

Galleywood Walk One

Windmills & Ponds

Distance and time taken

3.1km/2 miles Approx. 1 hour

Parking

The Common
(TL703025)

Refreshments

Shops and pubs in Galleywood Village
Galleywood Heritage Centre (certain days and hours only)

Public Transport

Traveline 0870 608 2608
Traffic Information 0845 600 0110

Ordnance Survey Maps

Explorer 183
Landranger 167

Toilets

Galleywood Shops, Galleywood Heritage Centre

Hazards

Not suitable for wheel chairs or pushchairs. Road Crossings and Kissing gates. FP49 and FP50 may suffer flooding during and after bad weather.

Directions

Walk across the old racecourse on **FP47** and cross over **BW79** onto the heathland opposite.

Take a curve left into the wood and down to the footbridge and onto **BW80**. The view from Wood Farm at VP1 shows Crndon Hall and Brentwood Hospital in the distance.

Turn left and walk up **BW80** back to **BW79**.

Turn right passing "Farthings" to Rous Cottage.

Cross the racecourse diagonally to the ponds formed by claypits from Marvens brickworks which was first recorded in 1830 and last used in 1940. (This area was the uphill finish).

From Marvens Pond proceed south down The Common, cross the Wood Farm approach road, the car park and cross Stock Road To **FP50**.

Follow FP50 to Glebe Farm and the pond, here FP50 enters the field and continue north-east to Lower Green at Ponds Farm.

Turn left at Ponds Farm and walk up Ponds Road and along The Street passing the site of Lower Mill on your right and Twitten Green on your left where the pond for the windmill once was.

Cross over Watchouse Road and continue along The Street to a permissive footpath past the reservoir boundary fence to the junction of Stock Road and Beehive Lane.

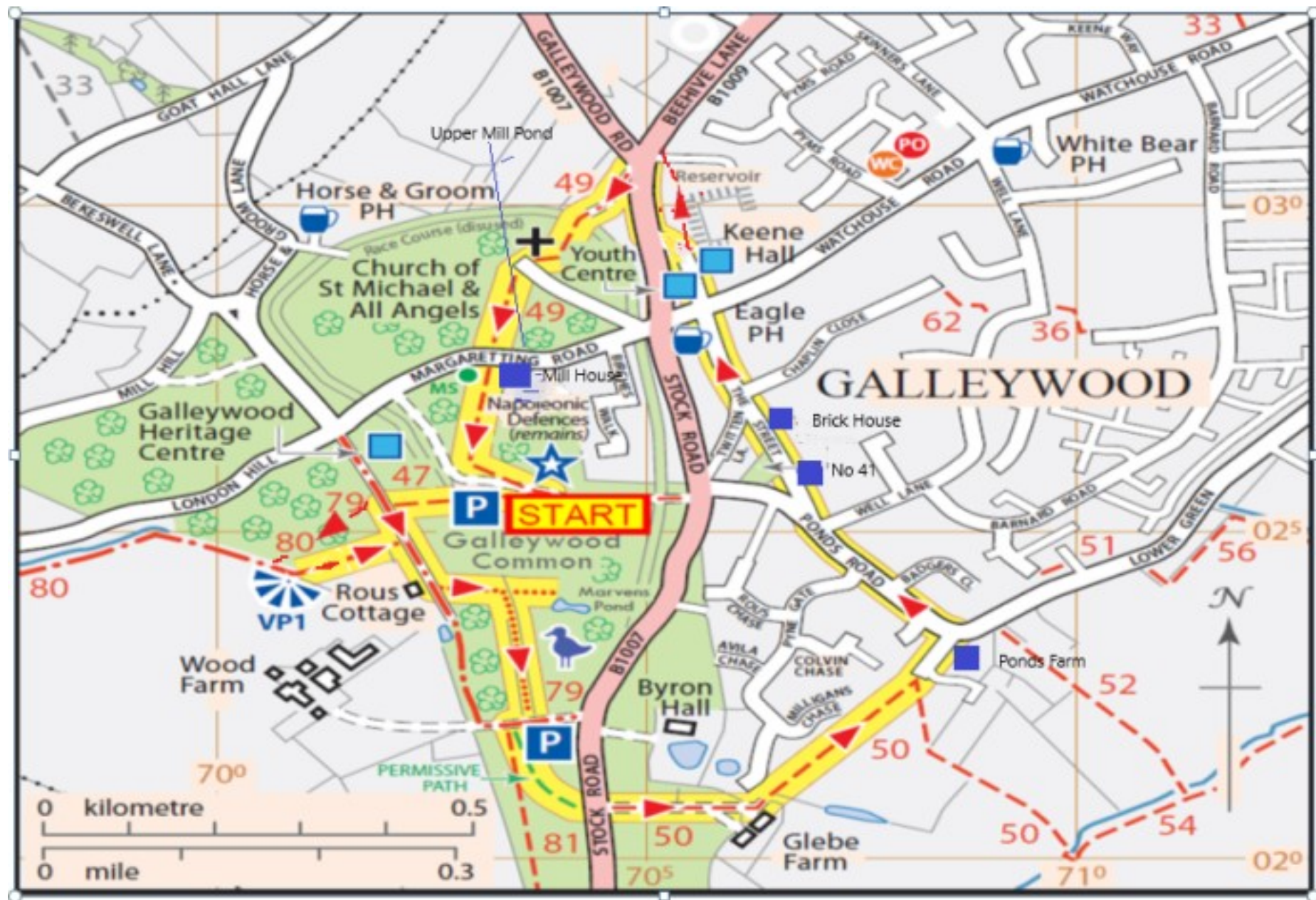
Cross Stock Road to the start of FP49 at the side of the Motor Sales Garage. From St Michaels and all Angels Church continue south-west across The Common to Margaretting Road by The Old Mill pond.

