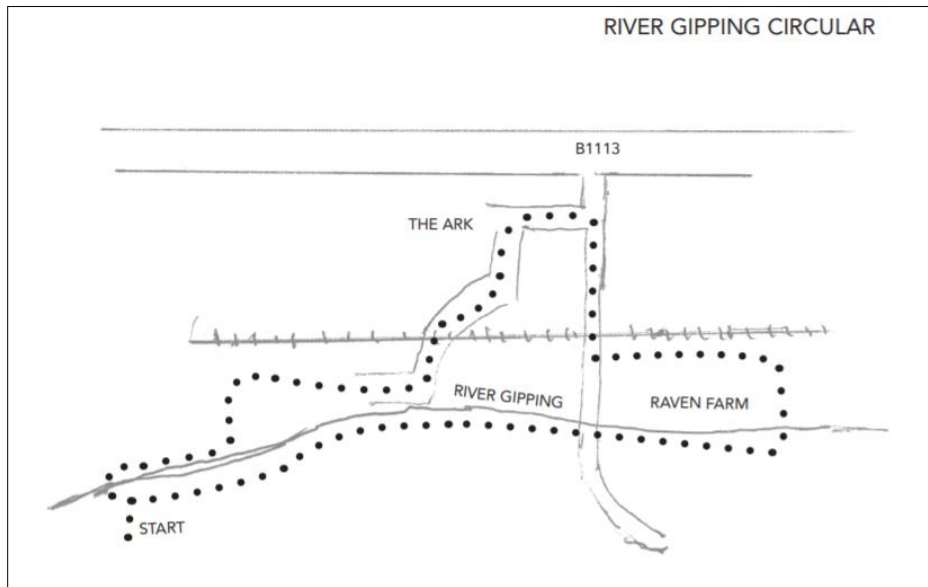


River Gipping Circular, Needham Market – 2.5 miles by Derek Magnall



Leave Needham Lake Information Centre. Turn Right along the path keeping the River Gipping on your left. Path keeps close to the river. Ignore any paths going off to the right and bridge and path joining to the left. Continue straight ahead with River Gipping on your left, At fork take dirt path on the left passing under the road bridge.

Continue along path over footbridge passing Hawks Mill Lock continue and ahead crossing another footbridge. Continue along the path keeping the river on your left until you meet a bridge crossing the River Gipping. Turn left over the bridge, continue straight ahead passing Ravens Farm on your left. Continue along the wide track. Turn Left through gate, continue along wide track trees on your right. Pass through another gate and then Hawkes Mill Barn on your left until you meet the road. Turn right and continue along the road passing under the railway bridge. Before the main road turn left at the Ancient House dated 1480. Turn left again at the Ark, follow the road bearing right into King William Street dropping down. Turn left under the railway bridge and follow the road round with houses on both sides and the railway on your right. Continue into the camping land, bearing right and passing the Cattle Tunnel and railway station on your 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.



Mushroom sculptures at Needham Lake Nature Reserve