

WALKING AND CYCLING MAP

EXPLORE

SITTINGBOURNE AND FAVERSHAM



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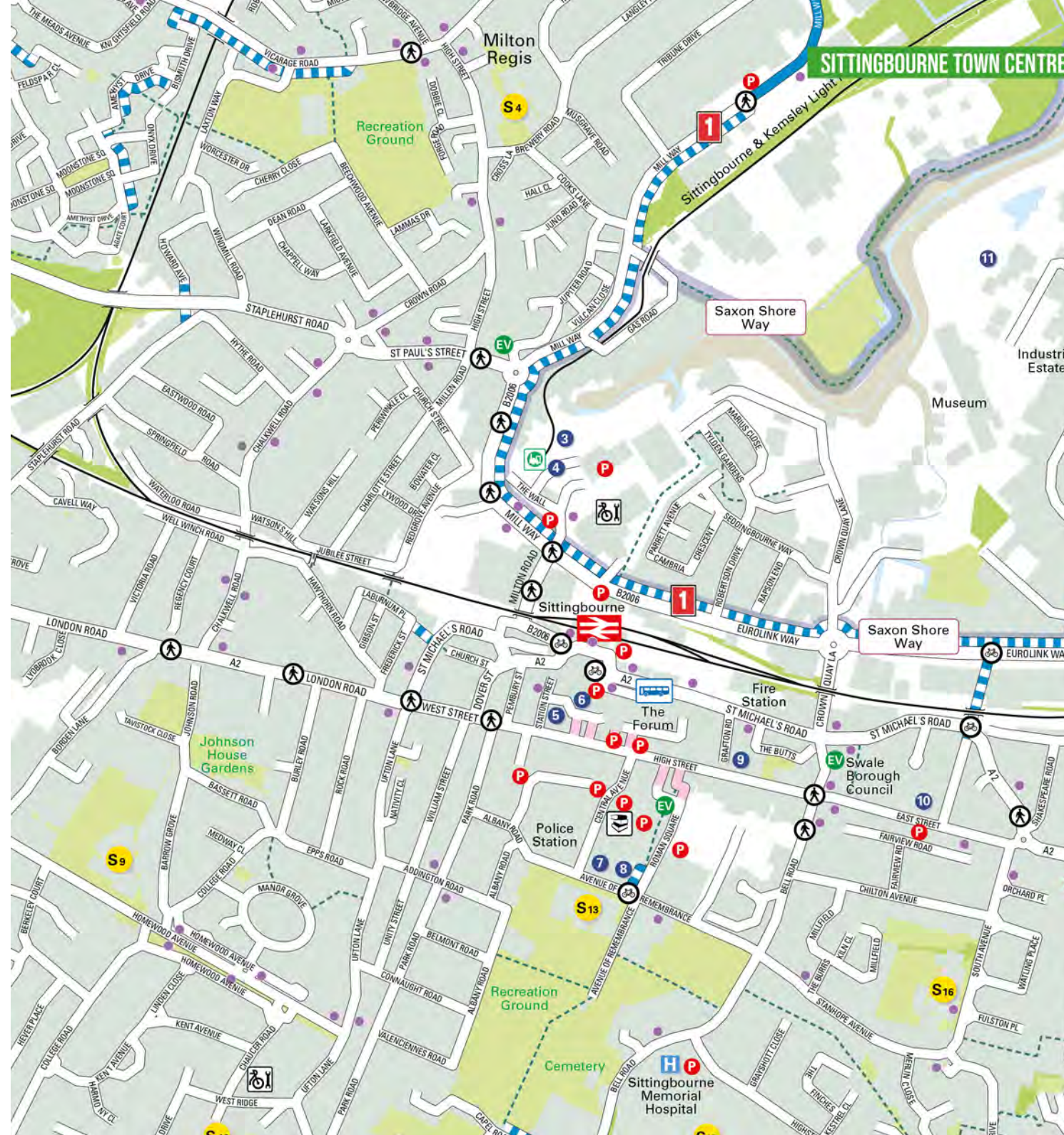
DISCOVER SITTINGBOURNE AND FAVERSHAM

The industrial town of Sittingbourne in north Kent combines a variety of leisure attractions with easy access to the surrounding countryside. Nearby, Faversham, Kent's oldest market town, is renowned for its rich heritage and celebrated food and drink scene.

