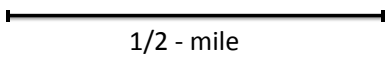
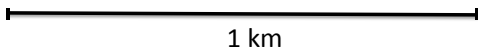


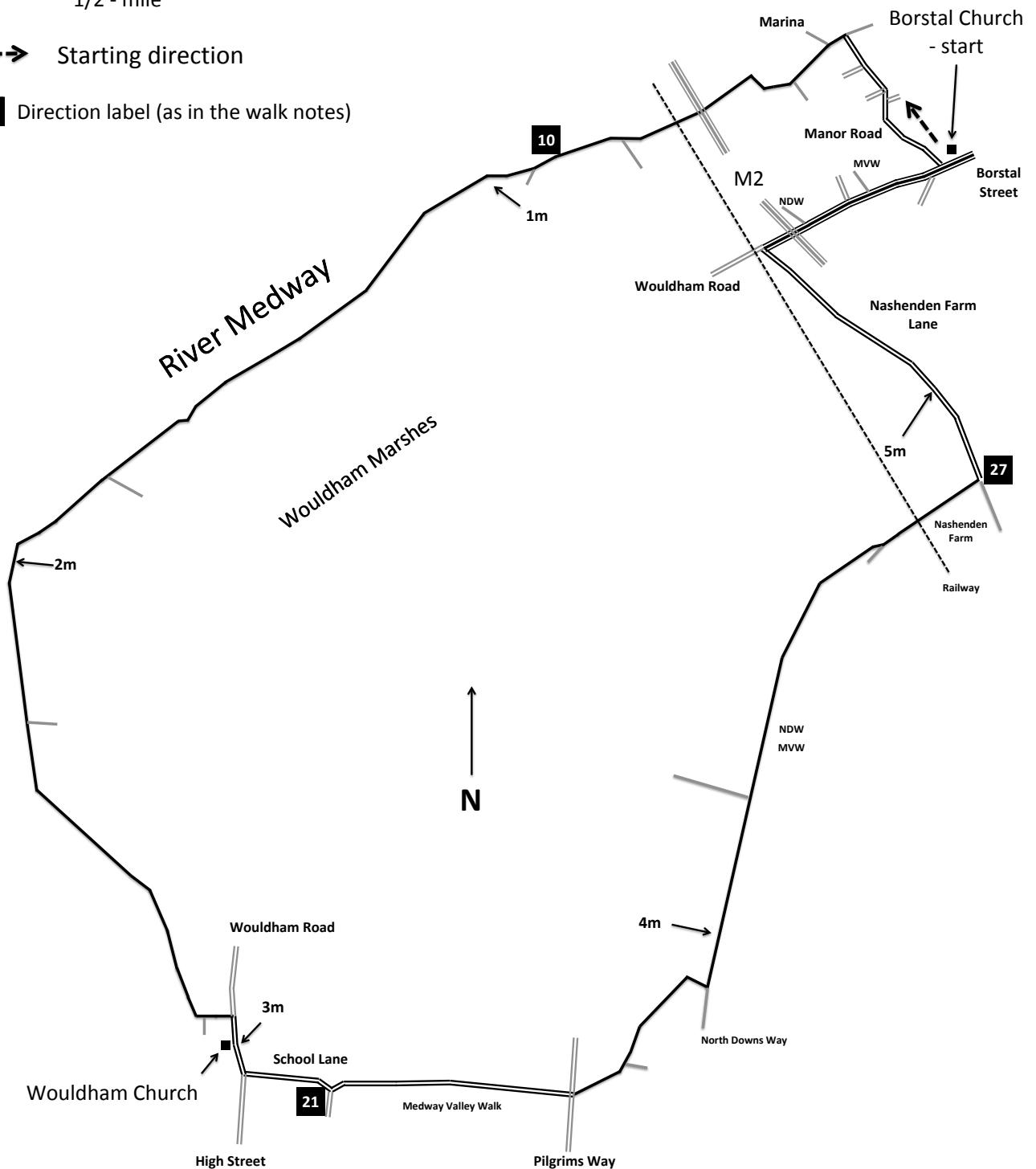
LOCAL CIRCUIT SW2: BORSTAL & WOULDHAM

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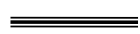




--> Starting direction



88 Direction label (as in the walk notes)



ROADS:

-  Significant roads
-  Others - on route
-  Others - adjoining

PATHS:

-  On route
-  Adjoining

LOCAL CIRCUIT SW1: BORSTAL AND WOULDHAM - 5.79 miles

Linked churches:

Borstal (start and finish)

Wouldham (Direction 19)

Roads and hindrances:

The few roads involved require no more than ordinary care. The rise from Wouldham to the North Downs Way hardly qualifies as a hindrance, but demands a little respect.

