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Start point	Great Hockham Picnic Site • Grid Reference TL938919
Parking	Free car parking
Distance	1.2 and 2.3 miles
Details	Flat, 100% soft surface 

Walk 6 instructions

(Green route, 1.2 miles)

1. With your back to the main road, leave the car parking area to the left down a wide compact track following the green marker posts (first post is a combination of green and yellow)
2. Turn right at the next green post, following this track until you exit to the road. Turn left following the grassy path at the side of the road.
3. Turn right at the next green post, crossing the road to follow the path. When you come to a junction of paths, turn right following the combined green and yellow posts.
4. Exit the path to the road, turning left and following the path down the right hand side of the road. Follow this path round to the right and continue until you reach the Hockham Picnic Site area.

Roman road

Peddars Way, the Roman road connecting the heart of East Anglia to the North Norfolk Coast is also close by. Visit the website for more information about the Peddars Way (www.nationaltrail.co.uk/peddarsway). Also visit the Norfolk County Council Countryside Access website for information on Norfolk's long distance paths and other walks (www.countrysideaccess.norfolk.gov.uk).

Did you know?

- The woods are rich in insect and birdlife. In summer, look out for dragonflies of which there are over 12 species including the appropriately named Scarce Emerald.
- There are a variety of Habitat Action Plans for different woodland habitats in Norfolk. Visit the Norfolk Biodiversity website for more information (www.norfolkbiodiversity.org)
- Nearby Cranberry Rough is also important for wildlife.

Walk 7 instructions

(Yellow route, 2.3 miles)

1. With your back to the main road, leave the car parking area to the left down a wide compact path following the yellow way marker posts (first post is a combination of green and yellow).
2. The path bends round to the right. When you exit to the road, turn right following the path down the right hand side of the road.
3. A short distance down this road, cross to the post on the other side and follow the path left off the road. At the end, you join another main path, keep walking straight on.
4. When you reach a big clearing, turn left through a gate. Keep following the yellow posts.
5. At the next junction, turn immediately right. Go through the gate and follow the path straight on.
6. At the cross paths, walk straight on, rejoining the combined green and yellow routes. At the next post, exit on to the road again, cross and turn left along the path. Follow this path as it bends right through the woods.
7. Exit back to the Hockham picnic site car park.



Two peaceful, easy and flat routes around the woods at Great Hockham, following either the green or yellow way marked trails.

▼ Pingos

The landscape here is interesting as it consists of many hummocks and damp hollows known as 'pingos'. The Great Eastern Pingo Trail is very close by and makes for an enjoyable long walk (approximately 8 miles).

The word 'pingo' is an Inuit term for a domed, perennial ice-cored mound of earth. Pingos developed during the ice age in permafrost regions (ie areas with permanently frozen ground). Water flowing to the ground surface, in the form of a spring for example, gradually froze beneath the overlying material. During the summer, some melting would take place of the topmost layer causing material to slide off and settle around the mound. At the end of the ice age, full melting led to the complete collapse of the dome, leaving a shallow crater as displaced material was still positioned around its edge. These features now tend to take the form of shallow ponds supporting an excellent variety of plants and invertebrates including an unusually high number of rare aquatic beetles.

Look out for...

- Deer
- Rabbits
- Butterflies such as brimstone around the edges of the woodland most of the year and comma between April and September
- Dragonflies
- A variety of tree species

• Brimstone

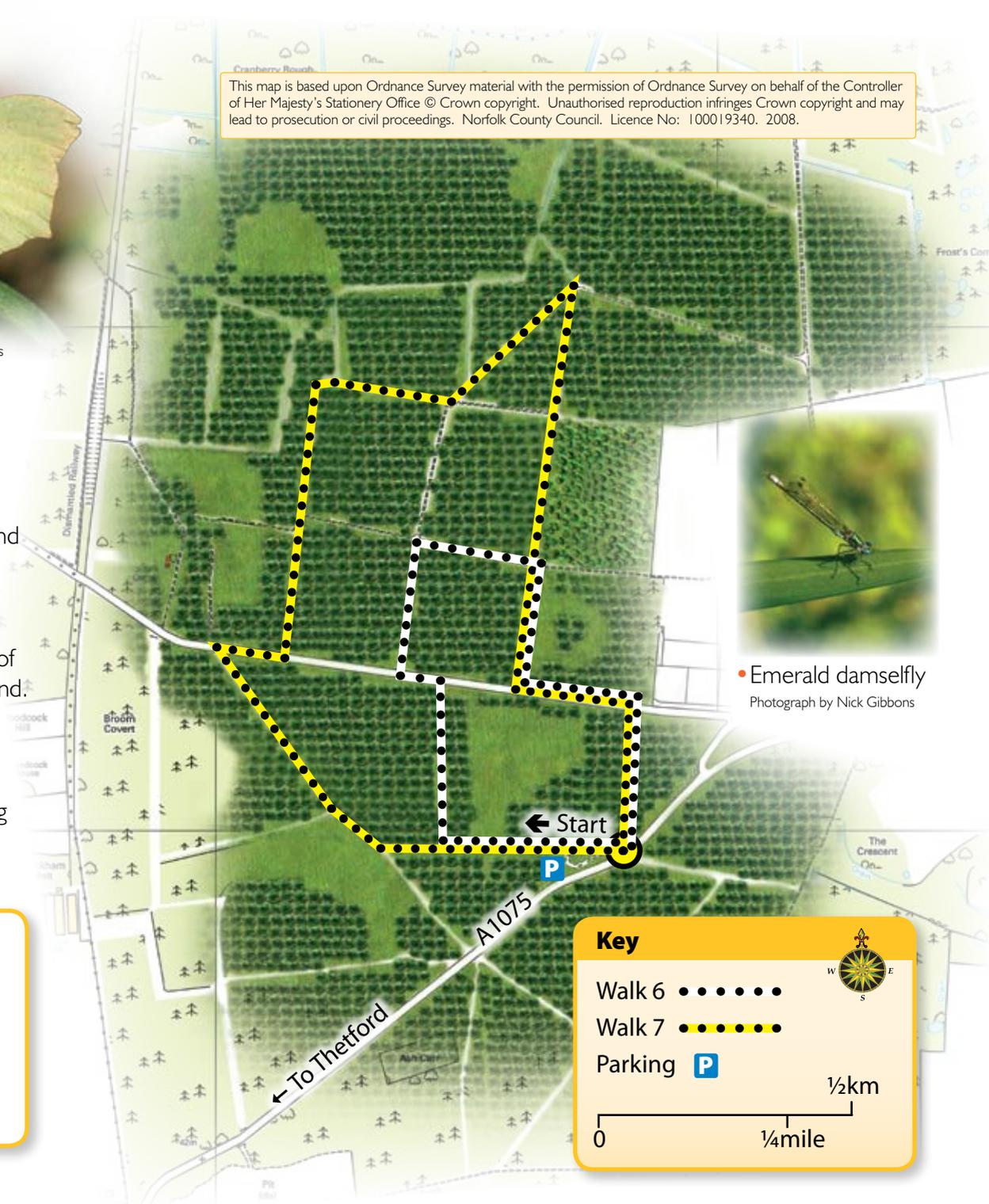
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• Emerald damselfly

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Parking P

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