15 YARE VALLEY ■ Strumpshaw ■ Cantley ■ Buckenham

Distance: 12 miles (19 km) ■ **Time:** 2 hours

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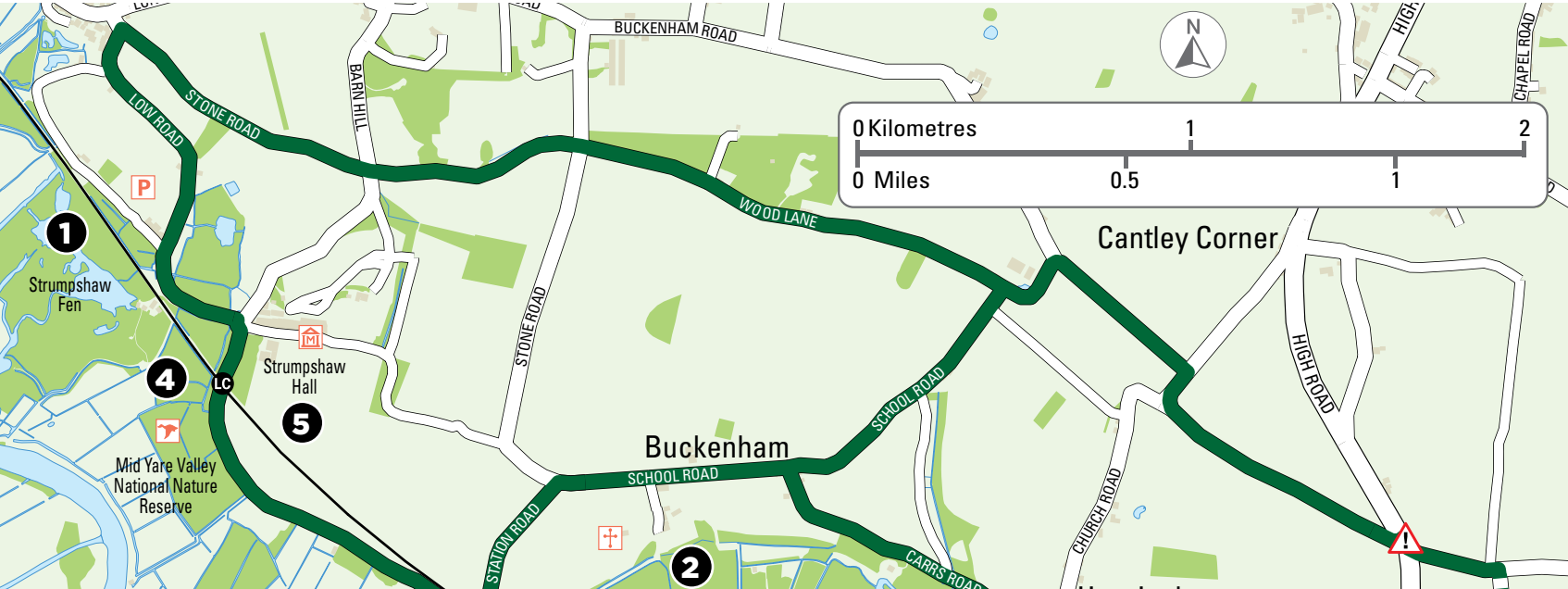
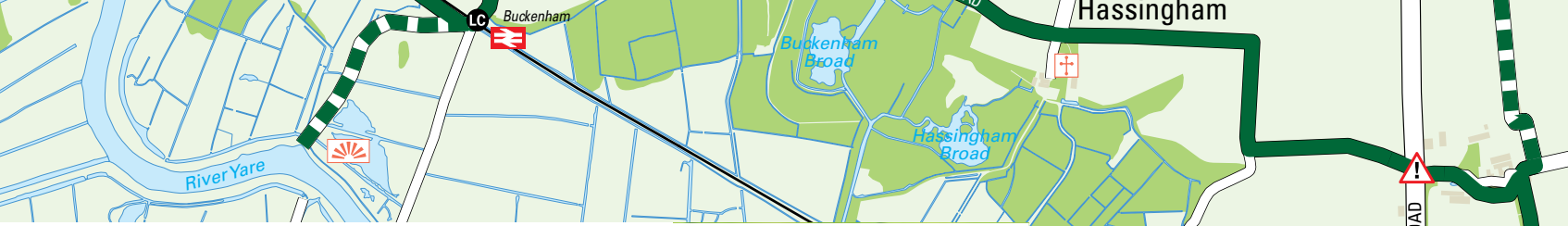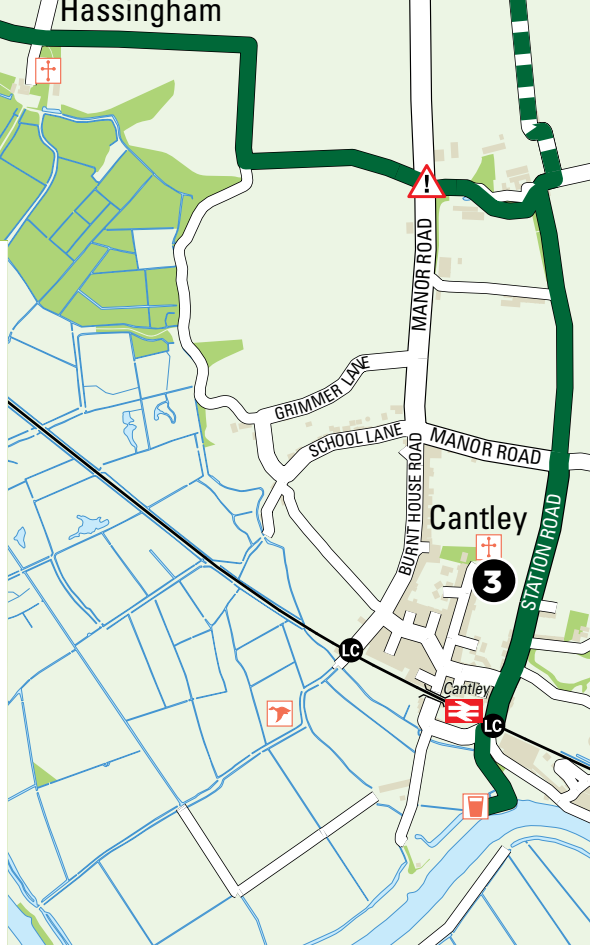
1. **RSPB Strumpshaw Nature Reserve** has the full range of Broadland habitats and wildlife. Walk round the reedbeds, woodlands and orchid-rich meadows (pictured) and you could chance upon marsh harriers, bitterns and kingfishers.
2. **Buckenham Marshes** – the track down to the river provides a great view over the RSPB grazing marshes. Look out for Chinese water deer and many kinds of ducks, geese and wading birds around the pools.
3. You can look over **Cantley Marshes** from the riverbank path south of the Reedcutters pub, where you might see hunting birds of prey, including marsh harrier, peregrine and barn owl.
4. The quiet lanes along the **Yare Valley** weave through a landscape of arable farmland and small woods. Look out for brown hares in the fields and yellowhammers, kestrels and little owls along the boundaries.
5. **Strumpshaw Hall** is in the Classical style and features a Doric porch. It dates to sometime in the first half of the 19th century and is built from gault brick. It is the home of the Strumpshaw Hall Steam Museum, with a collection of traction engines and steam rollers, and is open on Sundays from April to September.