

LOCAL CIRCUIT CH1: MILTON AND THE MARSHES

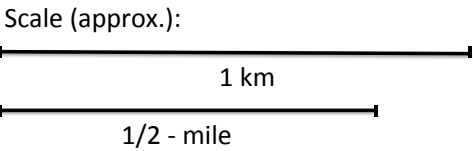
88 Direction label (as in the walk notes)

ROADS:

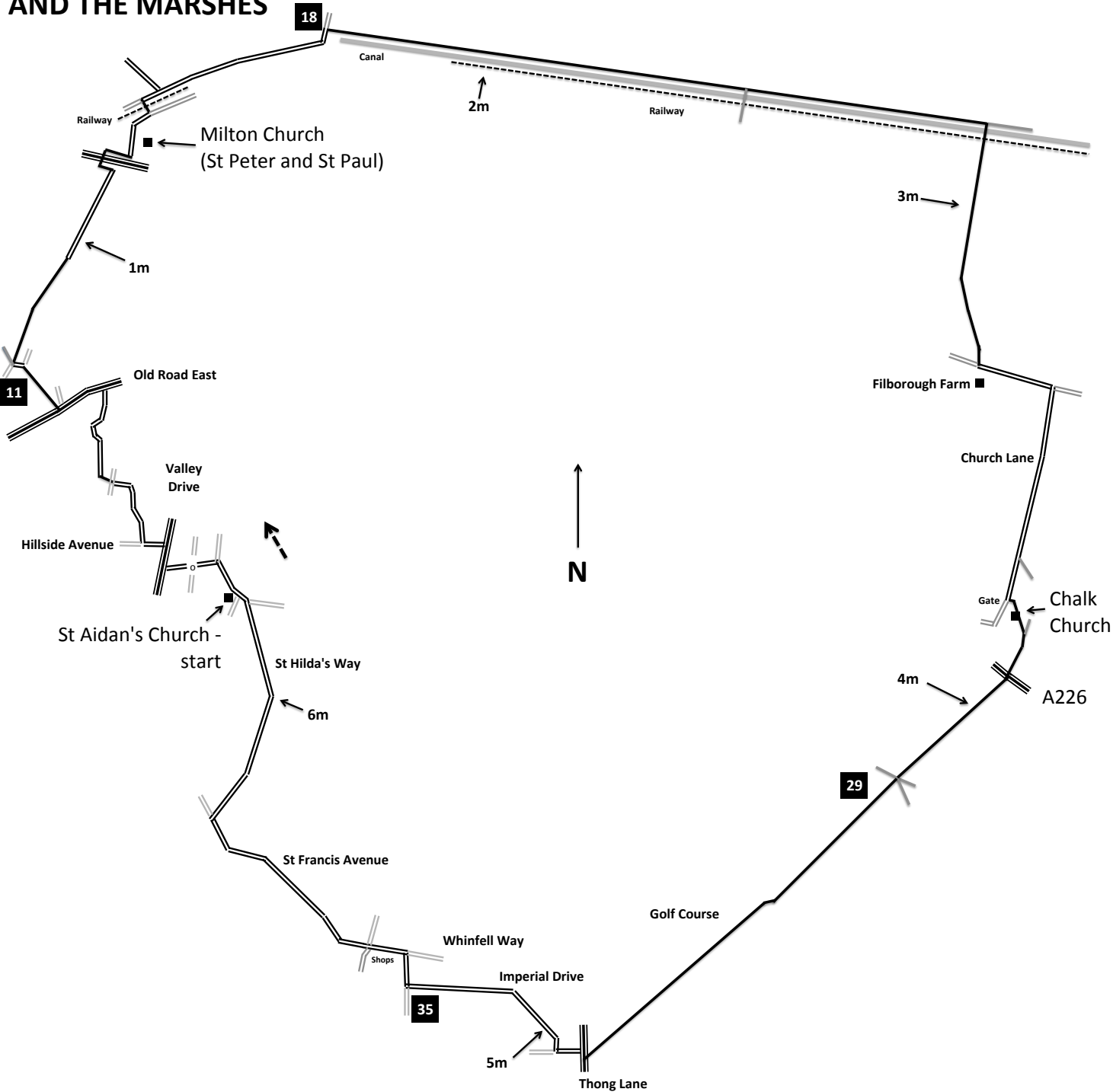
- Significant roads
- Others - on route
- Others - adjoining

PATHS:

- On route
- Adjoining



--> Starting direction



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Linked churches:

Gravesend St Aidan (start and finish)

Milton St Peter and St Paul (Direction 14)

Chalk (26)

Roads and hindrances:

Quite a lot of the walk is on urban/suburban roads, which demand the usual reasonable care. It is sensible in Direction 13 to make the slight detour to use the light-controlled crossing.

Notes taken: Winter 2018/19

The start and finish is at the car park adjacent to **St Aidan's Church, Gravesend** (DA12 4ES).