Sittingbourne provides plenty to see and do, from theatre performances and cinema screenings to family-friendly activities such as go-karting and a steam railway. Milton Creek Country Park, through which the steam railway runs, provides the ideal spot for walking, cycling and wildlife spotting.

Beyond the town, a network of rural lanes leads through picturesque villages, orchards and farmland. Following National Cycle Route 1 eastwards, brings you to the historic town of Faversham with its country parks and marshes. Enjoy a peaceful walk at Oare Marshes Nature Reserve and take in the views across the Swale Estuary to the Isle of Sheppey.

Faversham's medieval streets bring together independent shops and cafes, while the popular street market, held on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, showcases fresh local produce and artisan goods. Food and drink are important to Faversham's appeal; Shepherd Neame, Britain's oldest brewer, and Macknade Food Hall, housing one of the largest selections of cheese and charcuterie in the UK, showcase some of Kent's best produce. On the outskirts of town is Brogdale Farm, home to the National Fruit Collection, which hosts guided tours of the orchards, festivals and seasonal events.



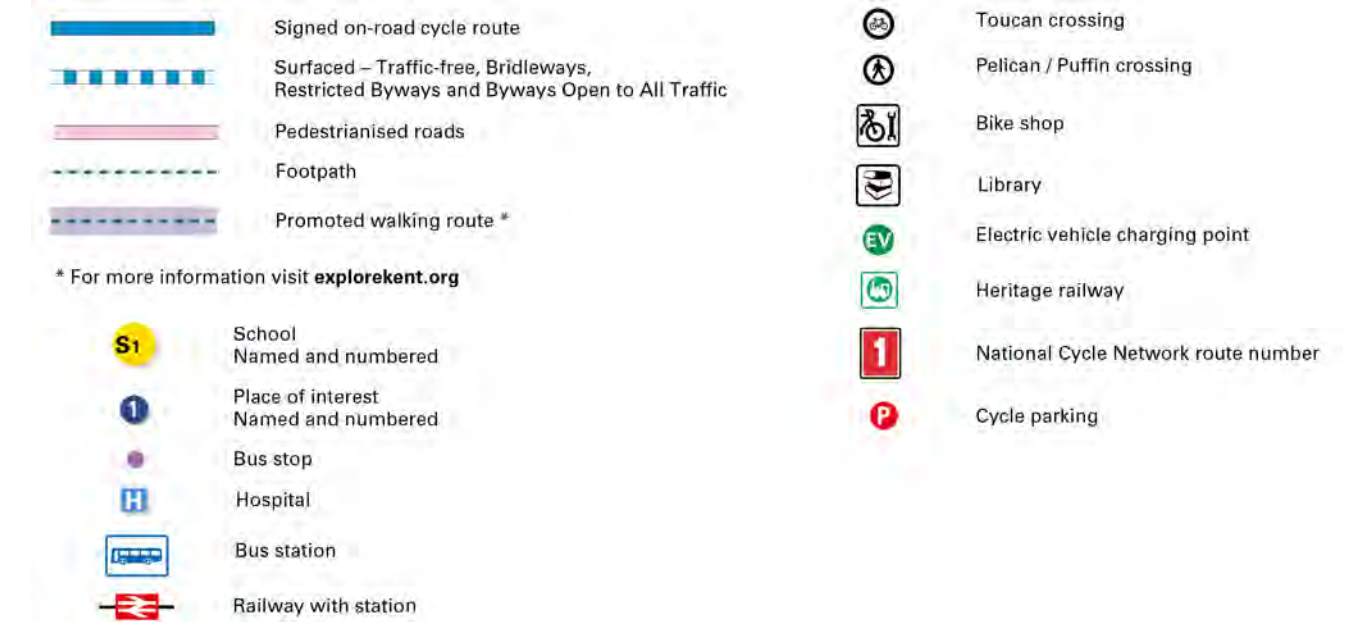
PLACES OF INTEREST

Sittingbourne

- 1 The Meadows Community Woodland
- 2 Milton Creek Country Park
- 3 The Mill Skatepark
- 4 Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway
- 5 The Light Cinema
- 6 Sittingbourne Market
- 7 The Avenue Theatre
- 8 Swallows Leisure Centre
- 9 Swale Media Arts Centre
- 10 Sittingbourne Heritage Museum
- 11 Bayford Meadows Kart Circuit
- 12 Murston Heart

Faversham

- 13 Central Park Stadium
- 14 Square One Padel Club
- 15 Hempstead House Hotel & Spa
- 16 Swale Marina
- 17 Oare Gunpowder Works Country Park
- 18 West Faversham Community Association
- 19 Oare Marshes Nature Reserve
- 20 Abbey Physic Community Garden
- 21 Creek Creative
- 22 Shepherd Neame Visitor Centre & Brewery Tour
- 23 Church of St Mary of Charity
- 24 Royal Cinema
- 25 Faversham Market
- 26 Arden Theatre
- 27 Faversham Pools
- 28 Fleur de Lis Museum & Gallery
- 29 Maison Dieu



THINGS TO DO

MILTON CREEK COUNTRY PARK

A 128-acre country park with grassland, woodland and wetland. There is a natural play area for children and an extensive network of paths.

SITTINGBOURNE AND KEMSLEY LIGHT RAILWAY

