

Little Baddow Parish - A Haven for Walkers

The Parish of Little Baddow is well known for its natural beauty. It is situated on a hill, one of the highest in Essex, and in the north and west runs down to the scenic River Chelmer. Large areas of the parish comprise of woodland, the remainder, apart from the dwelling areas, being given over to arable land and grazing, mainly for horses.

The parish is blessed with a large number of footpaths including the Millennium Walk, a circular route of nearly seven miles, which runs entirely within the parish. The towpath of the River Chelmer is also a favoured path for walkers. The "Stables Tearoom" at Paper Mill lock is a popular stopping off place. Refreshments can also be obtained within the village at the Rodney and General's Arms public houses.

For those interested in nature there is much to see. In spring people come from miles around to see the masses of bluebells in Blake's Wood which are preceded by carpets of white wood anemones. The range of habitats in the parish means there is a wide variety of bird species including kingfisher, woodpecker, buzzard, nightingale and skylark.

Butterflies and dragonflies can also be seen in good numbers and in the autumn the woods hold a variety of fungi.

For those interested in history the village History Centre is well worth a visit as are the churches. The parish church with its medieval wall paintings dates from the 13th century and the chapel was one of the first non-conformist churches in the country.

Nearby can be found the house, now a private residence, which was once the home of Thomas Hooker who became "The Father of American Democracy" and John Elliot the "Apostle of the North American Indians."

Whilst out walking please obey the rules of the countryside. Do not stray onto private property, keep dogs under close control and take your litter home with you. If you prefer to join an organised walk look on the parish website or in the parish magazine for details.

Whether it is winter, spring, summer or autumn there is much to see and enjoy whilst walking in this beautiful area of Essex.



Holybread Wood G3



Colam Lane H5



Millennium Walk E5



Pheasanhouse Farm K6



St. Mary's Church E3



View of the Chelmer Valley J4



The General's Arms J5



Blake's Wood G6



Paper Mill Lock H2



Graces Walk E6



The Rodney H4



The Sports Field H6



River Chelmer and Towpath G2



Little Baddow Heath L7



Little Baddow Hall E3



The Ford D5



Riffhams Chase H6



Little Baddow Lock D3

Little Baddow Parish Footpath Map



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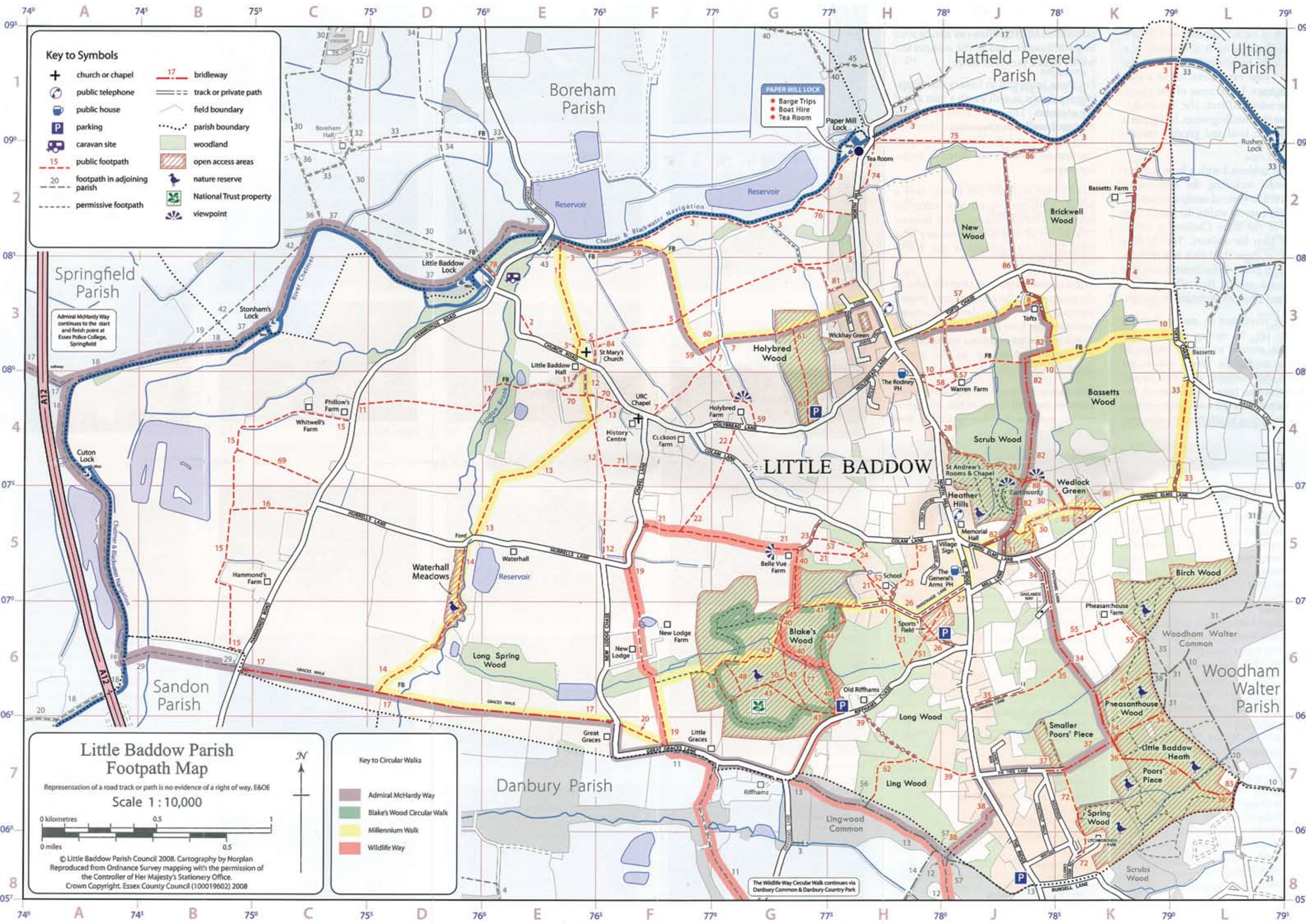
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Boat Hire	H2
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Key to Symbols

	church or chapel		bridleway
	public telephone		track or private path
	public house		field boundary
	parking		parish boundary
	caravan site		woodland
	public footpath		open access areas
	footpath in adjoining parish		nature reserve
	permissive footpath		National Trust property
			viewpoint

Little Baddow Parish Footpath Map

Representation of a road track or path is no evidence of a right of way. E&OE

Scale 1 : 10,000

0 kilometres 0.5 1
0 miles 0.5

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Key to Circular Walks

	Admiral McHardy Way
	Blake's Wood Circular Walk
	Millennium Walk
	Wildlife Way

PAPER MILL LOCK

- Barge Trips
- Boat Hire
- Tea Room

The Wildlife Way Circular Walk continues via Danbury Common & Danbury Country Park