

Points of interest

St Nicholas' Church

The church of St Nicholas has a fine Norman door on the north side of the nave. The splendid tower was built in the 14th century. The Dean and Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral in London are the lords of Tillingham manor, and they still own farms in the area. Some of the 19th century weatherboarded cottages on the green were built by the Dean of St Paul's.



Cap & Feathers pub

The Cap & Feathers was the site of a hostelry as far back as the 12th century when it was a pilgrims' lodging house. The current building dates back to the 15th century when it became the village inn. It is the only pub in the country with that name. In 1989, it won CAMRA's National Pub of the Year award. It serves at least one locally brewed real ale.

Fox and Hounds pub

The Fox and Hounds, situated on Tillingham's village green, was built in the early 19th century. The current landlord has been running the pub for almost 25 years; however, he has some way to go to beat the record of the Thurgood family, who ran the village pub from 1890 until the late 1930s! The pub serves home-cooked food and locally brewed ales.



St Peter's Way

The St Peter's Way is a long-distance footpath (45 miles in length) which meanders through the countryside of Essex past Tillingham's village green. It starts in Chipping Ongar and finishes at the ancient chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall, Bradwell-on-Sea, which was built by St Cedd, and has been a place of pilgrimage for over a millennium.

Refreshments

Cap & Feathers	01621 779212	@capandfeathers
Fox and Hounds	01621 779416	grayandsons.co.uk
Kings Head, Bradwell-on-Sea	01621 776224	@kingsheadbradwell-on-sea

More locations available at visitmaldondistrict.co.uk/food-and-drink

TILLINGHAM VILLAGE & FIELDS

Short Walk

This gentle walk lets you explore Tillingham, with its pretty village green, and the wide-open expanses of the surrounding Dengie farmland



Mostly pavements and surfaced tracks. Some field paths, which can be muddy. No stiles or steps



