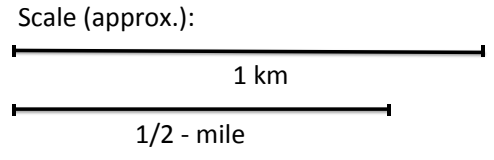
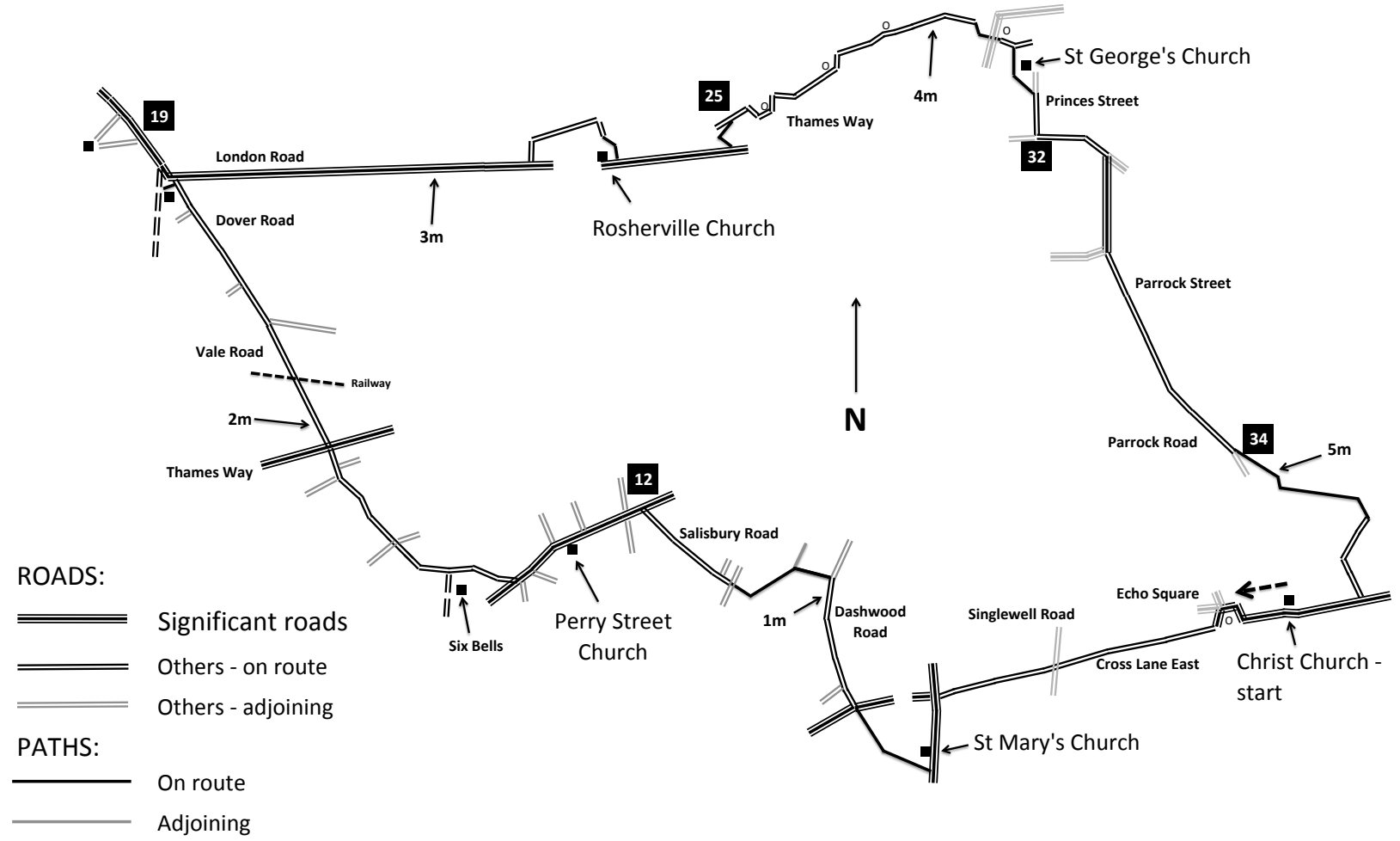


LOCAL CIRCUIT NG1: NORTHFLEET



88 Direction label (as in the walk notes)

--> Starting direction



LOCAL CIRCUIT NG1: NORTHFLEET - 5.41 miles

Linked churches:

Christ Church, Milton (start and finish)

Gravesend St Mary (Direction 5)

All Saints, Perry Street (13)

Northfleet (19)

Rosherville (22)

Gravesend St George (29)

Roads and hindrances:

There are several brushes with busy main roads, but none which present unreasonable difficulties.

Notes taken: Summer 2017 and Spring 2018

The start and finish is at Christ Church, Milton (Old Road East, DA12 1NU).

