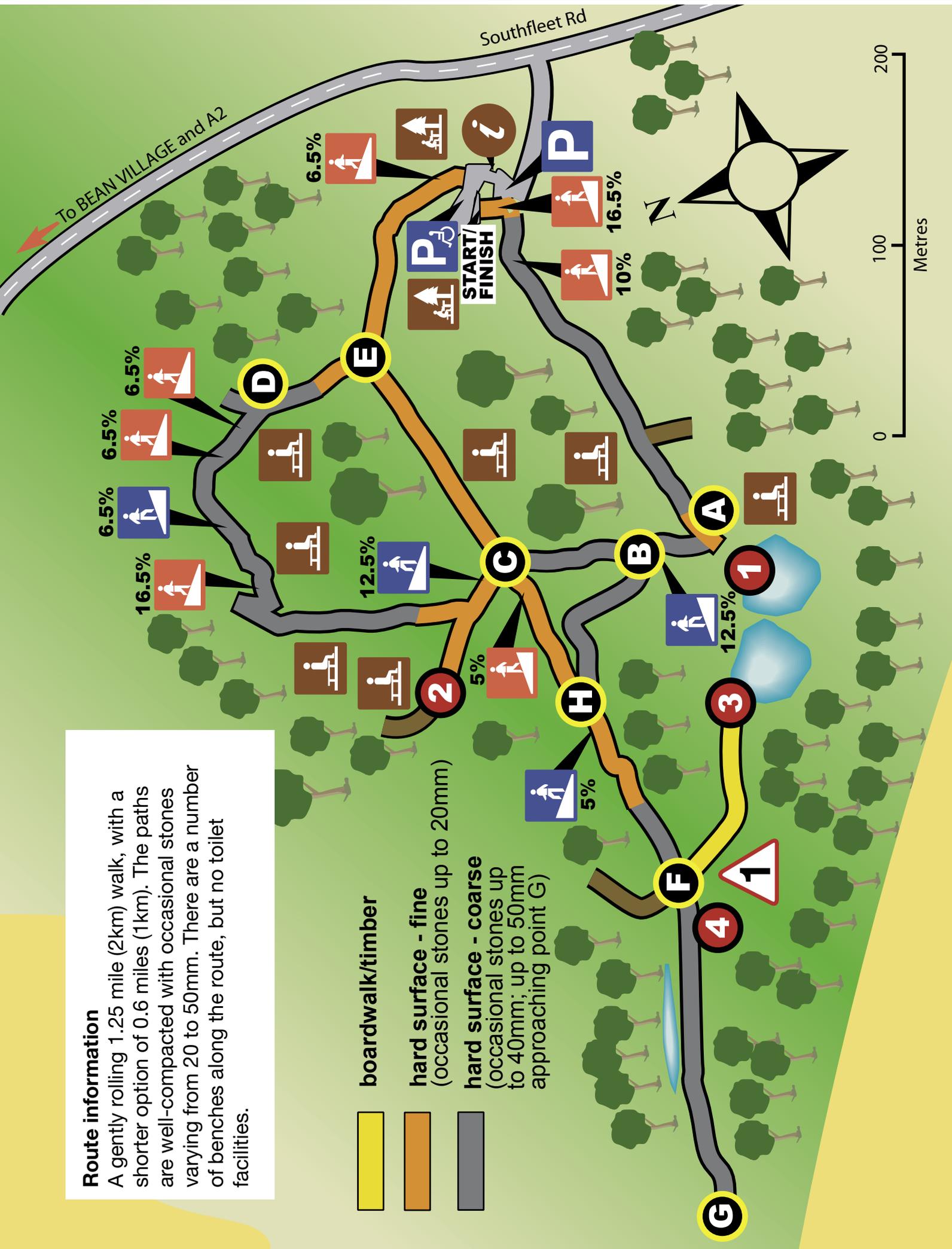


Route information

A gently rolling 1.25 mile (2km) walk, with a shorter option of 0.6 miles (1km). The paths are well-compacted with occasional stones varying from 20 to 50mm. There are a number of benches along the route, but no toilet facilities.

-  boardwalk/timber
-  hard surface - fine (occasional stones up to 20mm)
-  hard surface - coarse (occasional stones up to 40mm; up to 50mm approaching point G)



How to get to Beacon Wood Country Park

Bus: K14/15 (Bluewater/Longfield/Southfleet) Mon-Sat: hourly; Sun: 4 journeys.

414/415 (Bean/Dartford/Eynsford) Mon-Sat: hourly

Road: From A2 take B225 (Southfleet Road) through Bean village. Turn right into the access road to the car park (height restriction barrier - 2.3m)

Road map: www.streetmap.co.uk - 559250,171700

Route description

START With your back to the disabled parking bays in the designated parking area and facing the entrance, you will see a yellow marker indicating a path in the far right hand corner of the car park. Follow the main path bearing to the right through the woodland.

- A** Turn right at the junction, follow the path and take the first turning on the right.
- B** Continue ahead to reach the crossroads
- C** Continue ahead, bearing to the left to reach point 2. Retrace your steps, take the first left and continue ahead to the next junction (D)
- D** Turn right following the path ahead to the next junction
- E** If you wish to return to the car park, bear left towards the picnic area. Otherwise, turn right and follow straight ahead for 150m
- F** At the junction after the sunken timber boards, you may turn left and follow a wooden boardwalk to reach a viewing area over another pond (point 3). Otherwise, continue ahead for another 100m to reach the end of the path at G



- G** Retrace your steps, passing the junction at F until you reach a second junction (H).
- H** Turn right and follow this path ahead to B then retrace your steps back to the car park **FINISH**

Points of interest

- 1** High viewpoint over wildlife pond with bench.
- 2** Viewpoint overlooking a naturally regenerating birch woodland. Over the next 100 years, this area will develop into a mature broadleaf woodland. In the distance you will be able to see Lords and Ladies Woods which are Sites of Special Scientific Interest.
- 3** Boardwalk viewing area across wildlife pond. Here you will be able to see a host of freshwater invertebrates swimming around during the summer and an array of dragonflies and damselflies.
- 4** Example of a clay hopper used from the early 1920s until 1960, to extract clay from the site.



Rest area



Car park
3 designated spaces



Car park
Open parking



Information



Uphill gradient



Downhill gradient



Picnic area



Hazard Slippery boardwalk, no handrails

Additional information - The park opens at 8.30am. Dogs must be kept on a lead in the car park. For any further information about the park please call 01322 287727