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		At the exit from the car park of <u>St Aidan's Church</u> , turn left on to Hampton Crescent.	661 726	
2	1	Turn left down St Benedict's Avenue, and go straight on down at the roundabout walking down the right-hand side towards Valley Drive below.		
3	3	Turn right into Valley Drive. Use the lights to cross the road, then almost immediately turn left along Hillside Avenue.		
4	4	Turn right, up The Curlews, which swings left, then right, then left again.		
5	7	At the end cross The Sandpipers and go up the steps ahead.		
6	8	At the top turn right along the roadway.		
7	9	Turn left down past houses 25, 26 and so on, following the roadway as it winds right, then left.		
8	10	Meet the main road and turn left. Cross when convenient.		
9	12	About 20 yds. after crossing the end of Pine Avenue, turn right down a metalled alleyway.		
10	13	Continue ahead along a short stretch of road.		
11	14	[Map point] When the road bends left, instead cross it and turn about 60 degrees to the right to go along a narrow enclosed path.		
12	18	Pass the barrier and continue ahead, with a school on the right and sports fields on the left.		0.96
13	22	At the end turn left to use the lights to cross the main road. After the crossing turn back to the right along the left-hand pavement.		
14	23	Turn left along Raphael Road, passing to the left of <u>St Peter and St Paul's Church</u> .		
15	24	After keeping to the left of The Monkey and the Buddha, and going through the short tunnel, turn right on the other side.		
16	25	Reaching a busier road, cross it and turn right along its left-hand side (mostly on a pavement).		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
17	32	Follow the road's left-hand bend, now crossing to its right-hand side.		1.65
18	33	[Map point] Turn right along a roadway (signs for the Thameside Campus of the National Maritime Training Centre).		
19	42	Go through or beside a big metal gateway, and straight on ahead.		
20	46	Go through a squeeze gate next to a metal barrier. (Ignore the bridge over the canal on the right.)		2.41
21	54	Just after a signal for the railway on the right, turn right, up some steps, to cross a second footbridge over the canal, and go ahead to cross the railway on a level crossing, protected on both sides by stiles.	682 739	
22	55	Once across, walk away from the railway, to start, after about 100 yds., along a clear path, heading in the direction of the highest point of the hills in the distance (and about 20 degrees to the right of the direction of Chalk Church ahead).		
23	62	After a gentle leftward bend, cross a stile at the left of a gate, and continue ahead between hedges.		
24	64	Turn left along the road at Filborough Farm.		3.26
25	66	Just after the last house (number 4) turn right at the road junction.		
26	75	At the top turn left through the wooden gate leading to the west door of Chalk Church . Then go up the steps leading diagonally to the right. Continue along this diagonal line all the way through the graveyard: past the floral tribute area, through a gap in the wall on the right-hand side, and on to another gap leading down to a roadway.		3.76
27	76	Turn right up the roadway.		
28	78	At the end, cross the main road and, opposite, follow the path straight ahead, through a gap and among trees at first, then soon along the right-hand edge of a field.	683 723	
29	84	[Map point] Continue ahead, ignoring paths joining from the side - if indeed they are visible: the one on the right is sometimes not! (The route now maintains the same direction all the way between the tees and greens of the golf course until the gate and road at the end.)		
30	87	After the 17 th tee continue straight ahead along the grassy path.		4.39
31	89	After the 5 th tee go straight ahead along the grassy path, keeping the row of small trees on your left.		
32	93	Go ahead, again along grass, ignoring the more prominent track which crosses at an angle.		
33	99	Cross the road, turn very briefly right along it, then left into Vigilant Way.		4.90
34	100	Turn right into Imperial Drive. Swing left with it and follow it to the T-junction,		
35	106	[Map point] Turn right into Latona Drive.		
36	107	At the end turn left into Whinfell Way.		

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37	108	Reach the main road and cross it, and on the other side continue straight on along St Francis Avenue, following it as it winds left and right alongside a school and then goes straight ahead.		5.42
38	114	Reach the major road (St Hilda's Way) at the bottom and turn right along it, crossing when convenient.		
39	122	At the T-junction at the end, turn left (St Gregory's Crescent).		
40		Go ahead, crossing St Aidan's Way, which leads to <u>St Aidan's Church</u> building.		
41	123	Reach the car park on the left, the starting point of the walk.	661 726	6.22

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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 CH1	Direction numbers	% of walk
Busy road	3, 8, 13, 16, 24, 33a	11
Quiet road \$\$	1-2, 4, 6-7, 10, 12, 14, 15b, 17-19, 25, 33b-40	51
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	5, 22, 28b-29a, 30a, 31-32a	16
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	9, 11, 15a, 20-21, 23, 26-28a, 29b, 30b, 32b	21
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 (3) – Details noted in winter 2018/19, but **subject to frequent change**:

All the stiles (the two in Direction **21**, and the one in **23**) have easy gaps.