Notes taken: April 2017

The start and finish is at **Borstal Church** (ME1 3HQ) on Borstal Street near the junction with Manor Road.

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		Leaving <u>Borstal Church</u> turn right down the main road (Borstal Street).	732 668	
2		Turn right and walk down the length of Manor Road, past the children's playground and the open space near the bottom.		
3	6	At the end, by Beacon Boatyard, turn left.		
4		Where the driveway to Medway Bridge Marina turns away right, instead take the path forking up to the left.		
5	8	Carry straight on, ignoring the waymarked left-turn.		
6	9	Follow the path as it turns right and left, bringing you directly alongside the river on your right.		
7	11	Go under the motorway bridge, and walk along a little path which emerges directly opposite, still heading on, parallel to the river, between fences on both sides.		
8	14	Pass a driveway on the left, and then go through to an old-style MKG next to a gate.		
9	16	After passing the mobile homes, continue ahead.		
10	17	[Map point] Keep to the right, to go up alongside the river again. Start out along the embankment which will take you most of the way to Wouldham.		0.89
11	35	Ignore the left turn and continue straight ahead past the pylon.		1.79
12	37	Go under power lines, and on.	708 659	
13	44	Ignore the roadway on the left, and still carry on.		
14	49	Stay with the embankment as it swings left, roughly following the power lines.		2.52
15	51	Follow the path as it bends to the right.		
16	57	Start on a gradual swing to the left.		
17	58	By the signpost, keep left, and carry on towards the road.		
18	59	At the road, turn right.		
19	60	Pass the lych-gate of <u>Wouldham Church</u> .		3.00
20	61	Turn left up School Lane (joining the Medway Valley Walk, which will take you very nearly all the rest of the way).		

* "Mins." is very approximate! See 'Introductory Notes' for an explanation of how this column is used.

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
21	64	[Map point] At the T-junction turn left and immediately swing right to stay on School Lane.		
22	73	At the top, cross the road and go ahead on a broad track among the trees (not into the drives to private properties left and right).		
23	76	Ignore the footpath on the right, but follow the main path as it goes on to swing to the right.		
24	82	At the top turn left to join the North Downs Way.		3.92
25	98	Turn down to the left (NDW).		
26	99	Pass beside a gate, and on over a bridge and down all the way to the T-junction at the end.	730 657	4.77
27	102	[Map point] At the end turn left, still NDW, as signposted.		
28	112	At the T-junction at the end turn right to go under the motorway bridges, and go on ahead up into Borstal.		
29	113	Continue ahead along the road (parting from the NDW as it disappears on the left by a gate). Cross when convenient.		
30	116	And still ahead, now in turn losing the MVW on the left.		
31	118	Reach Manor Road, with, just beyond it on the left, Borstal Church , the starting point of the walk.	732 668	5.79

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FOR THOSE WHO WALK WITH THEIR DOGS

I do not venture to give advice about walking with your dog. As well as the joys, you will be well aware of the issues involved, and particularly that relationships between dogs and other countryside animals potentially involve mutual suspicion, or worse.

But what this footnote does try to do, in response to requests, is to give some indication of the nature of the walk from a dog’s point of view, to enable you to decide whether it is suitable.

The percentage distances on the right (on the next page) should be self-explanatory.

The information in the middle column may look a bit cluttered, but I think it should enable you (if the detail is of interest) to mark up within a few minutes a print-out of the walk notes, so that you have some idea what might be round the next corner.

The risk in all this is that **things change so quickly** in the agricultural working world; and what I describe might become misleading after subsequent changes. I have done my best, but there is no guarantee that you will find the information up to date!

LOCAL CIRCUIT SW1	Direction numbers	% of walk
Busy road	1, 18-21, 28-30	17
Quiet road \$\$	2-3, 27	14
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	10-14, 15b, 15d, 24b-25	47
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	4-9, 15a, 15c, 16-17, 22, 26	17
Woods	23-24a	4

** This is not a promise, just a statement of fact - that, having walked these sections perhaps two or three times, I have found no animals or any sign of them.

\$\$ Again, not a promise that there will be no traffic to worry about. Just a personal judgement of conditions as I have found them.

STILES: There are currently no stiles on this walk.