

## FRINGING FALKENHAM AND FELIXSTOWE

Distance: 4 miles/6.4km

**Start:** Village Sign to the left of Trimley St. Mary School on the High Road.

**Trains:** Greater Anglia Railways run a regular service from Felixstowe and Ipswich stations every hour and all stop at Trimley Station. This is about a 0.3 km from the start. Turn right out of the station and walk to the High Road, turn left, the Village sign is a few metres on your right.

**Buses and bus stop:** Felixstowe Flyer buses numbers 75 and 77 from Felixstowe and Ipswich stop at the top of Station Road. There is a bus stop very close to the school.

**Eateries:** Gulliver's Fish and Chips, High Road. The Mariners pub, High Road.

This is a fairly long, circular route mainly on the level. However we suggest you only do this route during the months of May to October as some of the route between points ⑨ and ⑩ will be impassable after heavy rain and in the winter months. You will walk on field tracks, bridleways and pavements and a road without a pavement. You should have beautiful countryside views and go through a wood with streams and a small lake. There are short flights of steps to cross both the A14 and Candlet Road. There is a lot of road walking at the beginning and the end.

① From the **Village Sign** walk south along the High Road, passing **Trimley St. Mary School** on your left. Look out for Gulliver's Fish and Chip shop on the right hand side and opposite this, set back from the road on the left hand side of the High Road, are **Mary Dains Almshouses**. Continue along the

High Road crossing over a mini roundabout leading to Faulkeners Way. Continue along the High Road passing **Spriteshall Cottage (2, High Road, Sprites)** on the corner of **Spriteshall Lane** on your left. Go over the road bridge over the A14. Once over the bridge you are now in Walton but the road changes its name to the High Street. On the right is **Walton Hall** and just beyond is Walton Hall Drive which leads to Felixstowe School and Walton Gate estate. On the left hand side of the High Street you will come to an unusual hexagonal pink cottage called **The Roundhouse**. Now on the right look out for Tollgate Garage. To the right of this you should see a sign which says 'Bloomfields'. Look down the private track to the right of the sign and you should see **Upper Mill, Walton**, a smock mill.

② Opposite Tollgate Garage, take the footpath to your left and go across the field. At the edge of the field go down some steps and cross Candlet Road with care.

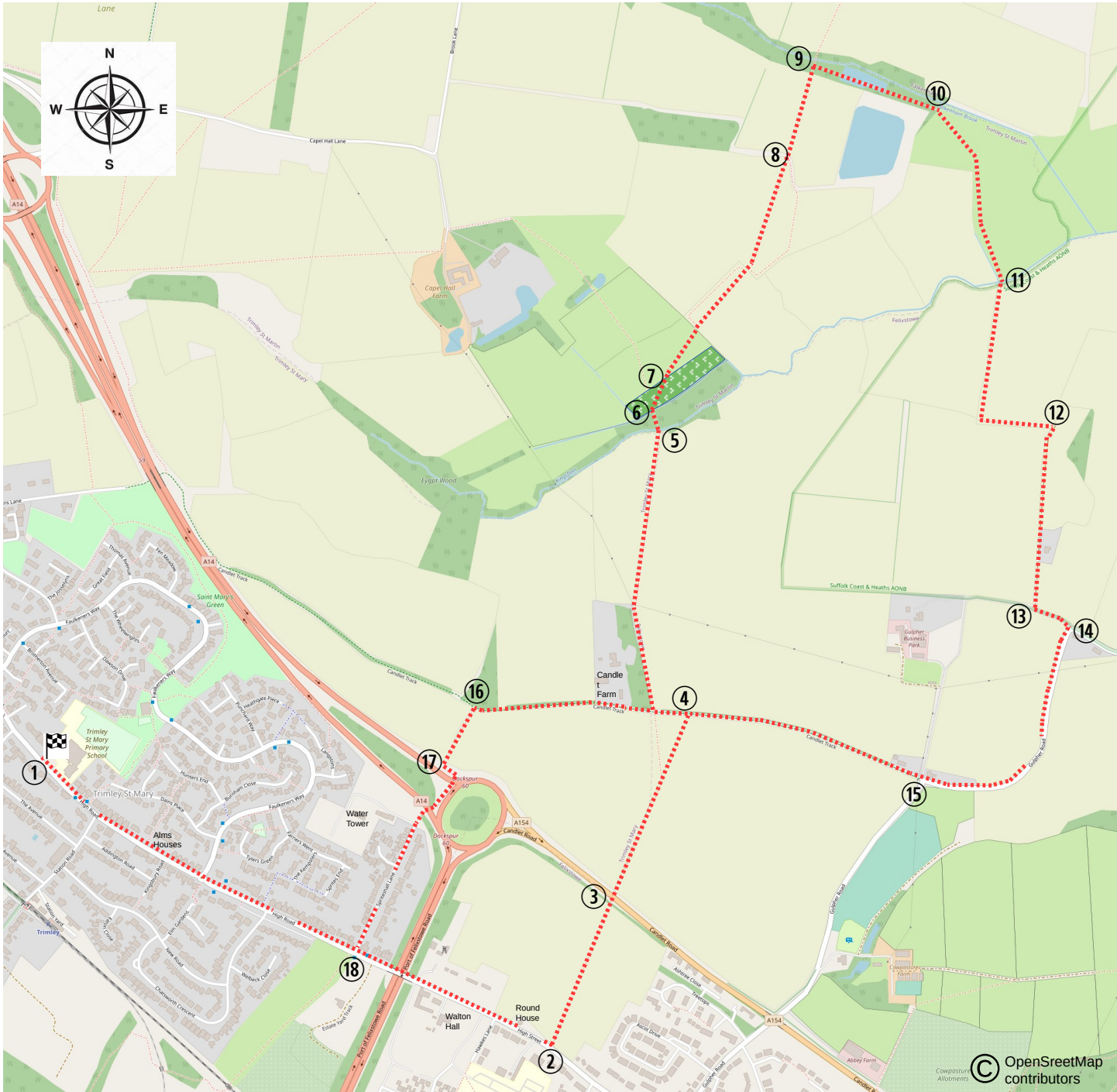
③ Go up the steps opposite and take the footpath straight in front of you. Walk across the field to Candlet Track.

