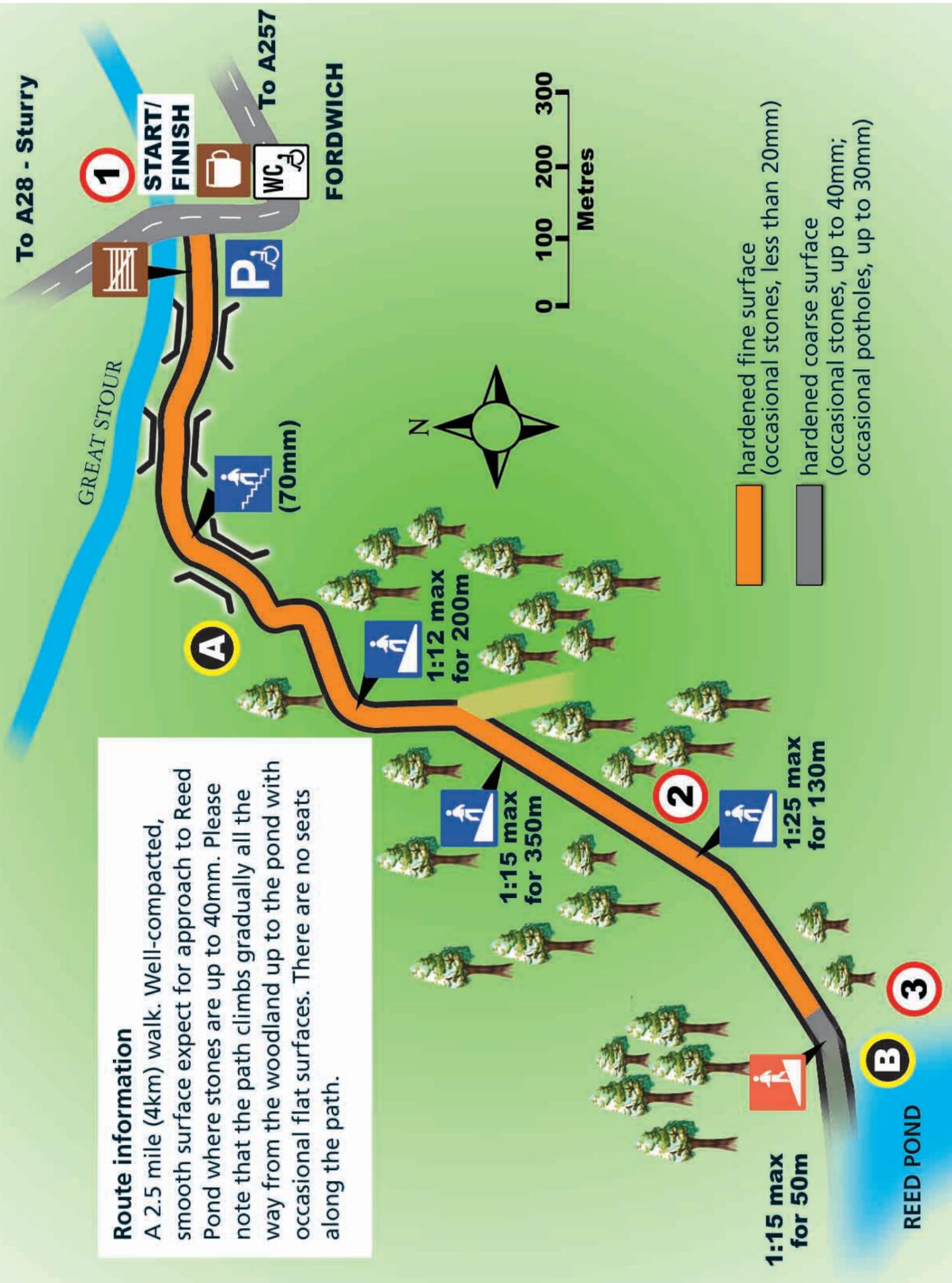


### 3. Fordwich Village to Reed Pond near Canterbury



**Route information**  
 A 2.5 mile (4km) walk. Well-compacted, smooth surface expect for approach to Reed Pond where stones are up to 40mm. Please note that the path climbs gradually all the way from the woodland up to the pond with occasional flat surfaces. There are no seats along the path.

#### How to get to Fordwich

**Bus:** 8 (Canterbury to Margate) Mon-Sat: every 30 mins; Sun: hourly

**Rail:** Sturry station - 10 minute walk

**Road:** Access from A28 (Sturry) or A257. Park in car park opposite George & Dragon pub, by bridge over the Great Stour. Download free map from: [www.streetmap.co.uk](http://www.streetmap.co.uk) - type "Fordwich"

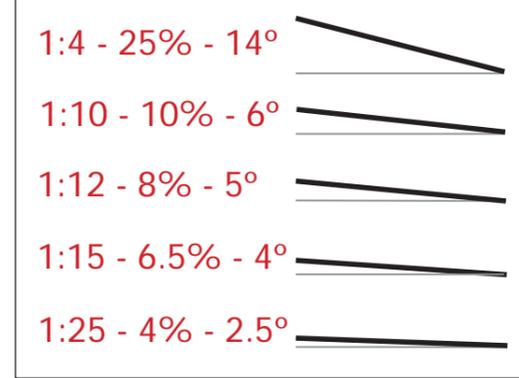
#### Route description

**START** - Turn left out of the car park and immediately left onto National Cycle Route 1 - following these signs  continue along the path beside the river.

Please note that dogs must be kept on a lead as you pass through the meadow.

- A** Continue straight ahead through the woodland.
  - B** Keep following this path until you reach Reed Pond.
- Return to the car park (**FINISH**).

#### Gradient chart



#### Points of interest

- 1** In medieval times, ships carrying wine, timber and Caen stone for Canterbury Cathedral docked at Fordwich after making their way up the Stour.
- 2** The walk passes through land owned by the Ministry of Defence and is used for training. Nearby Chaucer Barracks is home to the Princess of Wales's Regiment.
- 3** Reed Pond once supplied the monks of Canterbury Cathedral with water.

 Pub	 Gate	 Adapted toilets At George & Dragon	 Car park Two designated spaces but open space available. Loose stones over 30mm.	 Step 70mm step to bridge
 Uphill Gradient see Gradient Chart	 Downhill Gradient see Gradient Chart	 Footbridge Gradients to bridge max. 1:12.		

**Please note** - The walk passes through land owned by the Ministry of Defence. Please do not stray from the path. For any other information about this walk, please call the Public Rights of Way team on **01304 216307**.