Cross Margaretting Road. The 27 Mile stone on the old roman road from London to Maldon is on the London side of the crossing.

From Margaretting Road continue on **FP49** south across The Common to the approach road to four cottages and turn right, you are now back at the starting point.

"The information provided in this leaflet is accurate at the time of going to press. Neither the author nor the Parish Council accepts responsibility for your personal safety. It is your responsibility to ensure you are able to do this walk and are equipped appropriately. Follow the Countryside Code at all times (see www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk for further details)."

The Walk can be started at any point and taken in either direction. Appropriate footwear should be worn. Dogs should be on leads



Historical Notes — Walk One Windmills & Ponds

St Michael and All Angels

The Church whose soaring spire is a local landmark, is built on the highest point of Galleywood Common. In 1872 Arthur Pryor of Hyland House, Writtle laid the memorial stone of the church which was completed in 1873 in Gothic Revival Style. The ecclesiastical parish of St Michael and All Angels was established in 1874 from parts of the parishes of St John Moulsham, Great Baddow, West Hanningfield and Orsett (detached) - the eastern and northern boundary being marked by a series of ten large inscribed stones. The Church boundary stone 9 that was at Tile Kiln is now in the churchyard by the 'field' gate.



Mill House

On the south side of Margaretting Road is the site of Upper Mill, a windmill still in regular use in the 1920's after a life of some 150 years. Sadly the mill was demolished in 1926. On 24th April 1806 a duel with pistols was fought by Upper Mill between Lt. Torrens and Surgeon Fisher of the 6th Regiment of Foot, resulting in the death of Lt. Torrens the following day.

The Common—Fortified Earthworks

On The Common these are the remains of a Napoleonic Fort and one of its batteries. The fortified earthworks defended the main Maldon to London road against the threat of invasion by Napoleon during the early 19th century.

Rous Cottage

Unfortunately no longer serves as a sweet shop for users of The Common. An untimely death occurred here when the wife of Samuel Crozier of The Admiral Rous Inn was murdered by being pushed downstairs and was buried in the churchyard. Subsequent rumours led to the disinterment of her body and the arrest of her husband who was tried,

convicted of her murder and finally executed at Chelmsford prison on 5th December 1899.

Ponds Farm

Ponds Farm is referred to as far back as 1328 when it was owned by John Atte Pond. However, the original farmhouse was burned down in 1970 and rebuilt as a private house where Monty Rae the 1930/40's singer lived for some years before retiring to the Isle of Arran.

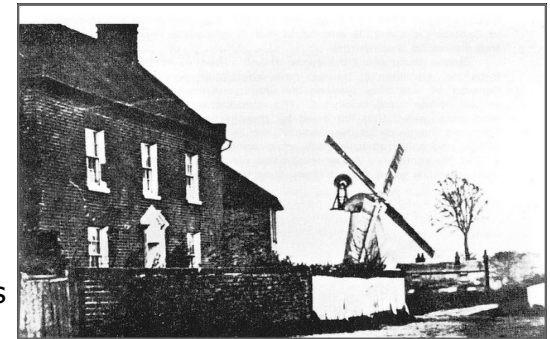
The Street

At the bottom of The Street where it joins Ponds Road you will see an old white cottage at No. 41 The Street, which was once part of Lower Mill House. The windmill was set back on the east side of The Street. At Brick House, No. 27 The Street the Georgian house was built using bricks from Marvens brick works on The Common.

The Keene Hall

John Keene (a wealthy director of Pearl Insurance Company) of Carlton House, Beehive Lane and his wife associated themselves with the church and parish life.

Mrs Keene gave generous financial help to many projects and the family name is perpetuated in the Keene Hall, which she had built in 1937.



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