Hop aboard this heritage steam railway that runs from Sittingbourne to Kemsley Down, where a working paper mill still exists. The train crosses a kilometre-long viaduct and runs through the marshes of Milton Creek Country Park.

OARE GUNPOWDER WORKS COUNTRY PARK

This country park, close to Faversham town centre, is a unique blend of history and wildlife. Surfaced trails lead you through scenic woodland and the abandoned ruins of the old gunpowder mills.

SHEPHERD NEAME

Take a look behind the scenes of Britain's oldest brewery with a guided tour and experience a taste of their specialty lagers and ales.

BROGDALE FARM

The home of the National Fruit Collection. Take a guided tour of the orchards, hop onto the miniature railway or, on weekends during fruit season, pick your own fruit straight from the trees.

MACKNADE

A local farm shop, cafe and food village that offers a variety of Kentish produce. Explore the food hall which includes one of the largest selections of cheese and charcuterie in the UK.

MORE IDEAS AND INSPIRATION

For more ideas on where to visit, check out our Faversham itinerary page:

GETTING AROUND

Swale has excellent rail connections, with regular mainline trains to London Victoria and the Kent coast. High-speed trains from St Pancras also run to Sittingbourne, where you can connect with the Swale branch line service to Sheerness-on-Sea, and Faversham.

Both Sittingbourne and Faversham train stations offer plenty of cycle parking. National Cycle Route 1 links Faversham, Sittingbourne and Kemsley, where you can join Route 174 and follow it across the bridge to the Isle of Sheppey.

Regular bus services also run between the two towns, and connect them to the wider Swale area, the Medway towns, Canterbury, Maidstone and Ashford, making it easy to combine public transport with walking or cycling.

Walking and cycling aren't just enjoyable ways to travel. Leaving the car at home on some trips will save money, reduce emissions, and build activity into your day. With country parks, acres of marshes ideal for birdwatching and easy access to the surrounding countryside, Sittingbourne and Faversham offer plenty of opportunities to explore a section of the north Kent coast at a relaxed pace.

WALKING ROUTES

SYNDALE VALLEY WALK

This 11-mile (17.7km) circular trail, with optional shortcut, runs through the Kent Downs, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Pass through quaint villages, ancient woods home to lots of wildlife, open farmland, orchards and manor houses.

