

Potters Bar Walks

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Make a Difference

As a regular user of the local footpaths you are best placed to suggest which routes are in need of improvement.

The Potters Bar 'In Focus' group receives annual funding from Hertfordshire County Council's Parish Paths Partnership towards improving the local rights of way.

- ☐ New kissing gates have been installed
- ☐ Stiles have been removed
- ☐ Paths are regularly surveyed

Join the group and make a difference!





Contact Countryside Management Service
Tel: 01727 848168.

Transport

Trains: Potters Bar Station, Hadley Wood Station, Brookmans Park Station.
National Rail enquiries 08457 484950
24 hour service.

Buses: *Intralink Traveline 0870 6082608*
www.traveline.org.uk

Rights of Way are waymarked as follows:

 Footpath
  Bridleway
  Byway open to all traffic
  Road used as a public path

The Countryside Management Service works with communities in Hertfordshire, to help them care for and enjoy the environment. For more information contact us on Tel: 01727 848168 Website: www.hertsdirect.org/cm

The area is almost all within the Watling Chase Community Forest where local people and organisations are working to create a more sustainable and vibrant environment.








POTTERS BAR IN FOCUS

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A 12 mile (19 km) circular walk in short manageable sections.



Woodland

There are a number of beautiful woodlands around Potters Bar to be explored, amongst them Gobions Wood, Furzefield Wood and Fir & Pond Woods. Discover these ancient places which provide a home for rare and special wildlife and provide quiet places for us to recharge our batteries.

Parkland

During the 19th Century closeness to London and the ease of travel by coach and rail, made this a popular area for building country houses. Although many of the mansions have now disappeared the parkland landscape can still be found to the north near Gobions Wood and to the south at Wrotham Park.

Farmland

Protected by the Green Belt, much of the landscape around the town is still farmed. Along with different arable crops you can see sheep, horses and cattle grazing in the fields. The Royal Veterinary College has a base here, contributing to animal care and welfare and is the largest of its kind in the UK.



Special places of interest

1 Gobions Wood Conservation Area:

Gobions Wood is a beautiful woodland of 17 hectares. Part of it is ancient (over 400 years old) and encloses the remains of the 18th century Pleasure Gardens that were part of the historical Gobions Estate. It is now owned and managed as a conservation area by the Gobions Woodland Trust.

Look out for: 90 species of bird • 5 species of bat including Brown Long-Eared & Daubentons • Common Newts • 143 species of fungi including Puff balls, Boleti & Brackets • over 19 species of butterfly including Speckled Wood & Holly Blue.

Nearby are: Gobions Open Space & Leach Fields with 100 species of wild flower & grass.

2 Fir & Pond Wood Local Nature Reserve:

This is the best remaining part of the ancient hunting ground of Enfield Chase. There are woodland, meadow and wetland habitats supporting an abundance of wildlife. The reserve is managed by the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust.

Look out for: Oak & Hornbeam woodland • great birdlife including Woodpeckers, Sparrowhawks & Warblers • Dragonflies including the Ruddy Darter • lake plants including Common Reedmace & Gipsywort.

