

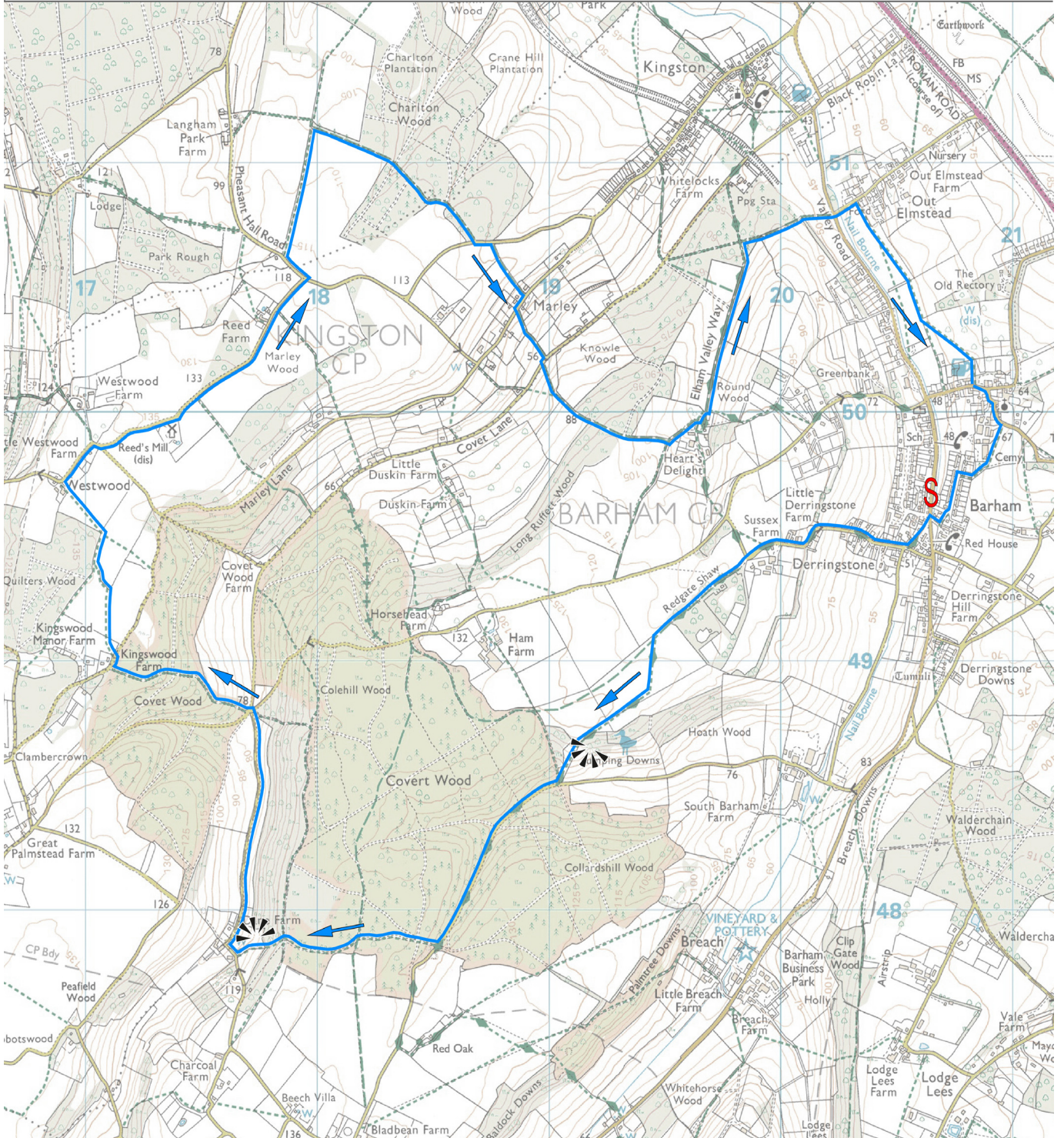
WALK ELHAM VALLEY NORTH

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FOUR WOODS

8.7m 4.5 hrs moderate

Start point: Barham



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DIRECTIONS (ROUTE RUNS CLOCKWISE)

FP - Footpath TR - Turn right
KG - Kissing gate TL - Turn left

From Barham Village Hall (which is also the home of the excellent Barham Village Community Shop) TR (in a southerly direction). TR into The Causeway. Keep right and follow the road (Railway Hill). Where the road turns sharp right TL onto the Bridleway (Red Gate Shaw). Go through small metal gate into field and follow the Bridleway with the fence on your right. At second Bridleway way mark post turn diagonally left to follow faint FP across the field (Jumping Downs) and downhill to the road. TR and walk up the road through Covert Wood. TR at the Public Footpath sign and continue straight on past six tall pine trees and over the intersection of the Bridleway.

Keep heading in a westerly direction (there is a multi-directional way mark post) steeply downhill to cross a stile into a field. Follow the fence line down to another stile onto the road at Dane Farm. TR and walk along this gated road. At the crossroads TL and immediately right onto the Bridleway uphill through Covert Wood. TR onto road (Kingswood Farm) and in 50 yards TL onto FP and stile. Cross the field diagonally right to a stile and then towards a small gap in the hedge ahead, then slightly left to a large metal gate. Head towards a barn, through a gate to reach the road. TR.

Walk past Reeds Wind Mill and TL at Pheasants Hall Road. TR onto FP opposite Pheasants Hall. At woodland turn sharp right to join a Bridleway. Follow this through Charlton Wood to the road. TL then TR and continue on the Bridleway

through a field to Marley. TR then TL to follow the Bridleway to yet another road. TR and immediately TL through gate, continue steeply uphill.

Where the Bridleway splits TL down towards the house Hearts Delight. TL on gravel track and follow the Elham Valley Way. TR onto Bridleway in the woods. Cross over Valley Road into Out Elmstead Lane. TR at FP then follow this over stiles and fields to the next road, the Barham church spire should be visible ahead. TL passing the Duke of Cumberland, merging into Church Lane. Pass the church on your left and TR onto FP. At low stile TR walking downhill to the road (The Grove). TL and at the T junction TR back to your start point.

We hope you have enjoyed your walk. We endeavour to maintain our rights of way – if you have encountered any problems or errors in the route we would be pleased to hear from you.