OARE MARSHES WALK

Starting in the small village of Oare, with its history of boatbuilding and fishing, follow the creek on this 5-mile (8km) circular walk around Oare Marshes Nature Reserve. The 200-acre site is an internationally important wetland due to the huge number of migratory and breeding wetland birds found there.

FAVERSHAM – FOOTSTEPS OF ROMANS AND ROYALTY WALK

A 6.3-mile (10.1km) circular trail that takes in the historic sights of Faversham before heading into the Kent countryside through orchards and woodland. This walk takes you past Brogdale Farm, home of the National Fruit Collection.

EARTH, WIND AND WATER WALK

Discover all that Faversham has to offer on this 10.3-mile (16.6km) circular walk, taking in historic sights, busy boatyards along the creek and views across the marshes by the Thames Estuary. Pass Shepherd Neame, Britain's oldest brewery, where you can book a tour of the brewery.

For more walking and cycling route guides, visit [ExploreKent.org](https://www.explorekent.org)

SAXON SHORE WAY

A 160-mile (257km) route that passes Sittingbourne and Faversham, tracing Kent's ancient coastline. Enjoy the North Kent Marshes that sit along the Swale Estuary, one of the most important habitats for birds in the UK.

CYCLE ROUTES

NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE 1

This long-distance cycle route runs through the centres of Sittingbourne and Faversham, providing a mix of traffic-free and on-road cycling. It connects Faversham town centre with Oare Gunpowder Works Country Park and Canterbury, while Sittingbourne is connected to London via Gravesend and the Medway towns. As part of the National Cycle Network, it offers an easy way to explore Swale by bike and links the towns to wider routes across Kent & Medway, the UK and Europe.

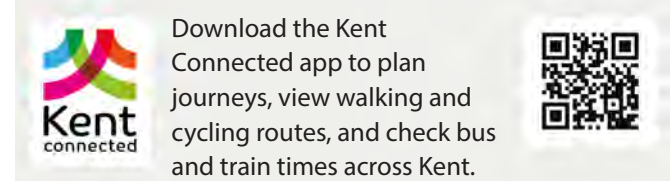
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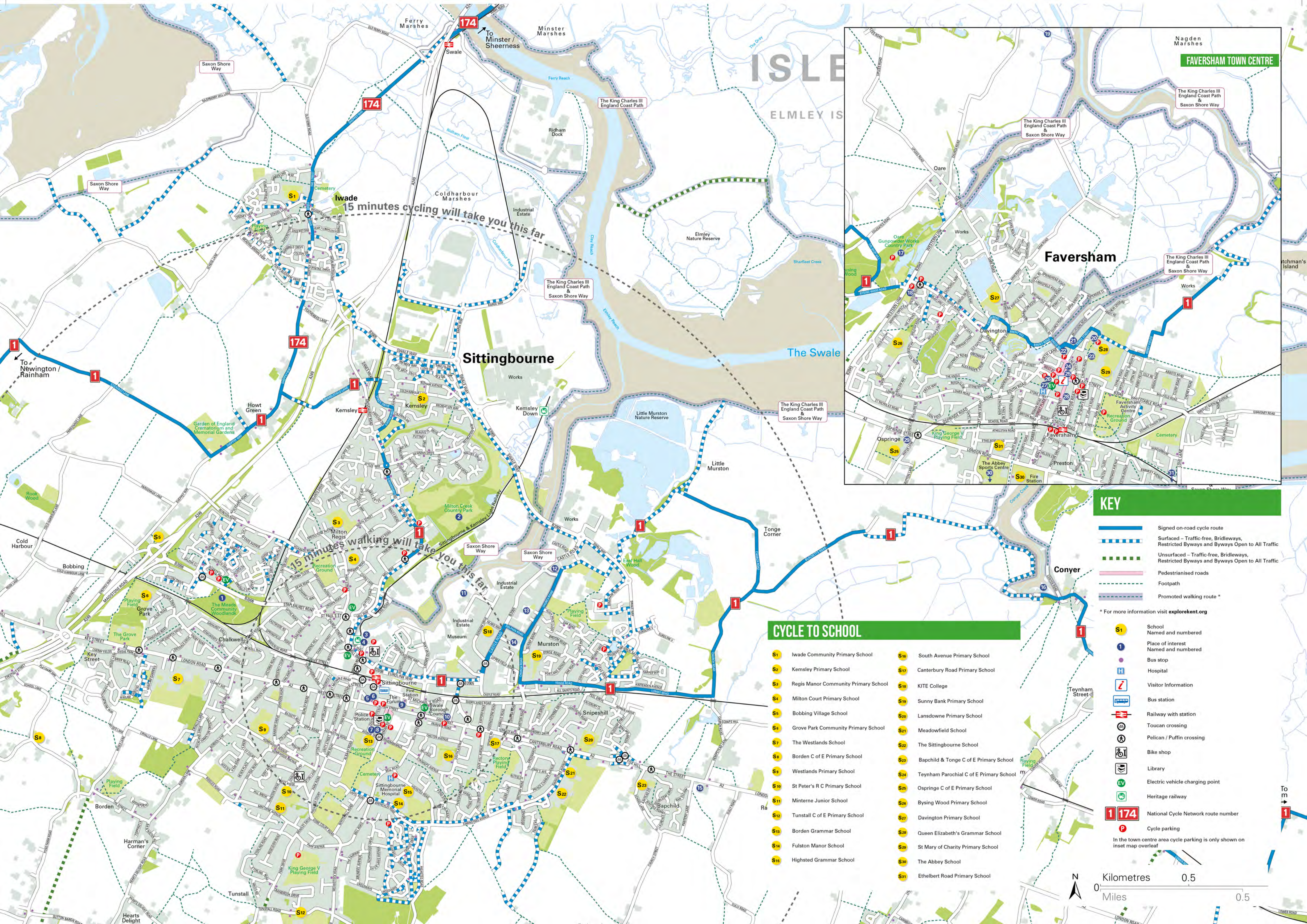
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15 minutes cycling will take you this far