④ Turn left on to this bridleway. A few metres on your right you will see a public footpath on your right. Take this path and head for the copse in front of you. **Candlet Farmhouse** is on your left. The slope goes down and straight across a field towards a wood. The wood on your left across a field is **Egypt Wood**.

⑤ When you reach the wood in front of you, follow the path straight ahead and cross a small footbridge over a stream. This is called **Kingsfleet**. Take the narrow path through the wood. Cross another bridge. After you emerge from the wood, the path forks.

- ⑥ At this point, bear 45° to the right (not straight ahead) through a plantation and head towards a wooden gate.
- ⑦ .Go through the gate at the end of the path and into a meadow. At this point head to the right towards another gate. Go through the gate and across a field. Continue following the yellow posts and walk across the next field, heading towards posts with yellow tops.
- ⑧ Cross a farm track and head down a slope towards a grove of trees known as ‘The Wilderness’.
- ⑨ As you enter the wooded area you will see a public footpath sign to your right through the trees. Take this. It may be muddy but it is worth persevering. You will pass an attractive, green sheltered lake on your left. Continue along the trail with a stream/drain to you right. Once out of the trees, continue walking until you reach a metal gate.
- ⑩ Go through the gate and follow the footpath diagonally to the finger post on the corner of the field. At the next finger post keep to the edge of the field keeping the fence on your right.
- ⑪ Go through metal gates at the corner and over a wooden bridge over **Kingsfleet**. Walk straight ahead keeping the ditch on your right. Look over to your left and you should be able to see a modern radio mast at Bawdsey. At the end of the field there is a marker post. Turn left here and walk along the field edge.
- ⑫ You will eventually get to another marker post, where you need to turn right and this will take you on to a track called Brick Kiln Track. Walk up the hill past Brick Kiln Cottages.
- ⑬ On reaching the farm track turn round and admire the beautiful views over the surrounding countryside. Turn left here. The track then joins Gulpher Road.
- ⑭ Turn right here and walk along the road. Just before the corner when the road bends to the right we think it is safer to cross the road here and walk on the grass on the left and then take a path set back from the road.
- ⑮ Where Gulpher Road bends round to the left there are some cottages and a bridleway opposite. Cross over the road and take the track which is in fact the other end of the Candlet Track. Walk along this popular bridleway. Ignore the first path to your left and carry on along past Candlet Farm. Keep walking towards the **Water Tower**.
- ⑯ When you see a line of trees to your left take the bridleway here going left. There is a sign on the righthand side of the track but it may be covered with vegetation. Take this and walk towards the water tower.
- ⑰ When you reach the A14, go down the steps and cross the roundabout and both carriageways using the pedestrian traffic light crossing. Go up the steps on the opposite side and through a wooden gate which will take you into **Spriteshall Lane**. There is a bench to sit on here. Trimley **Water Tower** is on your right but down a private drive. Walk down Spriteshall Lane, a private road until you come to the High Road.
- ⑱ Turn right here past **Spriteshall Cottage (2, High Road/Sprites)** on the corner and walk along the pavement. Continue along here until you return to the Village sign.

*N.B. The words that are emboldened can be referenced in a separate Gazetteer also found in this section of the website.*



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