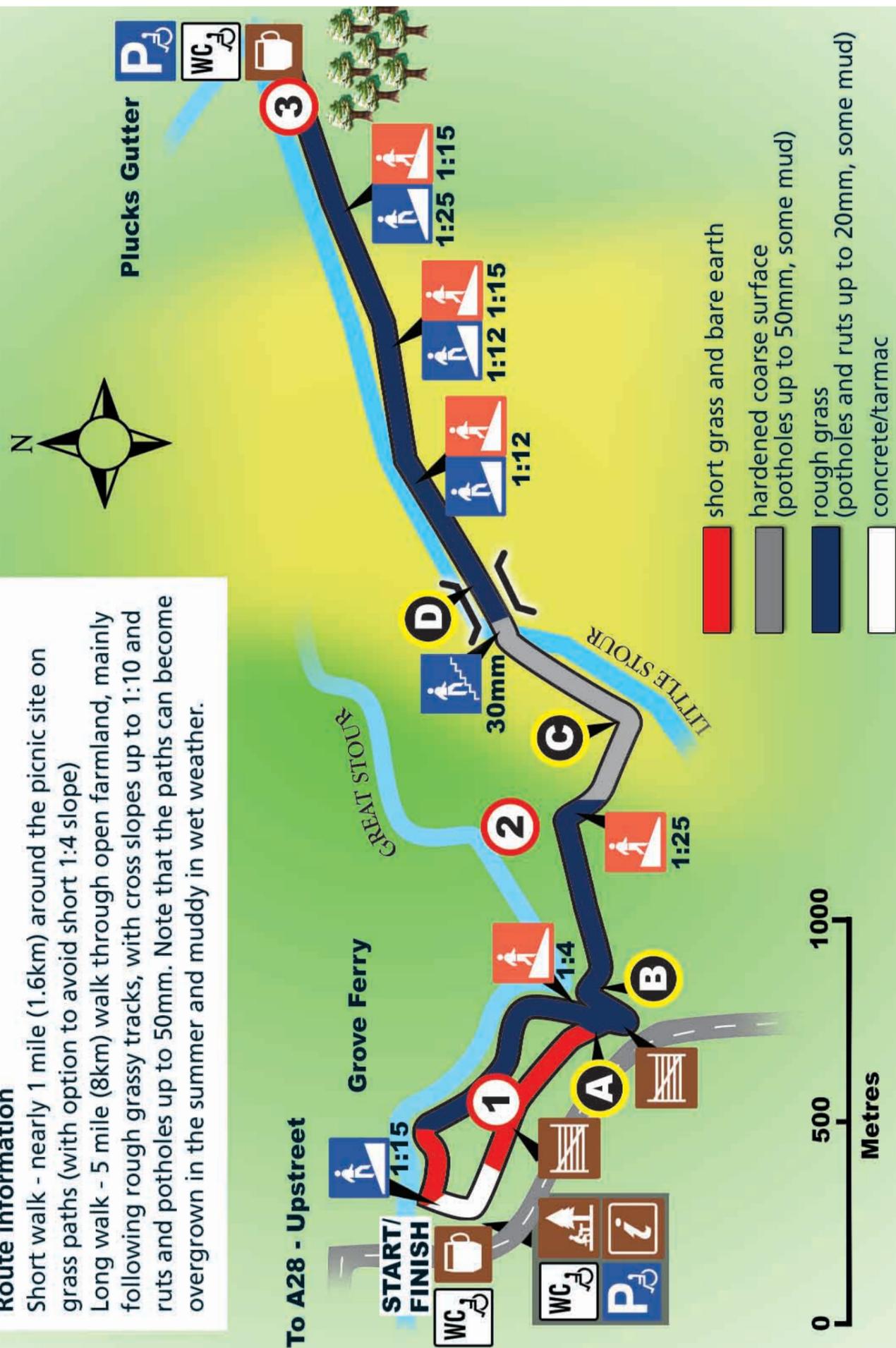


4. Grove Ferry to Plucks Gutter

Route information

Short walk - nearly 1 mile (1.6km) around the picnic site on grass paths (with option to avoid short 1:4 slope)
 Long walk - 5 mile (8km) walk through open farmland, mainly following rough grassy tracks, with cross slopes up to 1:10 and ruts and potholes up to 50mm. Note that the paths can become overgrown in the summer and muddy in wet weather.



How to get to Grove Ferry

Bus: 8 (Canterbury to Margate) Mon-Sat: every 30 mins, Sunday: hourly

Road: From A28 in Upstreet, take road signposted 'Grove Ferry.'

After level crossing, turn left into Grove Ferry picnic site car park.

Download free map from: www.streetmap.co.uk - type "Grove Ferry"

Route description

START at the picnic site car park.

Option 1 Take the tarmac path opposite the toilet block and follow the path with the river to your left eventually descending a short, steep slope.

Option 2 (avoiding steep slope)

Head for the gate at the far end of the car park and follow the grass path to the end of the picnic site.

- A** From here you can return to the car park or continue ahead through the gate.
- B** Turn left passing through the motorcycle barrier and follow the Saxon Shore Way and Stour Valley Walk signs. After a short distance, turn right to take the path following the right hand side of the field - **do not** follow the river. Continue to follow the signs.
- C** Turn left, **ignore** the narrow bridge and continue until you reach the pumping house.
- D** Turn right over the bridge then **immediately left**, keeping the Little Stour river to your left. Continue along this footpath for

another 1.25 miles (2km) until you reach the Dog and Duck pub at Plucks Gutter. (Concrete access under bridge).

Points of interest

This walk has been developed particularly for off-road electric scooter users.

It is possible to continue the walk along the Saxon Shore Way for another 7 miles from Plucks Gutter, all the way to Sandwich. An annual organised walk of this route is co-ordinated by the Disabled Ramblers.

If you are interested in finding out more about these kinds of adventurous walking opportunities, please contact the Disabled Ramblers on 01628 621414

- 1** The picnic site was once used to grow Canterbury lavender, which was processed at a distillery located next to the Inn.
- 2** The surrounding marshlands were once under the waters of the Wantsum Channel.
- 3** At Plucks Gutter, the Little Stour rejoins the Great Stour, eventually reaching the sea at Sandwich.

	Information		Picnic area		Gate		Pub		Car park Open parking. Tarmac or grass
	Uphill gradient (see walk 3)		Downhill gradient (see walk 3)		Adapted toilets At Grove Ferry car park (RADAR key), or Grove Ferry Inn. In car park at Dog & Duck.		Footbridge		
	Step 30mm step to bridge								

Please note - For any other information about Grove Ferry picnic site please call **01303 266327**. For information about the longer walk to Plucks Gutter please call the Public Rights of Way team on **01304 216307**.