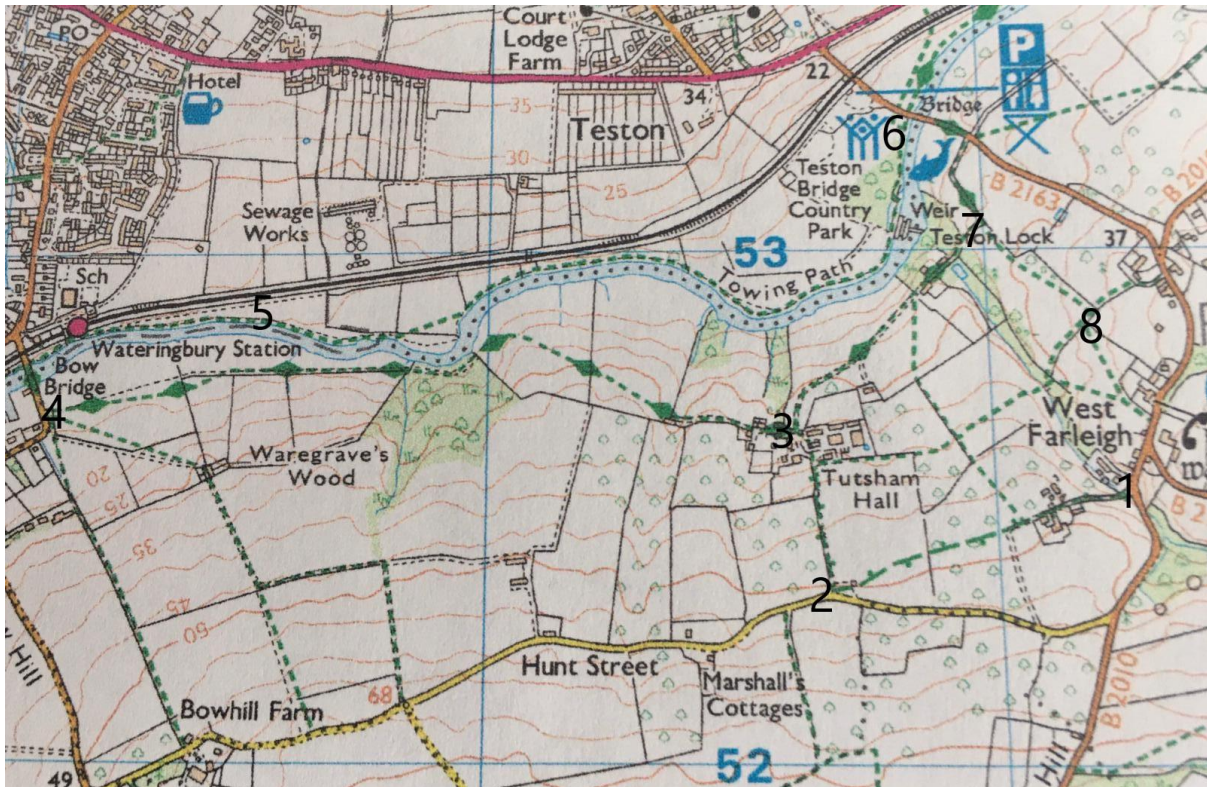


Wateringbury Loop

3 miles



1. Start at the Bench next to the Tickled Trout public house.
2. Walk down the hill (Yalding direction) and at the bend by Vale House, take the slip road up hill past 5 houses grouped together. At the top there is a gate which you need to pass through, and head straight across the field to a stile in the hedge row that brings you into a private car park.
3. On the same side of the road, take the private road that leads down hill towards Tutsham Hall in the direction of the River Medway.
4. Follow the road round to the left (do not cross the cattle grid, this is another footpath) - It now becomes the Medway Valley Walk. Continue further down hill, through a small woodland, all the way to the bottom of Hunt Street and Wateringbury bridge. *This could be a good place for a drink or snack at the Ramblers Rest café in the boat yard. (younger visitors may appreciate the crane that looks very much like Cranky in Thomas the Tank Engine!)*
5. Cross over the bridge and return along the tow path towards Teston Bridge Country Park. There are quite a few paths in this section but they all lead to the same point.
6. There is a stile out of the country park next to Teston Bridge. Use this and cross over the bridge in the direction of West Farleigh.
7. Take the first road on your right – Mill Lane. Follow it round to a bend with a vehicle access gate and the footpath (before any houses).
8. Continue in a straight line up hill all the way back to the bench. You will have a fine view of Smiths Hall in front of you.