



Public House Walks

The Buffalo Inn

GILLINGHAM

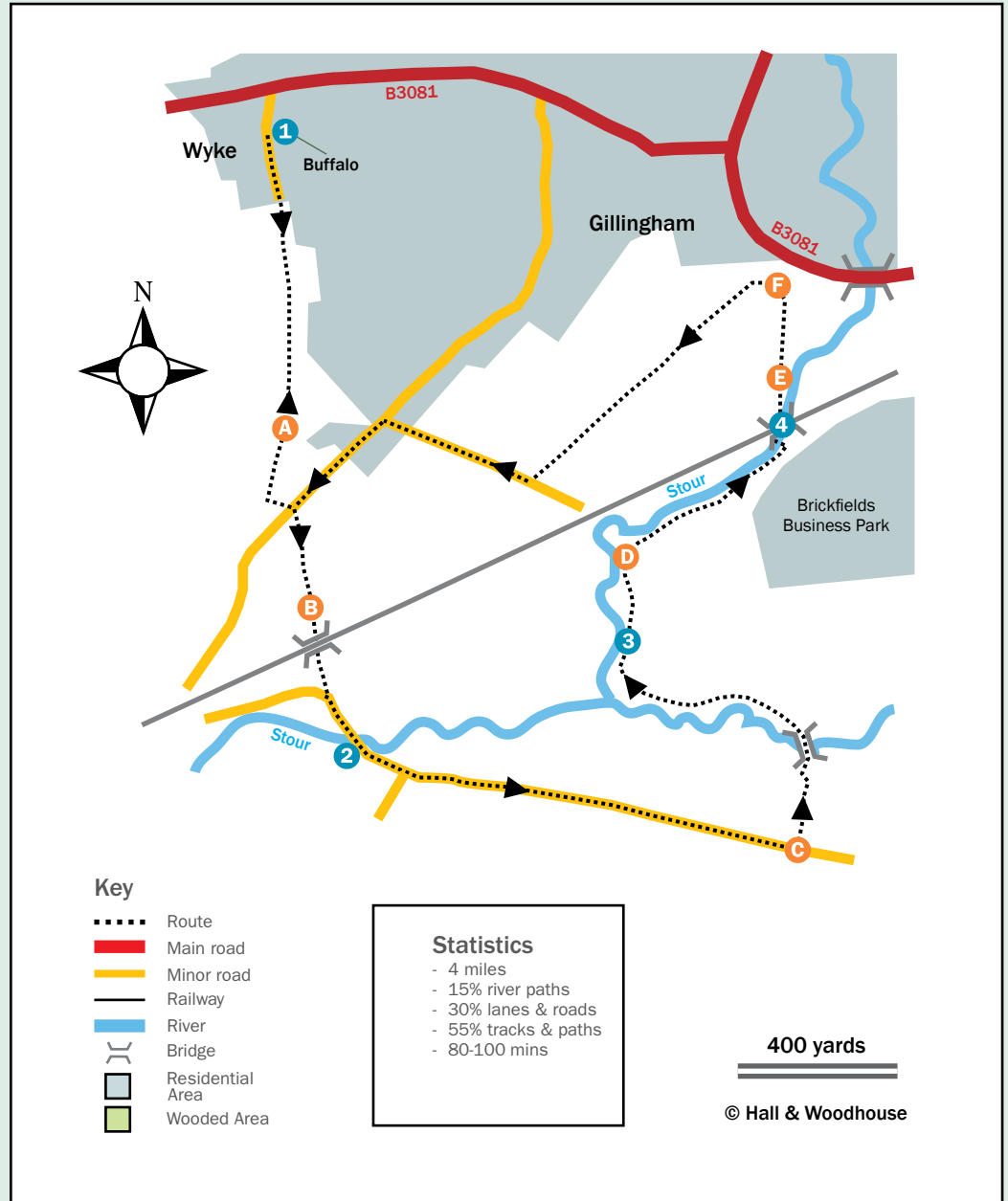


"A level walk through lanes and fields of the Stour valley. Enjoyable riverside sections, a fine mill house and good birdlife make this an enjoyable ramble."

3.5 miles

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1 From the pub, turn left, follow lane for 150 yards and walk ahead on path between houses. Pass through metal gate and continue aiming to right of house 400 yards ahead.

Pass through gap in hedge and walk ahead to left of telephone pole. Continue line ahead (see assist) and 80 yards on, pass through 2 metal gates. Follow path for 100 yards, pass through metal gate and turn left on to lane. After 60 yards, cross over at T junction, cross stile and head downhill keeping to left edge of field.

After 60 yards, cross stile, continue for 100 yards and cross another stile. Head on path at 1 o'clock aiming for small rail bridge (see assist). Pass through tunnel and bear right. Walk through gap in hedge, bear left and walk 40 yards down to lane.

Pass through metal gate and turn left on to lane. After 130 yards, cross bridge and pass Ecccliffe Mill. Follow lane gently uphill and 800 yards on, turn left just past large

C house (see assist). Follow narrow path for 120 yards, cross stile, and bear right over stream. 50 yards on, pass through metal gate and turn left. Walk for 60 yards and cross two stiles (1st may be wobbly).

Continue ahead for 600 yards on winding path round left edge of field

3 with river to left. As river meanders left, bear right and follow left edge round (see assist). 150 yards on, river re-appears to left. 300 yards ahead, bear left past marker, over foot bridge and 2 stiles. Follow grass path for 120 yards, bear left and cross bridge over Stour.

4 Turn right, walk under rail bridge ahead. Path kinks left then right. Aim for new houses at 11 o'clock to left of distant church tower (see assist). 150 yards on, bear left on to track and pass through hedge 80 yards ahead

F (see assist). Walk for 30 yards and bear left on to path across field for 300 yards. Pass through metal gate into next field.

Follow path at 1 o'clock

for 120 yards aiming for gap in hedge. Pass through and continue on same line gently uphill passing to left of telegraph pole. Pass through metal gate in hedge and bear left. 50 yards ahead, pass through metal kissing gate and turn right on to lane.

Follow gently uphill for 400 yards and turn left at T junction. Walk past nursing home to right and, 250 yards on, turn right at garden centre sign. 60 yards ahead, turn right through metal gate.

Retrace your steps across fields back to the pub for some well deserved hospitality.

