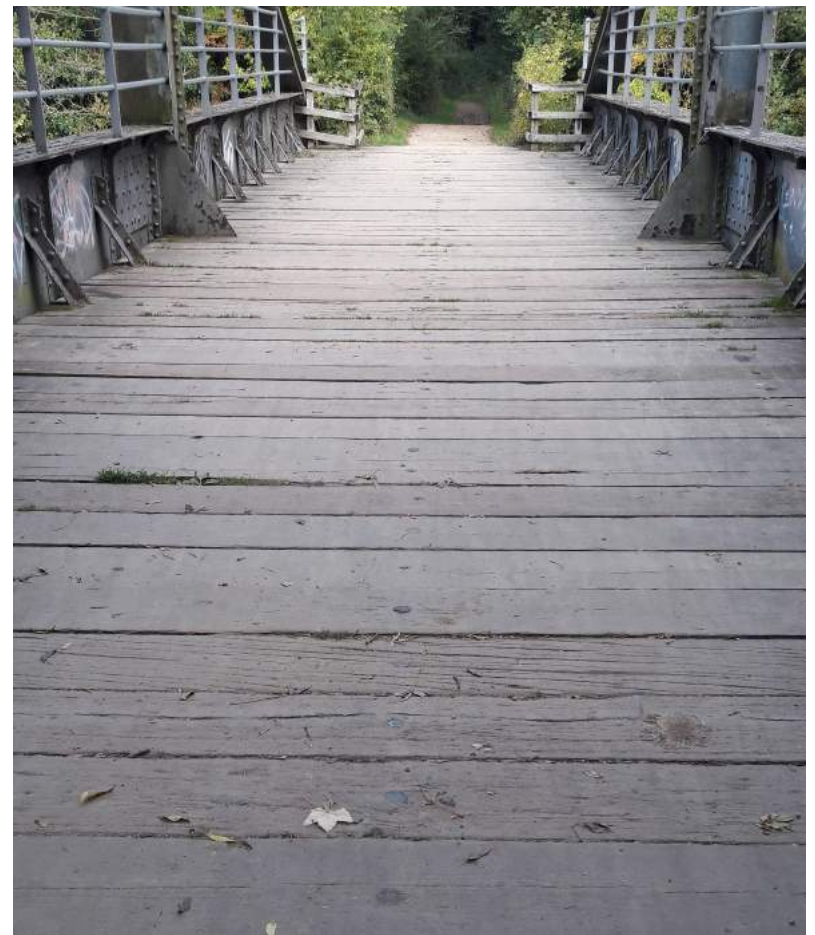
There is a change of surface to compact 20mm gravel



There is erosion to one side of the trail which has created a steep gully. Take care when passing as the trail width is reduced to 1m



On the approach to Drayton Bridge there is a 20mm step up to the bridge boardwalk





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At the end of the bridge there is a 20mm step down to the trail from the boardwalk



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There are small stones protruding 10mm on this section for 10m





At Costessey Lane, there are no corresponding dropped kerbs to cross the road. Users may need to travel along the road for 4-5m to reach the dropped kerb on the opposite path



The path width is reduced to 900mm due to the garden wall



There is a cross gradient of 1:11 at 2-3m intervals for 20m due to driveways crossing the footway on Costessey Lane



The route ends as you reach Drayton High Road crossing opposite the petrol station. Here you will find a range of shops and two pubs



## Try More Trails

Why not explore other access tested short walks along Marriott's Way? You could try Norwich to Hellesdon, Taverham to Attlebridge or Lenwade to Whitwell plus many more.

Or why not try another long distance trail, such as Weavers' Way through Aylsham or Boudicca Way also starting in Norwich.

To find out more visit [www.norfolktrails.co.uk](http://www.norfolktrails.co.uk)

### Disclaimer

The information given for this route is based on findings on the day of the audit and may vary according to the time of year and the weather. This document gives information about the condition of trails in order to help people choose routes to explore but it is up to the individual to decide whether or not the route is suitable for their ability.

