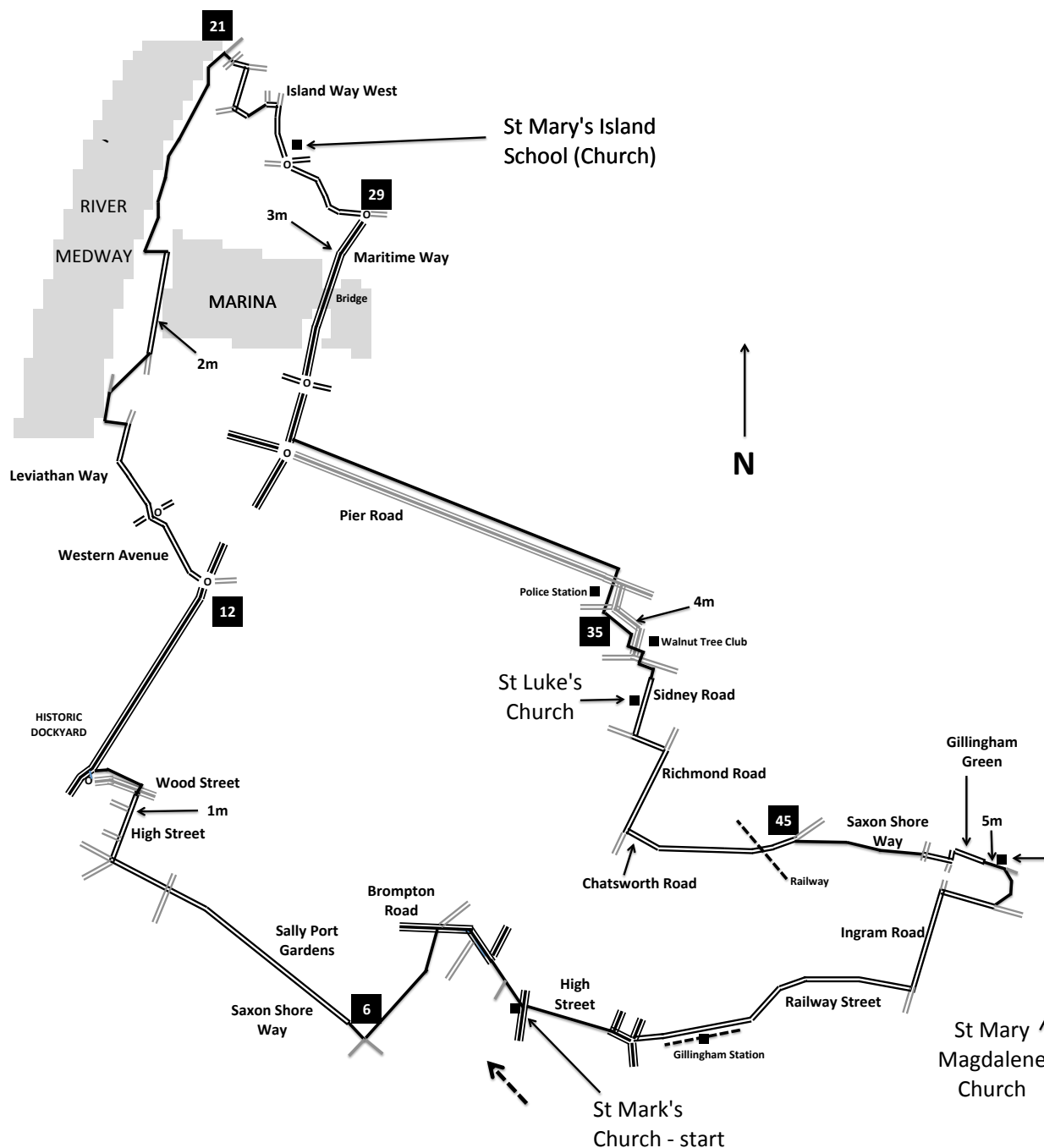
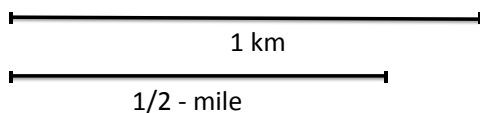


# LOCAL CIRCUIT MN2: ST MARY'S ISLAND



## ROADS:

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

## PATHS:

- On route
- Adjoining

**88** Direction label (as in the walk notes)

Starting direction

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### Linked churches:

Gillingham St Mark (start and finish)

St Mary's Island (Direction 27)

Gillingham St Luke (39)

Gillingham St Mary Magdalene (50)

[Construction work on St Mary's Island means a change in the landscape and in some of the route details. This walk will be one for early review when work is further advanced.]

### Roads and hindrances:

There are no unusual difficulties.

Notes taken: October to December 2019

The start and finish is at St Mark's Church, Gillingham (near ME7 1BJ).

