






# LOCAL CIRCUIT BH1: DANSON PARK & BOSTALL WOODS

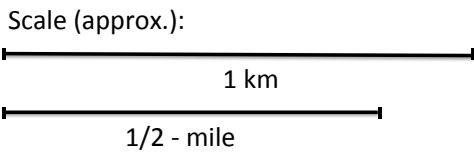
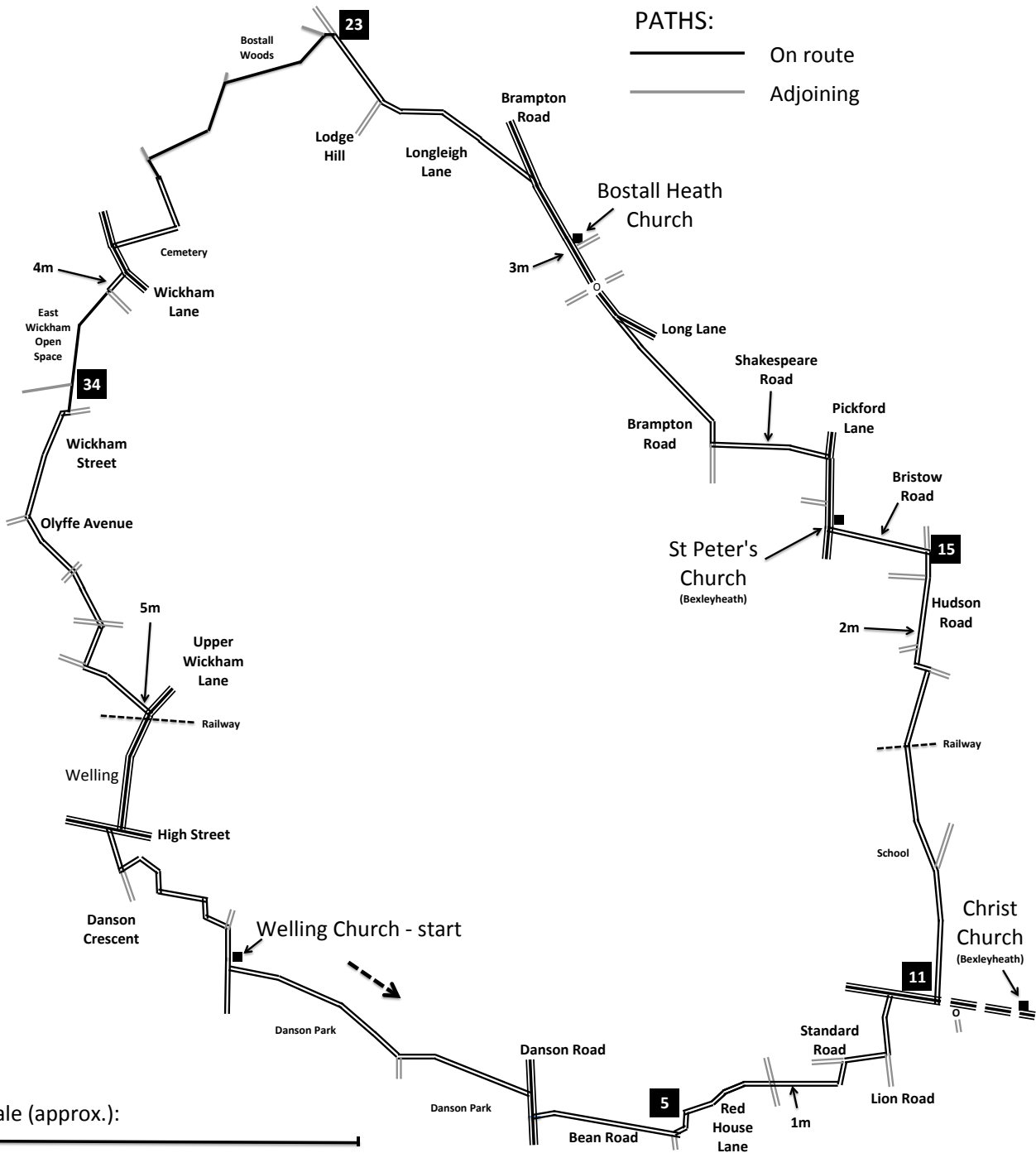
**88** Direction label (as in the walk notes)

**ROADS:**

-  Significant roads
-  Others - on route
-  Others - adjoining

**PATHS:**

-  On route
-  Adjoining



 Starting direction

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- 5.57 miles

## Linked churches:

Welling (start and finish)

Bexleyheath Christ Church (Direction 11B: Detour – see Appendix)

Bexleyheath St Peter (16)

Bostall Heath (21)

## Roads and hindrances:

Beyond usual prudence there are no significant traffic issues. Danson Road is busy (Direction 4), but there is a light-controlled crossing.

On entering Bostall Woods (23), the second of the left-turns (the one down into the woods) comes very soon and is easily missed. The fallen trees (27) are, we might hope, a temporary feature.

Notes taken: June and July 2020

The start and finish is at Welling Church, Danson Lane, DA16 2BQ.