1 hr 5 mins to 1 hr 20 mins



2.73 miles



Explore the fields and countryside of Tillingham

How to get here



West Field car park, off North Street, Tillingham CM0 7TP



Bus D4 (Burnham to Bradwell) no Sunday service, must pre-book on 01621 874410



Explorer 176



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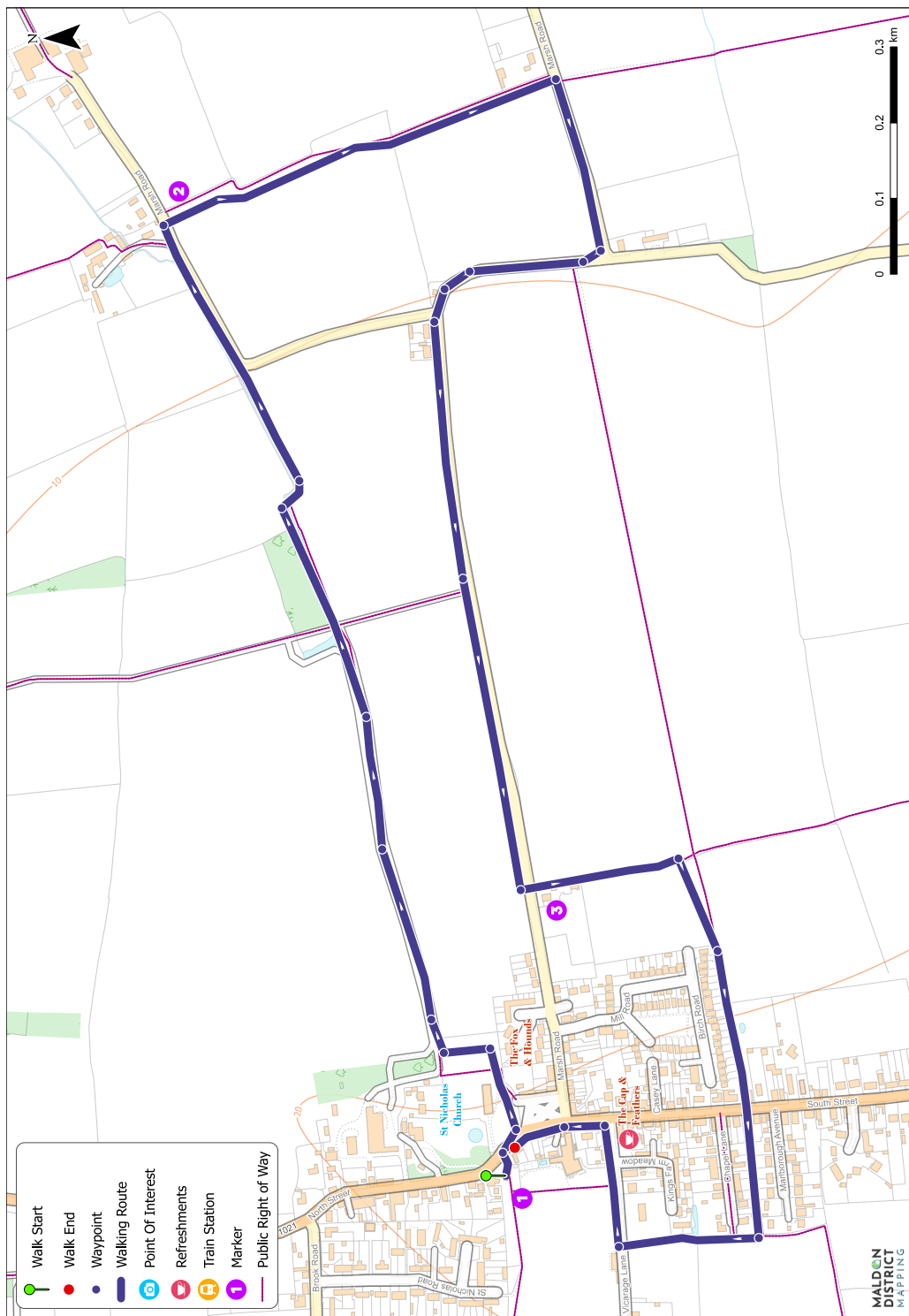
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Route

1. Leave the West Field car park and turn right onto North Street. In 30 yards, cross over the road onto the **village green** in front of **St Nicholas' Church**. Go through the church gate and take the path which goes off to the right, away from the main path up to the church. This is signposted as the **St Peter's Way** long-distance footpath (with its distinctive red signs). Follow the footpath through the churchyard as it makes a left turn behind the church, to reach a **kissing gate**. Go through this and turn right to stay on St Peter's Way. The path soon follows the left-hand edge of a large field. Continue ahead on this path for just over half a mile, until you reach Dots and Melons Road. Go ahead on this road in the same easterly direction, passing the house named The Cottage.
2. Almost opposite this house, you will see a footpath signpost. Turn right onto this field-edge path, which bends right after 350 yards. Then 30 yards after this turn, turn left to cross a **footbridge** to follow the fenced footpath. In 250 yards you will reach Marsh Road (with Leggatts Cottage on your left). Turn right and walk along the road for 275 yards to reach a T-junction. Turn right to continue walking along Marsh Road, ignoring the footpath off to the left. Follow this country lane for just over half a mile, passing the junction with Dots and Melons Road shortly after the sharp left-hand bend.
3. Turn left onto the field-edge footpath in front of the high conifer hedge (just before the first house on the left). In 250 yards, you will reach a crossroad of footpaths. Turn right here, taking the cross-field path. On reaching the garden fencing on the right, continue ahead in the same westerly direction. The path soon becomes enclosed with fences on both sides. On reaching South Street, cross over and take the enclosed footpath opposite. In 175 yards, turn right at the T-junction of paths to follow the right-hand field edge. Follow this path for 200 yards until you reach Vicarage Lane. Turn right until you reach the T-junction with South Street (with the **Cap & Feathers** pub on your left). Turn left and follow the road past The Square until you reach the West Field car park entrance, where the walk started.