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		From the crossroads by <u>St Mark's Church</u> , set off along the adjacent pedestrian section of the High Street.	772 684	
2	<b>1</b>	Pass the end of Saxton Street on the left and continue ahead.		
3	<b>2</b>	Cross a side-road on the left and go ahead along the left-hand pavement of the main road which has joined from the right.		
4	<b>3</b>	Cross Marlborough Road and continue ahead.		
5	<b>4</b>	Next to the lights, turn left into the Great Lines Heritage Park. Follow the path on its gentle right-hand bend.		
6	<b>8</b>	[Map point] At the crosspaths turn right (joining the Saxon Shore Way).		
7	<b>9</b>	Pass through barriers and continue ahead along the road.		
8	<b>18</b>	At the junction at the end (just after passing Prospect Row on the left), turn right along High Street, staying on its right-hand side to start with.		0.90
9	<b>20</b>	Reaching the major road (Wood Street) at the end, cross it and turn left on the other side, along the passageway above and parallel to the road (Lennox Way). At the end continue ahead briefly (Admiralty Terrace), and finally go leftwards down steps to meet the main Dock Road below. Use the lights to cross it.	762 690	
10	<b>22</b>	On the far side, turn right, along the left-hand pavement of Dock Road.		
11	<b>27</b>	Approaching the next roundabout, first continue ahead, but now along the dual-use path to the left of the road.		
12	<b>28</b>	[Map point] Then turn left by following this path as it bends.		
13	<b>31</b>	Continue straight ahead beyond the roundabout, still on the left-hand side of the road (Leviathan Way).		
14	<b>33</b>	Follow the footpath as it goes to the left, away from the road.		

15	<b>34</b>	At a board with a map, turn right along the walkway.		1.83
16	<b>36</b>	Rejoin the road on the right, and follow it as it passes the distillery on the left.		
17	<b>38</b>	Continue ahead past the vehicle entrance into the car park.		
18	<b>40</b>	Go ahead past the barriers across the inlet into Chatham Marina. After the last barrier, turn left back towards the river.		
19	<b>41</b>	Turn right, once again along the riverside walkway.		
20	<b>43</b>	Go ahead, after a jetty and next to a crane. The mapped right turn at this point is currently not available because of the construction work.  <i>The next few directions are dictated by the current state of the work.</i>		
21	<b>47</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> Turn right, away from the river, at the first opportunity, next to an information board, at the highest point of a slightly raised section.		2.47
22	<b>48</b>	<i>Joining quiet roadways go ahead, between The Causeway on the left and Westerly Way on the right.</i>		
23		<i>Turn right along Firecrest Close.</i>		
24	<b>49</b>	<i>At the end turn left along the edge of the building site.</i>		
25	<b>50</b>	<i>Fork left to go alongside an oval-shaped enclosure, with houses on your left.</i>		
26	<b>51</b>	<i>Reaching a road at the far end, cross it, in two stages, and turn right along its far side.</i>	766 707	
27	<b>53</b>	At the roundabout, the first left turn (Edgeway) leads after about 50 yds. to the entrance, on the left, of the school, which serves as the venue for <b>St Mary's Island Church</b> . But to continue the walk take the second left turn instead.		
28	<b>54</b>	Follow the road as it swings right, crossing Aster Drive, and then left. Cross to the right-hand side when convenient, before the roundabout.		
29	<b>56</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> At the roundabout turn right along Maritime Way, crossing to its left-hand side as soon as possible.		
30	<b>57</b>	Continue ahead, over the bridge.		
31	<b>61</b>	And still ahead beyond it.		3.25
32	<b>63</b>	Skirt the first roundabout, passing it on its left-hand side.		
33	<b>64</b>	Swing left to go alongside the slip-road leading on to the A289 as it emerges from the tunnel. Continue alongside the A289.		
34	<b>75</b>	Begin to negotiate multiple road-crossings, with the help of a series of lights. First cross the A289 itself, and reach the left-hand side of the police building.	774 695	3.91
35	<b>76</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> Imagining the complex junction as a giant roundabout, and the route going anti-clockwise round it, there is, from the police station, one further leg to go, crossing the two sections of the road which comes down from the right, and turning left beyond them.		
36	<b>77</b>	Then turn right, uphill, with the Walnut Tree Club on the left.		
37		At the top, cross two more roads with the help of lights, first to the left (ignoring the right-turn signpost for 'Mid Kent College' etc.), then to the right; finally going briefly along this last road's right hand side.		
38	<b>78</b>	After a few yards turn right, away from the road, between small areas of grass, and with houses on the left, to join the end of Sidney Road.		



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 MN2	Direction numbers	% of walk
Busy road	3-4, 8, 10, 12-13, 26-37, 41, 48, 53-55	51
Quiet road \$\$	7, 16-17, 22-23, 38b-40, 42-44, 47, 49, 52	22
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	5-6, 25, 38a, 51	7
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	1-2, 9, 11, 14-15, 18-21, 24, 45-46, 50, 56	20
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.

STILES (NN) - Details noted in April 2015, but subject to frequent change:

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