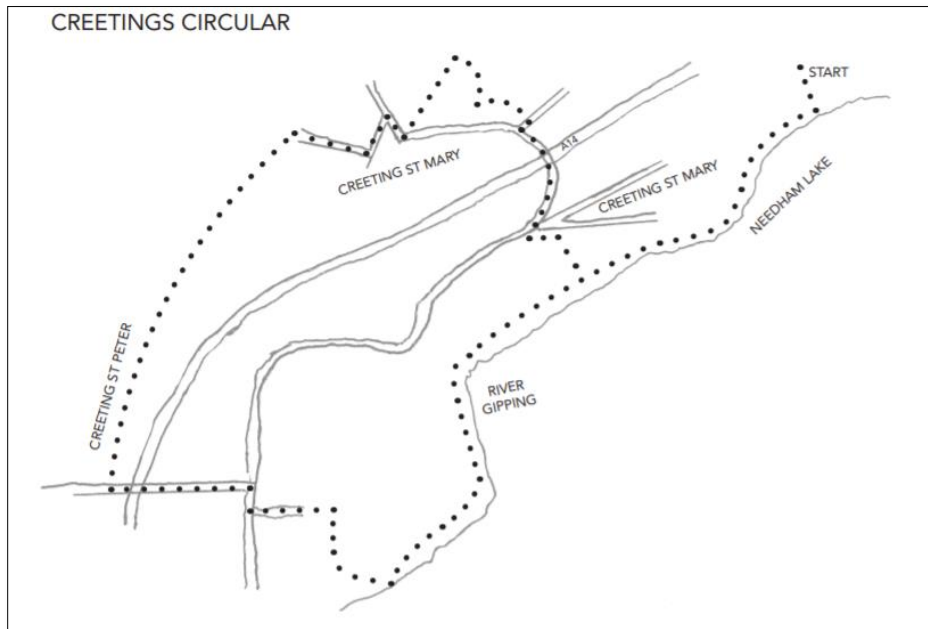


Creetings Circular – 7.5 miles by Derek Magnall



Leaving Needham Lake Information Centre head towards the footbridge and turn right onto the path (do not cross the footbridge) with River Gipping on your left. Path keeps close to the river (ignore any paths going off to the right). Ignore bridge and path joining from the left, continue straight ahead keeping the River Gipping on your left.

Fork left to take dirt path passing under road bridge. Continue along path, River Gipping on your left, over footbridge and passing Hawks Mill Lock. Continue straight ahead over second footbridge.

On reaching footpath post turn right across field. Pass through trees, over footbridge and along path with houses on both sides. Path leads on to minor road. Turn left and at T junction cross road and turn right onto footpath. Continue along footpath and bear left into All Saints Road, climbing steadily across road bridge over A14.

Turn Right down minor road, signed to Creeting Hills with two houses on your left. Turn left on footpath passing through a gate. Continue across field straight down and over footbridge, then winding round. On reaching track and footpath sign turn left. Continue with hedges on your left, then passing houses both sides. On reaching the road cross carefully and turn right. Take the first turning on your left. At T junction at the bottom turn right, continue along minor road until footpath sign on left.

Turn left down enclosed path, over footbridge (River Jordon) and along boardwalk. Continue along path to minor road. Turn right, and after ~ 60m turn left at footpath sign with hedges on your right. At the top follow footpath through the hedges, turn left over ditch and continue with hedges and ditch on your left. Path then continues on same line of travel across the field towards the village of Creeting St Peter.

Keep hedge on right, then pass through gap. Continue up track with hedge now on the left to the road (The Lane). Houses on both sides to T Junction. Turn left and continue along road across A14 road bridge. Continue along road passing Hill House on your right. At T Junction turn right, then continue along road taking the first turning on the left, leading to Creeting Hall Farm.

Continue along hard surfaced road till you meet footpath post. Turn right, along path towards trees, keeping trees on your right. At the bottom bear right, hedges on your left, immediately turn left over footbridge and stile through the hedges. Follow the path bearing left over the field towards a gate. Continue across the field to another gate. On reaching the River Gipping turn left. Keeping the River Gipping on your right, continuing for about 2 miles over stiles and footbridges passing Hawks Mill Lock then under road bridge. Eventually you will return to the picnic area and Visitor Centre.