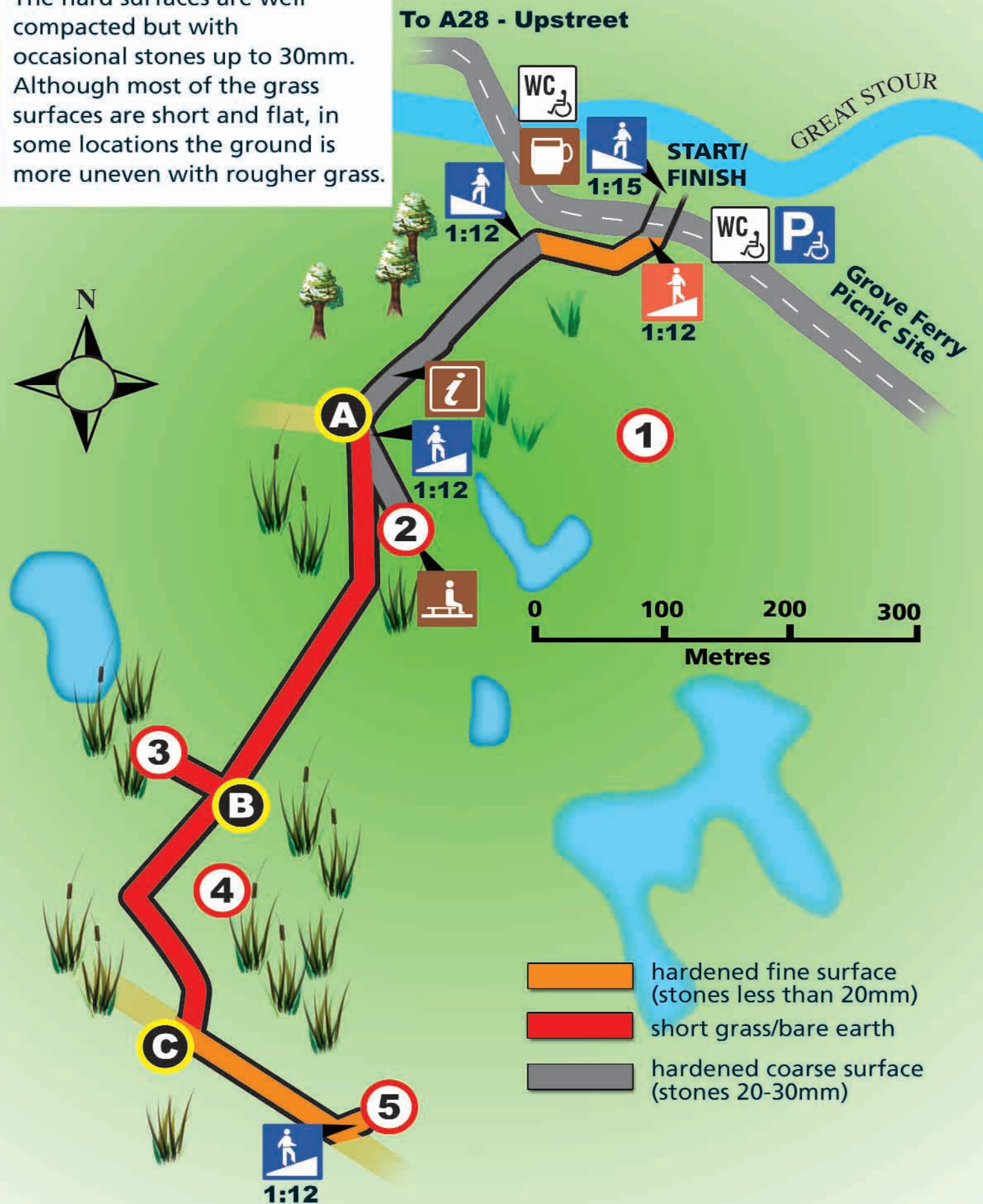


5. Stodmarsh National Nature Reserve **Grove Ferry walk**

Route information

A short walk of 1.25 miles (2km). The hard surfaces are well compacted but with occasional stones up to 30mm. Although most of the grass surfaces are short and flat, in some locations the ground is more uneven with rougher grass.



How to get to Grove Ferry

Bus: 8 (Canterbury to Margate) Mon-Sat: every 30 mins, Sunday: hourly

Road: From A28 in Upstreet, take road signposted 'Grove Ferry.' After level crossing, turn left into Grove Ferry picnic site car park. Download a free map from: www.streetmap.co.uk - type "**Grove Ferry**"



Points of interest

- 1 This area of the reserve used to flood naturally. In the 1930s and 40s, it was drained to create turf fields. Since 1995, it has been reverted to wetland and is managed by English Nature.
- 2 The raised viewing mound gives excellent views over Feast's Lake and reedbeds. Access is via a slope (gradient 1:15) with benches and a resting area at the top.
- 3 Turf Fields Hide (accessible).
- 4 Reed warbler, bearded tit and reed bunting may be seen in the reedbeds.
- 5 The Harrison's Drove Hide overlooks a large lagoon and attracts many wading birds. The hide is accessible to wheelchair users.

Route description

START From the car park, take care in crossing the road and enter the reserve via the access ramp.

- A** The path to the left leads to a viewing area over the reserve (see note 2), keep going straight ahead to continue the walk.
- B** Turn right here to visit Turf Fields Hide (see note 3), or keep straight ahead to continue the walk.
- C** At the T-junction turn left and continue to a second bird hide on the left-hand side.

To return to the car park, turn right out of the bird hide and re-trace the path back to the start point. **FINISH**

| | | |
|--|--|--|
|  Information |  Rest area |  Adapted toilets At car park (RADAR key), or Grove Ferry Inn. |
|  Uphill gradient (see walk 3) |  Downhill gradient (see walk 3) |  Pub |
| | |  Car park Open parking. Tarmac or grass. |

Please note - Please keep to the paths as there are areas of deep water on the reserve. For any other information about this walk please call Stodmarsh National Nature Reserve on **07767 321058**