# Points of interest



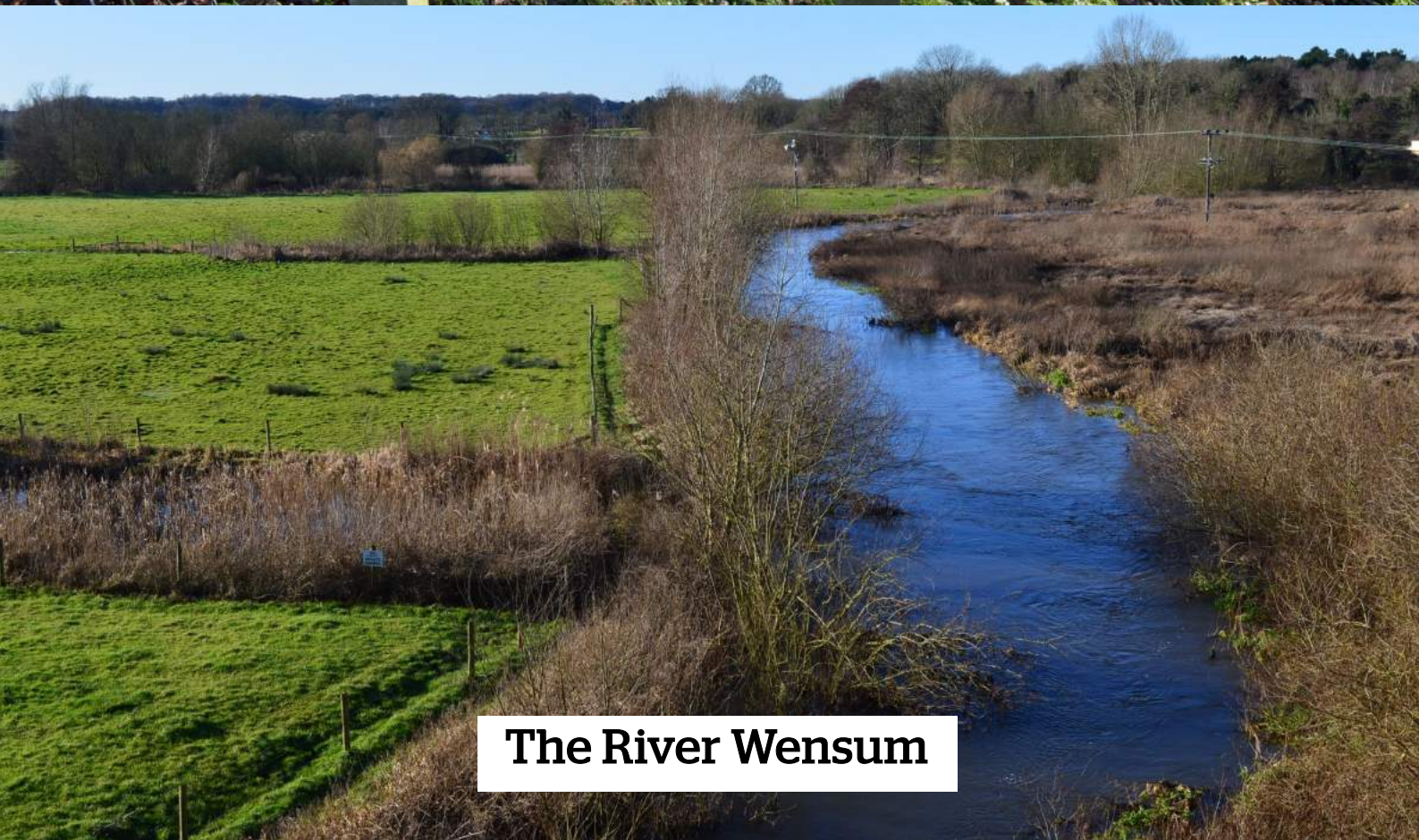
**Gunton Lane Recreation Park**



**Railway heritage and artwork**



**The Wensum Valley County Wildlife Site**



**The River Wensum**



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