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		From the main entrance to Christ Church, Milton , go to the main road (Old Road East) and turn right along it.	653 730	
2	2	Begin the tricky transit of Echo Square. It is on the whole simpler to do this in the anti-clockwise direction, approaching from the right-hand side of Old Road East, and crossing first both halves of Parrock Road, and then another road (the continuation of Old Road East): the latter offers limited visibility looking left for roundabout traffic, and it might be worth crossing a little further to the right and returning on the other side. Then, opposite a little row of shops, turn right along Cross Lane East (without crossing it yet).		
3	8	Cross Singewell Road at the junction at the bottom (traffic lights) and continue ahead, now crossing to the left-hand side when convenient.		
4	12	Reaching Wrotham Road (the A227), cross it at the lights and turn left along its far side.		
5	14	Pass the entrance to St Mary's Church on the right.		
6		Turn right down the enclosed alleyway, signposted as a footpath, cross the end of the cul-de-sac at the bottom by the school gates, and continue up the alleyway opposite, following it as it bends to the right at the school's pedestrian gate.	644 726	
7	17	At the end navigate the traffic railings to start along Dashwood Road, directly opposite.		0.83
8	21	Turn left, opposite Lynton Road South, to pass the barriers and go along the left-hand edge of the Dashwood Road Open Space.	642 730	
9	23	At the end go half-left along the passageway.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
10	24	Follow it as it bends half-right towards a road.		
11		Cross the road and go almost directly ahead along Salisbury Road.		
12	28	[Map point] At the end turn left along the main road, staying on its left-hand side to start with.		
13	30	Pass the entrance to Perry Street (All Saints') Church .		
14	31	Next to the Shrubbery Surgery, use the zebra crossing to go over to the right-hand side.		
15	32	Fork right to start along Vale Road.		1.60
16	40	Cross the main road (Thames Way), using the lights a few yards along, then regain your original line to go up the right-hand side of the continuation of Vale Road.		
17	45	Go straight on at the junction (now Dover Road, which has come in from the right), and go over to the left-hand side when convenient.		
18	51	Swing left around Ye Olde Leather Bottel, cross the end of Springhead Road and turn right to go along the last few yards of it. Then on to reach the entrance road to the church, on the left (past the Roman Catholic church with the huge tower just before it).		2.49
19	53	[Map point] Reaching the open area in front of Northfleet Church , cross the road near the bus stop, and turn right again on the far side, to go back for a minute or so on your original direction. Follow that pavement as it bends gently left, and then go ahead along the long straight road towards Gravesend.		
20	66	Turn left along Fountain Walk, following it as it soon turns right.		3.19
21	68	And follow it through another right turn.		
22	69	When the roadway swings back to the left, instead leave it on a walkway which goes straight ahead from its left-hand pavement, to pass Rosherville Church on your right.		
23	70	Go through the gate and turn left, back on to London Road.		
24	73	Go down the gently falling pathway on the left, and follow its zig-zag course to the main road (Thames Way again) below.	639 741	
25	74	[Map point] Walk along the main road, with Asda on the right and the other retail areas on the left, passing a series of three roundabouts on your left.		
26	81	Carry on, along the right of what now becomes West Street.		
27	83	At the roundabout at the end, go a little to the right to cross the road, and then go up the right-hand side of Church Street towards the church visible up ahead.		4.07
28	85	At the start of its railings, turn right, through a gate, into the church grounds.		
29		Pass the end of the short path leading to the Pocahontas statue and the main entrance to St George's Church .		
30	86	Turn half-left on the path between the grass and the buildings.		
31	87	At the end turn half-right up along the minor road.		
32	88	[Map point] Turn left, along the traffic-restricted New Road.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
33	90	At the junction dominated by St John's Roman Catholic Church, turn right. This is Parrock Street. The route goes up its whole length. Cross over early to its left-hand side - at the lights ahead, if not before.		4.40
34	101	[Map point] At the top (now on Parrock Road) at the junction with Bronte View, turn half-left to go down across the open space, aiming at the gap down at its far left-hand corner.		4.93
35	103	Go through the gap and along an enclosed path, following it as it bends a little to the left.		
36	105	At the road at the end, turn right up Milton Avenue.	655 732	
37	108	At the main road at the top (Old Road East), turn right, staying on the right-hand side.		
38	110	Reach Christ Church, Milton , the starting point of the walk.	653 730	5.41

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FOR THOSE WHO WALK WITH THEIR DOGS

See footnote on next page.

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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 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 NG1	Direction numbers	% of walk
Busy road	1-5, 7, 12-19, 23, 25-27, 33, 37	74
Quiet road \$\$	11, 20-21, 31-32, 36	12
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	8, 30, 34	4
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	6, 9-10, 22, 24, 28-29, 35	10
Woods		0

** 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.