15 minutes walking will take you this far

CYCLE TO SCHOOL

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| S1 | Iwade Community Primary School | S16 | South Avenue Primary School |
| S2 | Kemsley Primary School | S17 | Canterbury Road Primary School |
| S3 | Regis Manor Community Primary School | S18 | KITE College |
| S4 | Milton Court Primary School | S19 | Sunny Bank Primary School |
| S5 | Bobbing Village School | S20 | Lansdowne Primary School |
| S6 | Grove Park Community Primary School | S21 | Meadowfield School |
| S7 | The Westlands School | S22 | The Sittingbourne School |
| S8 | Borden C of E Primary School | S23 | Bapchild & Tonge C of E Primary School |
| S9 | Westlands Primary School | S24 | Teynham Parochial C of E Primary School |
| S10 | St Peter's RC Primary School | S25 | Ospringle C of E Primary School |
| S11 | Minterne Junior School | S26 | Bysing Wood Primary School |
| S12 | Tunstall C of E Primary School | S27 | Davington Primary School |
| S13 | Borden Grammar School | S28 | Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School |
| S14 | Fulston Manor School | S29 | St Mary of Charity Primary School |
| S15 | Highsted Grammar School | S30 | The Abbey School |
| | | S31 | Ethelbert Road Primary School |

KEY

- Signed on-road cycle route
- Surfaced - Traffic-free, Bridleways, Restricted Byways and Byways Open to All Traffic
- Unsurfaced - Traffic-free, Bridleways, Restricted Byways and Byways Open to All Traffic
- Pedestrianised roads
- Footpath
- Promoted walking route *

* For more information visit explorekent.org

- School Named and numbered
- Place of interest Named and numbered
- Bus stop
- Hospital
- Visitor Information
- Bus station
- Railway with station
- Toucan crossing
- Pelican / Puffin crossing
- Bike shop
- Library
- Electric vehicle charging point
- Heritage railway
- National Cycle Network route number
- Cycle parking

In the town centre area cycle parking is only shown on inset map overlay

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Miles 0 0.5

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