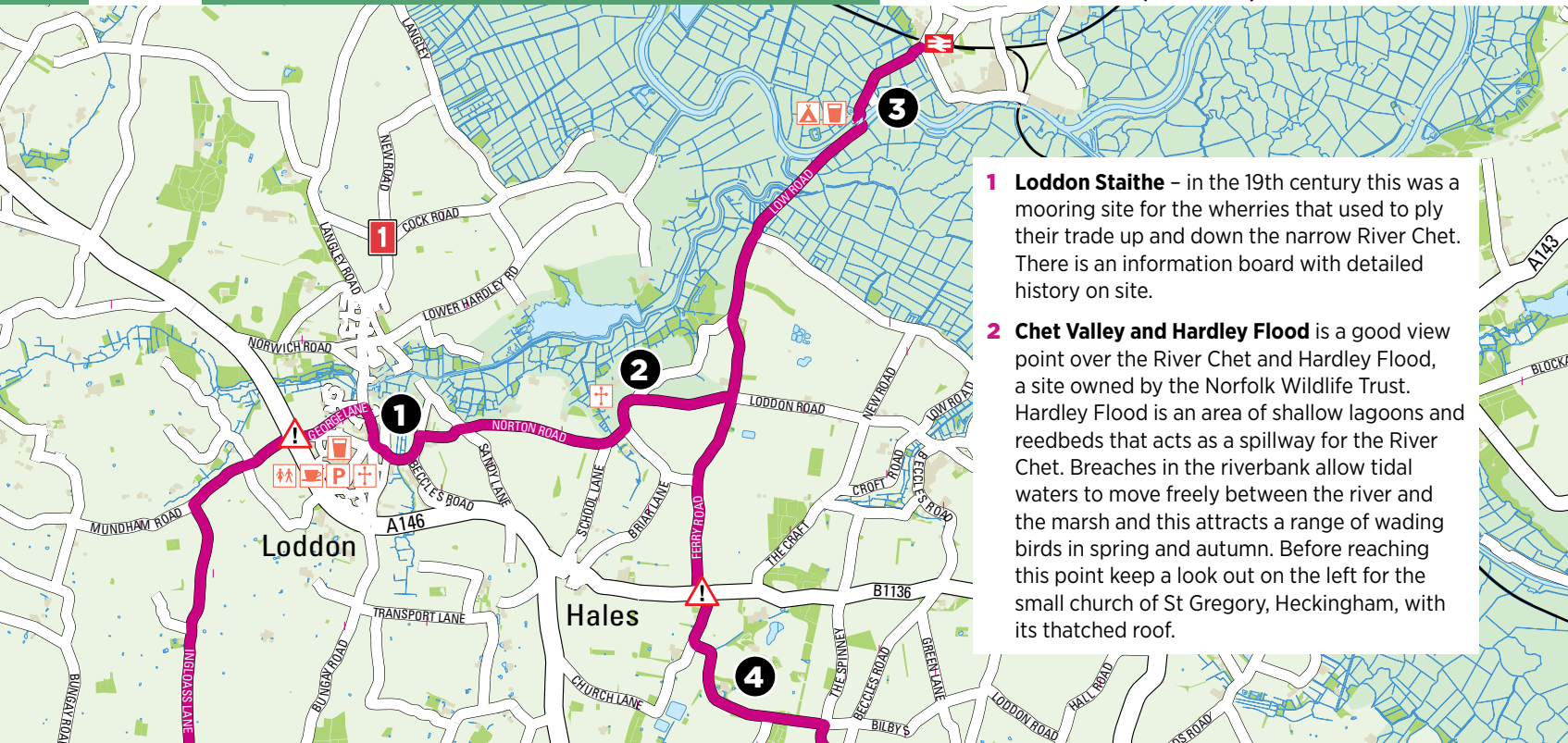
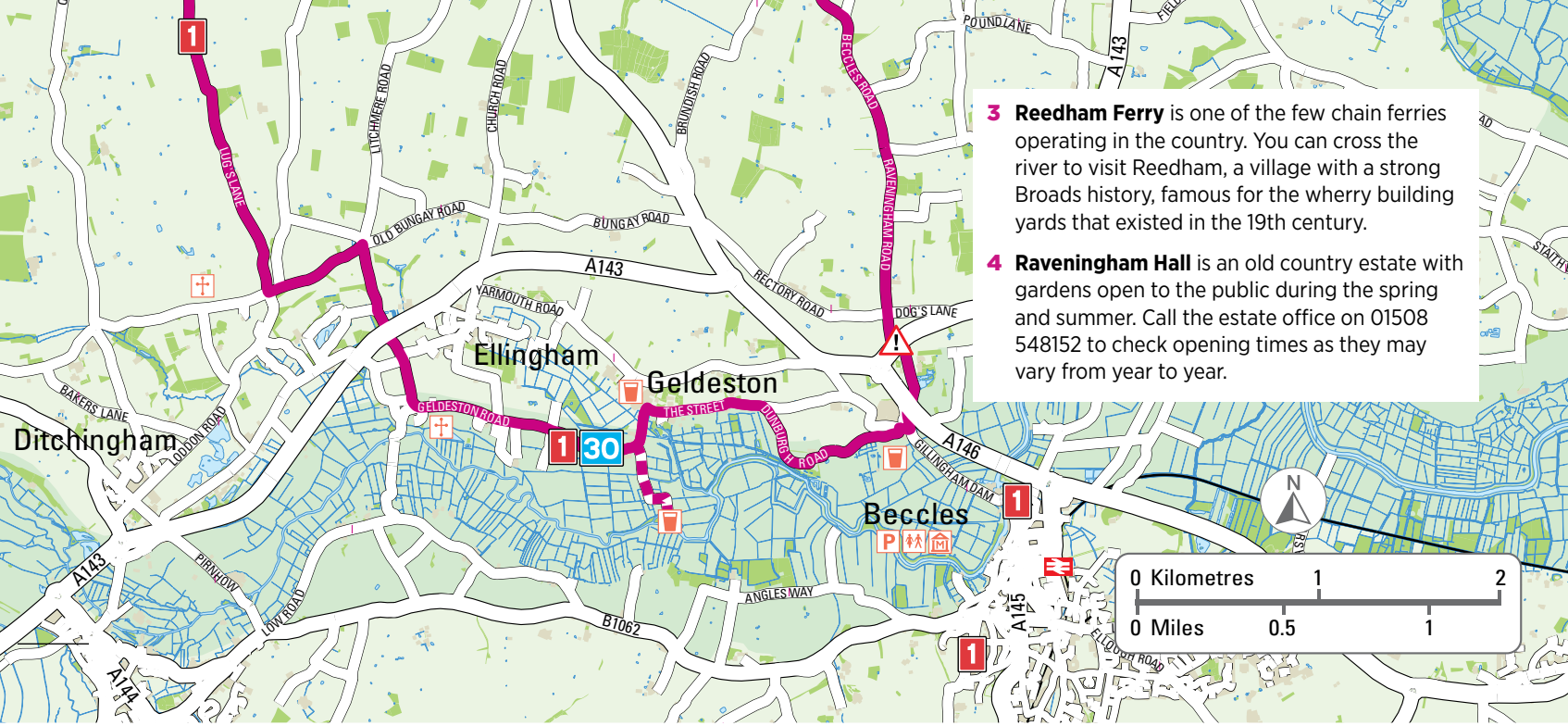
12 THREE RIVERS LOOP ■ Loddon ■ Reedham ■ Beddles ■ Geldeston

Distance: 20 miles (32.5 km) ■ **Time:** 4 hours



1 **Loddon Staithe** – in the 19th century this was a mooring site for the wherries that used to ply their trade up and down the narrow River Chet. There is an information board with detailed history on site.

2 **Chet Valley and Hardley Flood** is a good view point over the River Chet and Hardley Flood, a site owned by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. Hardley Flood is an area of shallow lagoons and reedbeds that acts as a spillway for the River Chet. Breaches in the riverbank allow tidal waters to move freely between the river and the marsh and this attracts a range of wading birds in spring and autumn. Before reaching this point keep a look out on the left for the small church of St Gregory, Heckingham, with its thatched roof.



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