

## MEADOWS AND WOODLAND WANDER

Distance 1.8 miles/3km

**Start:** Searsons Farm, Cordys Lane

**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 0.5 km from the start. Turn left out of the station and make your way to the end of the houses in Cordys Lane.

**Buses and bus stop:** Felixstowe Flyer buses numbers 75 and 77 from Felixstowe and Ipswich stop at the top of Station Road. It is about 1 km from the bus stop walking along Station Road which becomes Cordys Lane after the level crossing. Searsons farm is at the end of the properties in Cordys lane on the left.

**Car Park:** There is a small free car park opposite Searsons Farm, Cordys Lane.

**Eateries:** The Mariners pub, High Road. Gullivers Fish and Chips, High Road. Mrs I Crafts is a cafe with drinks and homemade cakes, Wednesday- Saturday. 10am – 3pm. Cordy's Lane, beside the railway crossing.

This is a circular route which would be pleasant to do late winter or springtime as you pass a wood with snowdrops, then daffodils and finally bluebells. In autumn from points ③ to ⑤ there are plenty of berries in the hedgerows. You will walk on field tracks, bridleways, woodland and meadow paths, pavements and a road without any pavements. You also go under two railway bridges.

① From the car park, turn left (north east) along Cordys Lane and go towards the train station.

② 130 metres on your right just after no 47, Cordys Lane, there is a bridleway called **Blofield** Track. Turn right here and follow the bridleway through Blofield meadow. On your left you will see daffodils fringing the wood on your left in early March.

③ After 370 metres from the road you will come to some stumps and bollards across the track. Turn left here and go through the kissing gate. Make your way along the footpath. On your left is a private wood, Chapman's Grove, formerly called Jocelyn's Wood which has a carpet of snowdrops in February. In March this will be followed by rows of daffodils and later still there will be bluebells. Continue along the footpath. Where the path forks take the upper path which goes up a slight incline. The path then goes down and under a railway bridge which carries freight trains to the **Port of Felixstowe** and merges into a sandy track with hedgerow either side. This track then goes under another railway bridge which is the line from Ipswich to Felixstowe.

④ At this point you will go through a gate and the path runs alongside a hedge on your right and a meadow on your left. Head towards the water tower. The path goes through a second meadow.

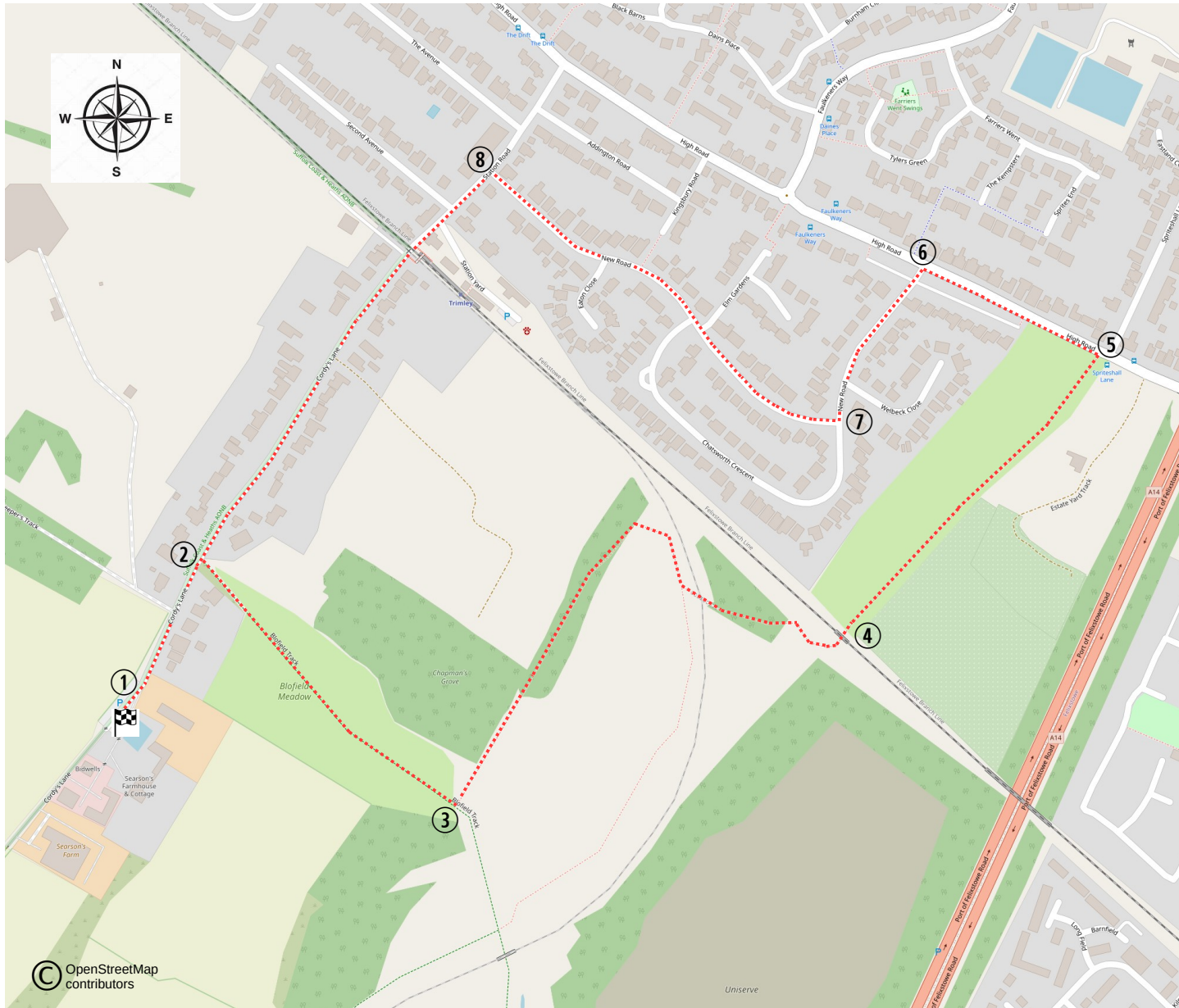
⑤ The path eventually emerges onto the High Road and you need to turn left here.

⑥ After about 100m take the first road on your left called New Road.

⑦ Then take the first road on your right which confusingly is still New Road and continue along this until it joins Station Road.

⑧ Turn left here and walk towards **Trimley Station**. Continue over the level crossing and the road becomes Cordys Lane. There are no pavements here. Continue walking to the end of the road to the car park.

**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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