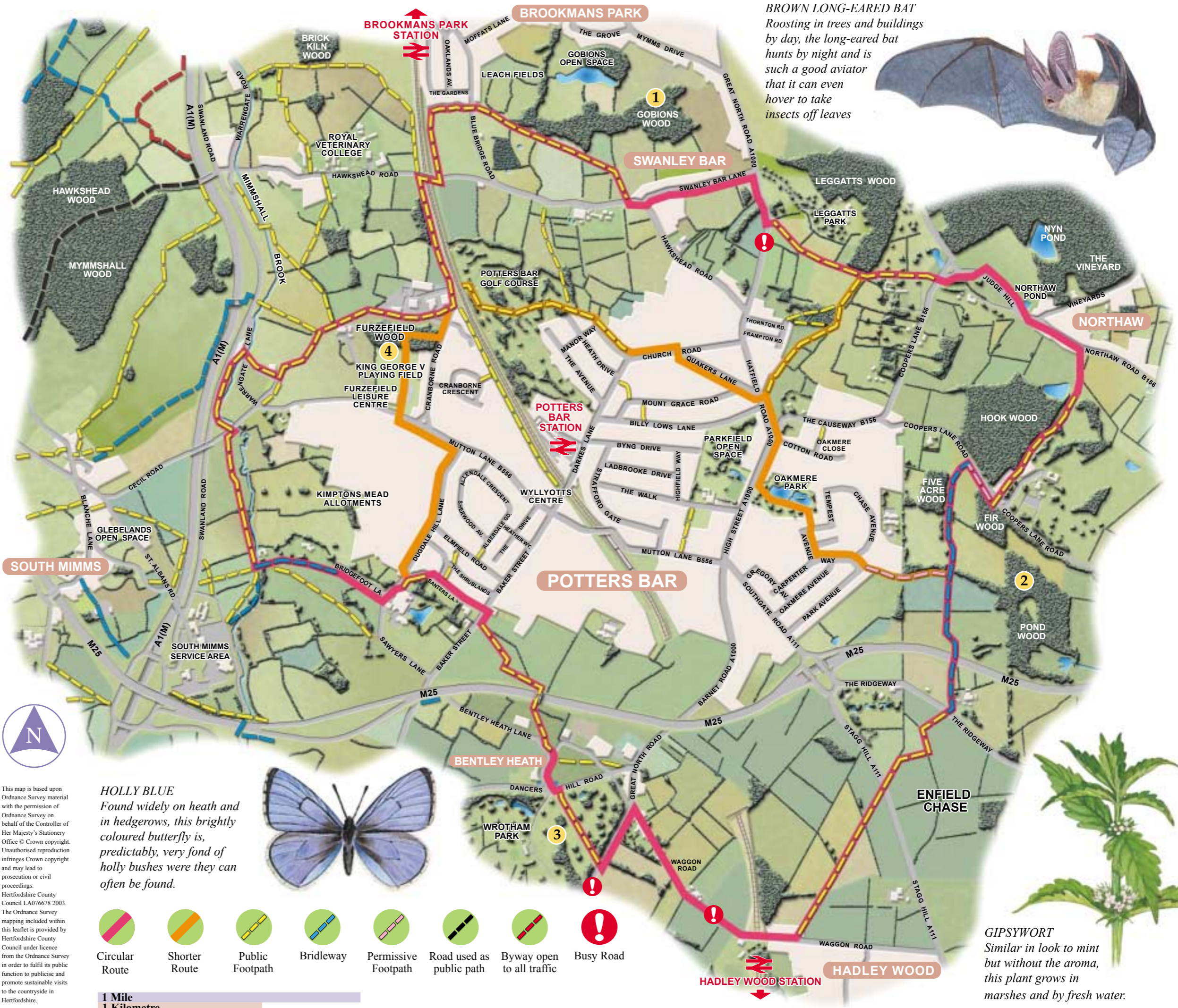
3 Wrotham Park:

Set at the heart of Wrotham Park private estate is the Palladian Mansion built by Admiral John Byng in 1754. It is probable that the Admiral never lived here as he was sentenced to death shortly after its completion. This was by order of the King, for negligence in battle against the French. The Park and Mansion are now used for private events such as weddings and fun days. It has recently featured in films such as Bridget Jones's Diary and the Oscar-winning Gosford Park.

4 Furze Field Wood & Lower Halfpenny Bottom Local Nature Reserve:

Furze Field Wood is a wonderful mosaic of habitats that has been managed as traditional hazel coppice with standard trees for generations.

Look out for: 30 species of bird • enjoy the scents & colours of over 150 species of plant & tree • spot a variety of insects, fungi & mammal.











BROWN LONG-EARED BAT
Roosting in trees and buildings by day, the long-eared bat hunts by night and is such a good aviator that it can even hover to take insects off leaves



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HOLLY BLUE
Found widely on heath and in hedgerows, this brightly coloured butterfly is, predictably, very fond of holly bushes were they can often be found.



-  Circular Route
-  Shorter Route
-  Public Footpath
-  Bridleway
-  Permissive Footpath
-  Road used as public path
-  Byway open to all traffic
-  Busy Road

1 Mile
1 Kilometre

GIPSYWORT
Similar in look to mint but without the aroma, this plant grows in marshes and by fresh water.

