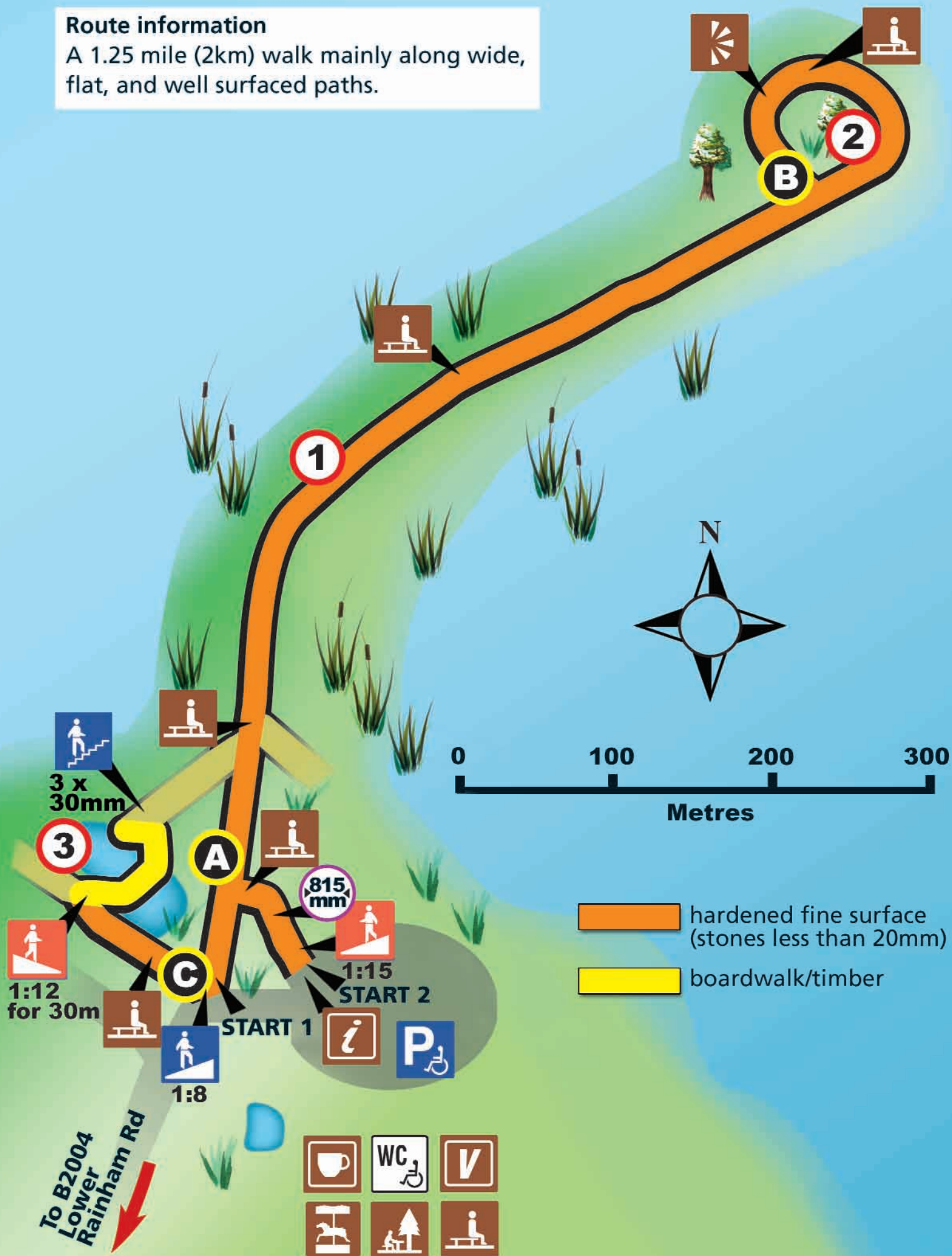


## 2. Riverside Country Park **Horrid Hill**

### Route information

A 1.25 mile (2km) walk mainly along wide, flat, and well surfaced paths.



### How to get to Horrid Hill

**Bus:** 183 (Chatham to Riverside) Sunday: hourly (summer only)

**Road:** Signposted 'Riverside Country Park' from B2004 (Lower Rainham Road).

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- type "**Riverside Country Park**"

### Route description

**START 1** Return to the car park entrance and turn right. Pass around the chicane next to the gate then follow the blue cycle sign to the right.

**START 2 (NB - If you use a large scooter, please access the walk from this alternative point).** From the visitor centre, cross to the far side of the car park. Take the gravel path beside the large information board. Follow the path as it immediately bends to the left. Pass through the gap and turn right.

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- A** Carry straight ahead out to Horrid Hill.
- B** Where the path forks you can go in either direction then follow the path in a loop to return to this point.
- C** If you wish, turn right and follow the path to the Wildlife Pond on your right hand side.



### Points of interest

- 1** Horrid Hill used to be an island. About 100 years ago this causeway was built to transport materials via a small horse drawn railway to the cement factory that once stood at the end.
- 2** Warships hulks housing French prisoners of war were moored here during the Napoleonic wars.
- 3** Sharps Green Pond was created by digging out clay to form the sea walls nearby. As there is very little open freshwater in Gillingham, this pond is an important wildlife resource.

	Information		Picnic area		View point		Rest area		Car park Open parking. Tarmac.
	Uphill gradient (see walk 3)		Downhill gradient (see walk 3)		Adapted toilets At visitor centre (RADAR key).				
	Step		Width restriction		Refreshments		Visitor centre		Play ground

**Please note** - The causeway leading to Horrid Hill is occasionally subject to flooding. For more details or any other information about this walk please call Riverside Country Park on **01634 378987**