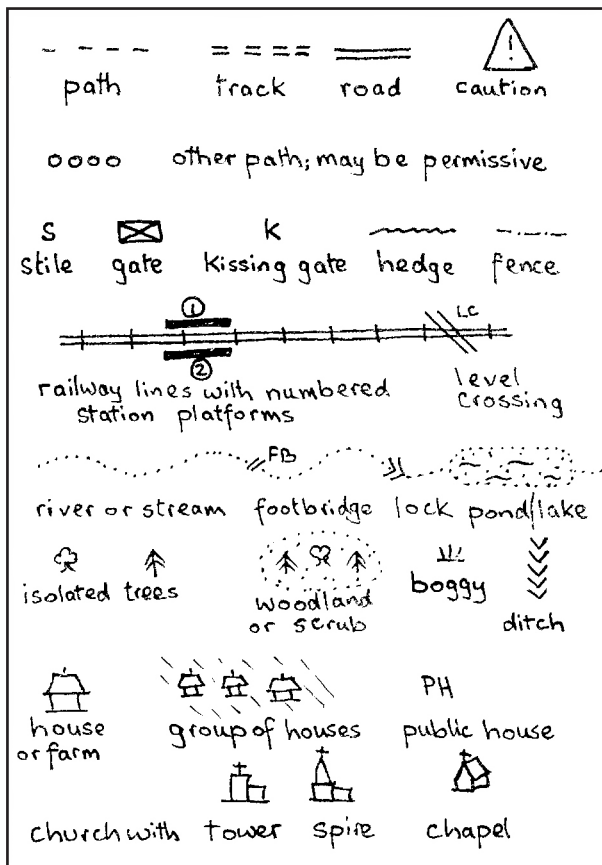


Key to landscape features



PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE:

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

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ROUTE FINDING

You will need a basic understanding of maps and the ability to follow them. The walks can be followed in either direction, but if you go in the same way as the arrows, you won't have to turn the map around to fit the landscape.

TIME

Allow about 3-4 hours, but add on time for refreshments, visiting nature reserves and churches.

MAPS

OS Explorer sheet 226 Ely and Newmarket.

REFRESHMENTS

Plenty of choice in Soham and Ely.

USEFUL INFORMATION

National Rail Enquiries www.nationalrail.co.uk
03457 48 49 50

Traveline www.traveline.info

Soham Town Council Millennium Walks - call at the Pavilion or Library or visit:

www.soham-tc.gov.uk/initiatives

WALKS IN THIS SERIES

All the stations on the Mid Anglia rail route between Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds, Cambridge and Ely provide useful gateways to the countryside of Suffolk and East Cambridgeshire. Visit

www.marpa.org.uk

and select Walks from the menu, then click on any of the stations shown on the route diagram to see what walks are available for free download.

MARPA works to promote and protect services on the Ipswich to Cambridge/Peterborough rail route. Contact: The Secretary, 51 High Street, Cheveley, Newmarket CB8 9DQ. email: secretary@marpa.org.uk

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The Ramblers protect rights of way and defend the beauty of the countryside. Contact 020 3961 3300 www.ramblers.org.uk

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STATION TO STATION WALKS

WALK
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SOHAM to ELY

6½ miles (10.5km) - 3-4 hours



ELY CATHEDRAL

Soham's reopened rail station provides a convenient starting point for a riverside walk to Ely along the banks of Soham Lode and Gt Ouse, the cathedral ('the ship of the fens') dominating the landscape ahead.

Soham's station also gives access to local features of historic and natural interest including the impressive church tower of 1500-4 and beautiful hammerbeam roof straddling the nave. The famous steelyard is opposite the church. The town's Millennium Walks and Art Trail invites further exploration, including a feature commemorating the great explosion of 1944 when a wagon in a trainload of bombs caught fire. The bravery of three railwaymen who managed to detach the wagon saved the town from catastrophe. All trains on the Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds, Ely and Peterborough route call at Soham, including Sundays.

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Selected by Roger Wolfe



THE STEELYARD AT SOHAM



SOHAM ART TRAIL - SITE OF THE 1944 EXPLOSION



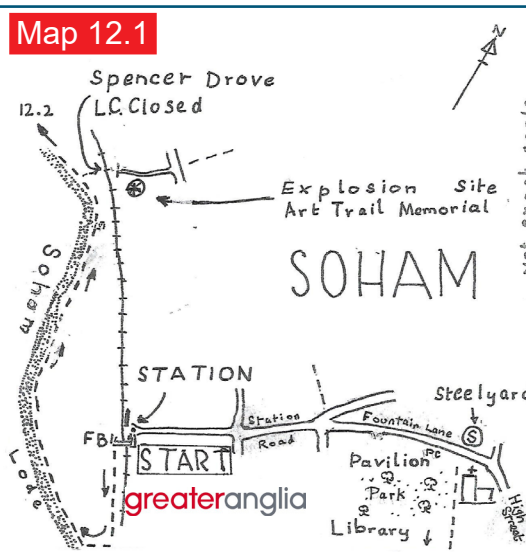
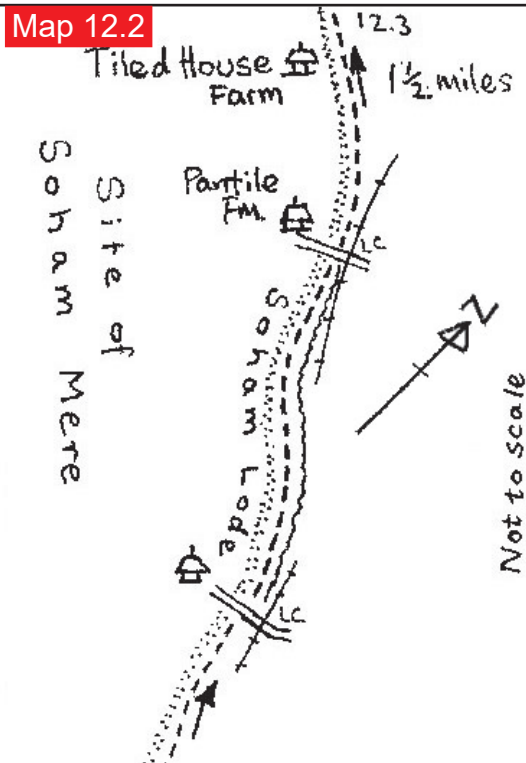
PANORAMIC VIEWS AVAILABLE FROM SOHAM LODE

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Station to Soham Church (Map 12.1 above) is 0.4 miles (0.65km). Wicken Fen Nature Reserve Visitor Centre (National Trust) 3.4m (5.5km) from station via Mill Drive, Bracks Drive, Drove Lane, Wicken village A1123, as shown on OS Explorer map 226

