

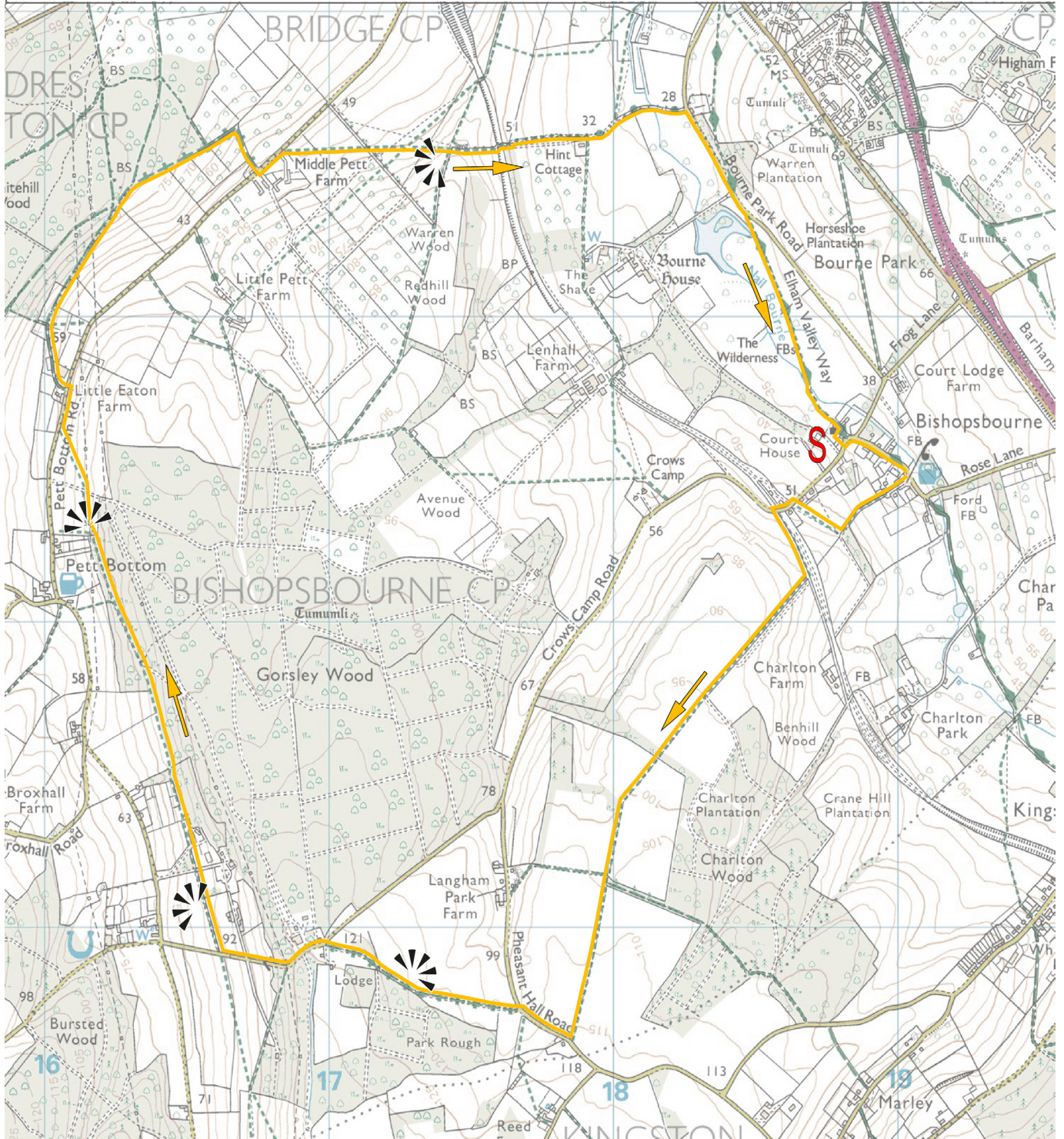
WALK ELHAM VALLEY WALK NORTH

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PETT BOTTOM & BACK

6.4m 3.5 hrs moderate

Start point: Bishopsbourne



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DIRECTIONS (ROUTE RUNS CLOCKWISE)

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

Walk along the road (The Street) opposite the church, signposted to Charlton Park. TR at the Mermaid Inn and walk up the FP. TR through KG and diagonally cross field to next KG. TL on road over a disused railway bridge (Look right over the bridge to see the preserved Bishopsbourne Station). TL onto gravel track then TR following FP up the hill. At the end of the ancient enclosed green lane you may like to turn and pause for a moment to enjoy the far-reaching view down the Elham Valley and beyond. VIEWPOINT.

Continue on this FP crossing open fields until you reach Pheasant Hall house. TR onto road and where this road bears right go straight on the Byway. TL at next road and walk downhill and take the first FP on the right. Follow the path keeping the fence line on your right, crossing stiles and past a few houses on the right. The path enters the wood. Alternative route: Take the FP at the way mark post to go left and downhill to the Duck Inn, where you may like to stop for a refreshment. Continue walking through the wood to the field, follow the FP across a track and diagonally left downhill to the road to a small gate. TR and then TL onto the Bridleway at Little Eaton Farm.

When reaching a field go through large metal gate and soon into the wood. Where Bridleway splits bear right (way marker The Canterbury Rings). At the next way mark post bear right to join a Byway. TR onto farm road and walk down to Middle Eaton Farm. TL then TR onto the FP between two tall hedges. Follow this path diagonally keeping to the

Canterbury Rings directional arrows to the top of the hill.

Cross the stile (now leaving the Canterbury Rings route) and walk downhill following the hedge line on your left, over the disused railway bridge, bearing right. Join the lane at Hint Cottage then TR into Bourne Park Road. Just after the entrance to Bourne Park take the Elham Valley Way FP on the right, passing through fields towards a white house and Bishopsbourne Church in the distance. There is an interesting head stone on Geoffrey Linnell's grave just to the left of the first church door.

Worgans Farm Shop and the Tadpole Café are close by on the right-hand side of the road signposted to Bridge.

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.