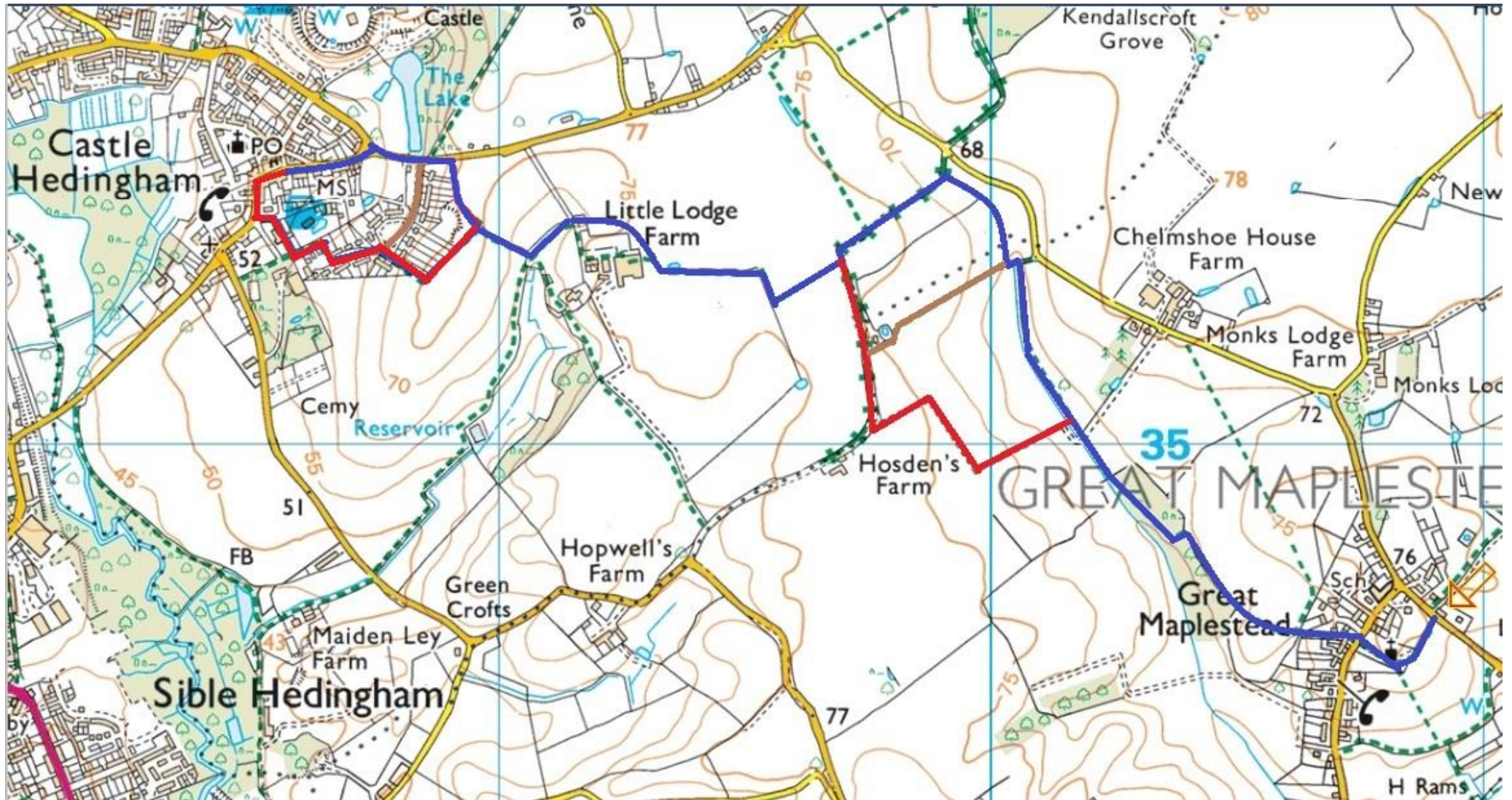





# Walk to Castle Hedingham



## Key:

<b>Suggested Route:</b>		<b>2.4 miles – 1.0hrs (ish)</b>
<b>Alternative Options:</b>		<b>2.6 miles – 1.1hrs (ish)</b>
<b>Other Alternatives:</b>		<b>2.4 miles – 1.0hrs (ish)</b>

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- From the Village Hall, cross Lucking Street, take the steps up onto Church Path and follow it round to the gates.
- Cross Church Street and go down through Dorothy's and Alyn's garden (it's a right-of-way) to the bottom.
- Turn half left and follow the well-marked track along to the way-marker, then turn left down the 'causeway'.
- At the bottom of the slope turn right and go alongside the pheasant pen towards the Slype spinney.
- Through the Spinney, cross the footbridge and continue ahead, dog-legging left and right across the earth bridge.
  - **Blue Route:** follow the track alongside the brook, dog-legging left and right at the footpath from the road, following the brook along to the gravel road. Turn left towards Rangers Hall and go up the gravel road to where it turns sharp left. Go straight on...
  - **Red Route:** turn left along the wide track up to the hedge, behind which it turns right then later left along the field edge, and follow it to the junction with the gravel road. Turn right and follow the road past Rangers Hall (and the scary metal-man sculpture on the left) to where the road turns sharp right. Turn left...
- ... along the footpath towards Little Lodge Farm, turning right at the hedge and the left along the field edge.
- Just before the chicken shed turn half right and follow the newly way-marked path around the back of the farm buildings.
- Cross the concrete farm driveway and follow the path alongside the hedge until you see a stile on the left.
- Turn right here and follow the path up beside the storm-damaged oak tree to the hedge.
  - **Blue Route:** turn right and follow the hedge line into a small copse, then down the steps to the road (take care here – the steps are steep and come out right on the road). Cross to the pavement and walk down and across Bayley Street towards the Bell.
  - **Red Route:** turn left and follow the path alongside the hedge until it turns right and follow it into the housing estate. Turn left at the road (New Park), then right just past the last of the bungalows on the right. Follow the path round to the left, then take the narrow tarmacked path to the right (which passes between houses and has a big hedge at the end) to Pottery Lane. Turn left to the main road, then right and follow the pavement round to the Bell.