

Gilwell Park Scout Campsite Hike Routes



12 Mile Hike

Gilwell - Lea Valley Hayes Hill Farm - Gilwell

Notes to Leaders

1. Easy to follow. No Hills (almost) Birds and Waterfowl. Picnic Places. Route easily shortened by turning back at Waltham Abbey or by taking transport there and doing the Hayes Hill section.
2. The route uses canal towpaths up the Lea Valley, roads around Waltham Abbey and footpaths to Hayes Hill Farm (which is on show to the public for an entrance fee) Much of the route is in the Lea Valley Park.
3. A compass and map help (O.S 166, or O.S. Explorer sheet 174 or green covered map of Epping Forest sold in the providore or Bargain Books, Station Road Chingford.) Knowing how to use O.S. grid references helps too.
4. Bus Route 505 runs from Waltham Abbey to Walthamstow passing the main drive at Gilwell Park. This is an hourly service Monday to Saturday. Timetable from the Camps Site Office.
5. In emergency phone Gilwell on 020 8498 5410

The Route

Grid Ref

388968 Gate at North end of Branchet Field onto Bury Road. Turn Left a few metres along the road turn right at footpath sign to stile. Follow path signed 'London Loop' over stiles towards Netherhouse Farm down to Stewardstone Road. Turn right (North) towards Waltham Abbey. A short way after 'Freddies' pub turn left along

383979 Godwin Close leading to a Lea Valley Park sign, then by track and path to side of canal. Cross the bridge, then continue over two more bridges to a road. Follow is briefly to the Rifles, another pub. Then take the

Towpath on the West side of a nearby canal to

375006 The Old English Gentleman. Yet another public house. Turn right (East) along road to Waltham Abbey (ancient abbey, see the stone behind it where King Harold was buried, also cafes, shops and take aways. From Abbey West door take the footpath (North) through the grounds then by tunnel under the road. Turn right over

382009 The Cornmill Stream to a standing stone, then left up a grass path going due North on the Greenwich Meridian to another stone. Go left to a high wire fence and follow the path along the edge of a field, then by a hedge to a lane at

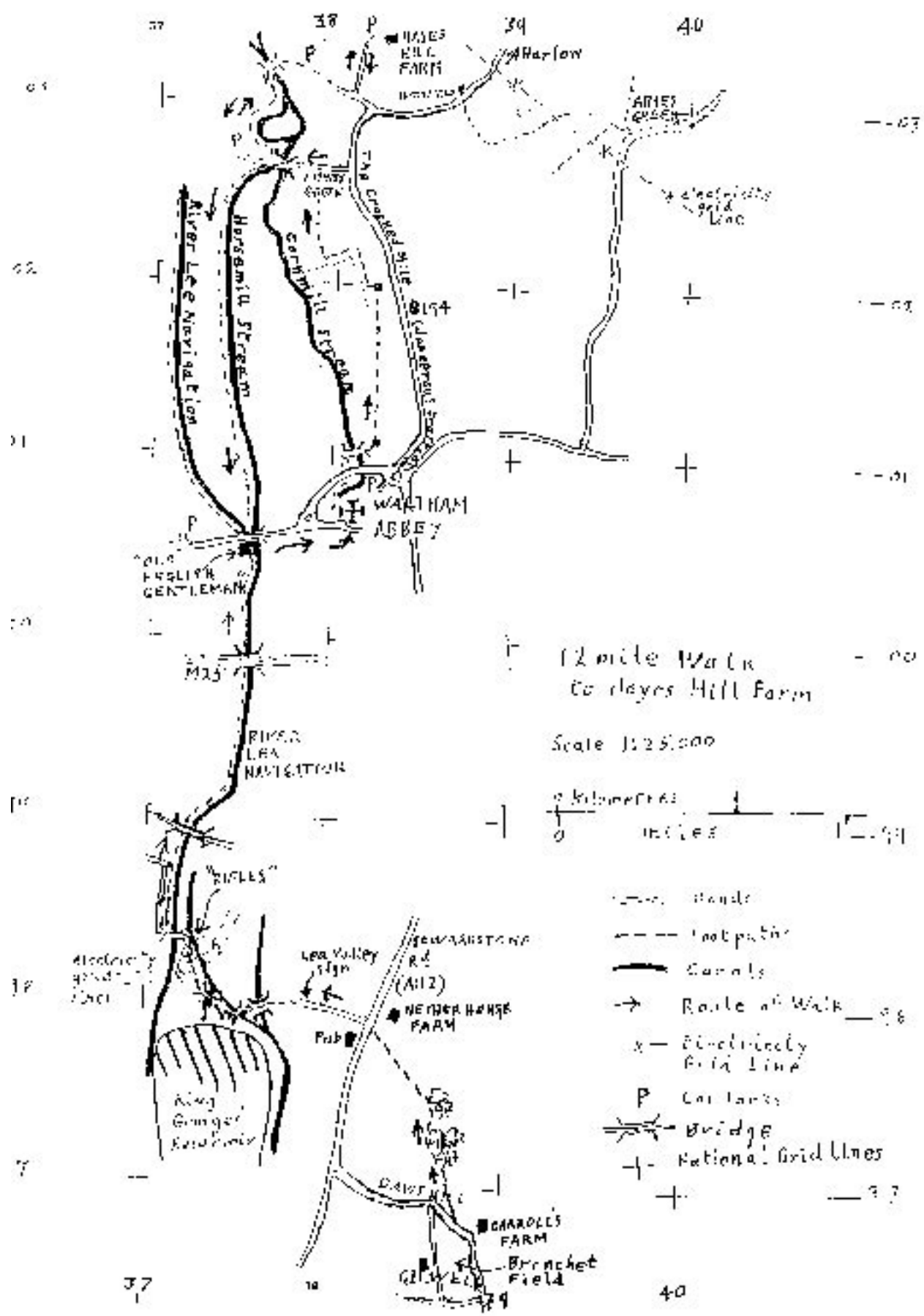
378026 Fishers Green. Turn left in the lane across a stream to a car park, then right over a footbridge. Across the bridge follow the signs 'Lee Valley Park Farms' to

383040 Hayes Hill Farm. Return as you came to

378026 Fishers Green. Go along the West bank of the Horsemill Stream (much used by fishermen) to

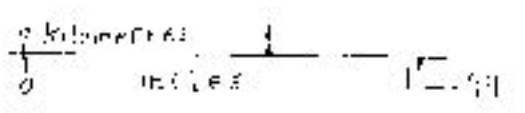
375007 The Old English Gentleman. Return to Gilwell by any route you like, hoping someone has a cup of tea ready for you.

Sketch map provided.



12 mile Walk
to Hayes Hill Farm

Scale 1:25,000



- Roads
- - - Footpaths
- Canals
- Route of Walk
- x Electrically Grid Line
- P Car lanes
- Bridge
- + National Grid Lines