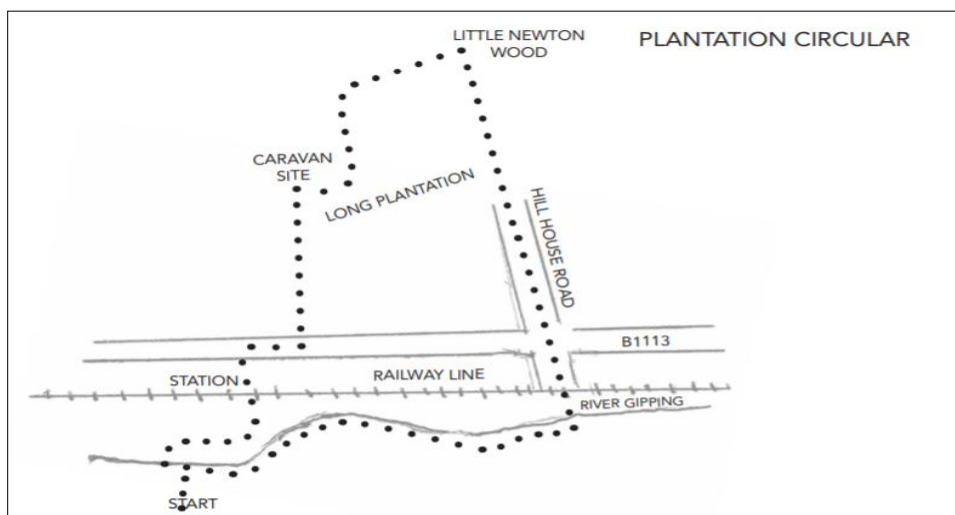


Long Plantation Circular, Needham Market- 4 miles by Derek Magnall



Leave Needham Lake Information Centre and turn right along river path, River Gipping on your left, keeping close to the river. Ignore any paths going off to the right and the bridge and path joining from the left. Continue straight ahead River Gipping on your left. Take dirt path passing under road bridge, continue along path over footbridge passing Hawks Mill Lock. Continue straight ahead crossing over second footbridge.

Continue along path, river on your left until you meet footbridge crossing the River Gipping. Turn left over the footbridge, continue straight ahead passing Ravens Farm on your left. Continue along wide track. Continue straight ahead along narrow path to the left. Cross railway line carefully. Continue along road to main road B1113. Cross road and up Hill House Lane. Continue up passing houses on both sides. Continue straight ahead along wide concrete track, hedges on your left. Pass under pylons, hedges now both sides.

On reaching the end of the hedge turn left at footpath post opposite **Little Newton Wood**. Continue along the grass track, hedges on your left. Continue straight ahead, passing through hedge. Turn left through the passage fenced on both sides into caravan site. Continue through caravan site on the minor road to the bottom of the hill.

As the minor road starts climbing, turn right at the footpath sign. Continue crossing field to far right corner to hedges. Turn left and continue along enclosed path to meet road. Cross road and continue down The Causeway. Continue to main road, B1113. Turn right and cross at the pedestrian crossing. Turn right and continue to Station Yard.

Turn left in Station Yard, keeping to the left to return to the Cattle Tunnel. Pass through the tunnel and turn right. Bear left along the grass track and left again along the path circling Needham Lake and Nature Reserve. Continue along the path till you see the footbridge. Turn left over the footbridge back to the Information Centre.



Needham Market Cattle Tunnel