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		Start at the point on Danson Lane where the driveway from <b>Welling Church</b> meets it. Go up, not the driveway itself, but the roadway on its right, the other side of the fence, leading into Danson Park.  <i>Park opening times currently advertised (June 2020): 7.30 weekdays, 9.00 weekends and bank holidays; closing 4.30 or sunset, whichever is the later.</i>	468 755	
2	5	Pass various facilities on the left, including toilets (currently open). Continue ahead along the road, on its left-hand side now, to avoid being diverted by a fence which soon appears.		
3	11	Pass through the first gates.		
4		At the second gates turn right and use the nearby light-controlled crossing to go over the main road and set out along Bean Road opposite.		0.56
5	16	<b>[Map point]</b> At the T-junction at the end turn left, then immediately follow the road's right swing.		
6	19	At the end, cross over the road and continue ahead, passing a traffic barrier and going ahead along the roadway.		
7	21	Swing left with the road.		
8	22	Turn right at the T-junction.		
9	23	And then left at the T-junction at the end, into Lion Road.		
10	25	Turn right into the main road (Bexleyheath Broadway), and cross as soon as possible.	485 754	
11	27	<b>[Map point]</b> <i>[To visit <b>Christ Church</b>, now divert instead to the <b>Detour</b> in the Appendix.]</i>  <b>Main route:</b> Turn left along Church Road.		1.35
12	31	At the mini-roundabout keep left (still Church Road).		
13	35	Carry on over the railway bridge.		
14	38	At the end turn left (Hudson Road) and immediately follow the road as it turns right.		1.91
15	42	<b>[Map point]</b> Take the third turning on the left (Bristow Road).		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
16	<b>45</b>	At the end turn right along the main road, with <b><u>St Peter's Church</u></b> on the corner.		
17	<b>47</b>	Take the second turning on the left (Shakespeare Road).		
18	<b>51</b>	At the end, facing shops, turn right (Brampton Road) and cross to go along its left-hand side.		2.59
19	<b>57</b>	As Long Lane comes in from the right, continue ahead past the shops.		
20	<b>59</b>	At the roundabout go straight ahead, crossing Okehampton Crescent and continuing on the left-hand side of Brampton Road.		
21	<b>60</b>	Pass <b><u>Bostall Heath Church</u></b> on the other side of the road.	477 773	
22	<b>63</b>	Take the left fork along Longleigh Lane.		
23	<b>71</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> At the start of the Bostall Woods open space (about 250 yds. after passing the end of Lodge Hill, and immediately after the end of a section under trees) turn left on a path away from road, and then after about 25 yds. left again, downhill into trees, away from the open space and the bowling green.		3.53
24	<b>73</b>	After some gentle steps fork right with the track. (Here, and from now throughout this section through the woods, always use the 'Green Chain Walk' posts to confirm your route.)		
25	<b>75</b>	Keep right (GCW post).		
26	<b>76</b>	Turn left (GCW post).		
27	<b>78</b>	Keep right (GCW post). There are currently two fallen across the path, tricky to negotiate!		
28	<b>80</b>	Turn left at the GCW signpost.	465 773	
29		Go straight ahead along a rough road.		
30	<b>83</b>	At the top follow the road as it turns right at the cemetery entrance.		
31	<b>85</b>	At the bottom turn briefly left along Wickham Lane.		
32	<b>86</b>	Turn right along Highbanks Road (signposted GCW).		
33	<b>87</b>	As the road turns left, instead continue up ahead into the East Wickham Open Space. Follow the path as it goes up and then along the left-hand side of the grass.		4.21
34	<b>92</b>	<b>[Map point]</b> When the Green Chain Walk turns away to the right, instead go straight ahead towards the exit at the road visible ahead.		
35	<b>93</b>	After passing a pair of barriers, turn right along the road and follow it around its left-hand bend. When convenient cross to its left-hand side.		
36	<b>97</b>	Turn left along Olyffe Avenue.		
37	<b>99</b>	Go straight ahead, crossing Lovel Avenue.		
38	<b>101</b>	Go straight ahead, crossing Leigh Place.		
39	<b>102</b>	Turn left along Burnell Avenue.		
40	<b>105</b>	At the end turn right (Upper Wickham Lane) and go under the railway bridge. Stay on the right-hand side.		
41	<b>108</b>	Reach Welling's main crossroads and go ahead, with the lights, over the main A207 (Welling High Street / Bellegrave Road). On the other side, almost opposite, take the road which goes half-left, Danson Crescent.		5.19
42	<b>110</b>	Turn left along Marwood Close, and follow it as it becomes St John's Road and winds right and left and right and left.		
43	<b>114</b>	At the T-junction at the end turn right (Danson Lane).		
44	<b>115</b>	Reach the end of the driveway to <b><u>Welling Church</u></b> on the left, the starting point of the walk.	468 755	5.57

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## APPENDIX to Local Circuit BH1

### Detour to Bexleyheath Christ Church

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
11A		To reach Christ Church continue straight on at Direction 11 (instead of turning left along Church Road).		0.00
11B	3	Reach <b>Christ Church</b> on the left. After visiting the church, retrace your steps to the Church Road junction.		0.14
11C	5	Rejoin the main route, by turning right along Church Road, as from Direction 11. <b>Add 5 minutes to subsequent total times and 0.28 miles to cumulative distances.</b>		0.28

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### FOR THOSE WHO WALK WITH THEIR DOGS

I do not venture to give advice about walking with your dog. As well as the joys, you will be well aware of the issues involved, and particularly that relationships between dogs and other countryside animals potentially involve mutual suspicion, or worse.

**But what this footnote does try to do, in response to requests, is to give some indication of the nature of the walk from a dog's point of view, to enable you to decide whether it is suitable.**

The percentage distances on the right (on the next page) should be self-explanatory.

The information in the middle column may look a bit cluttered, but I think it should enable you (if the detail is of interest) to mark up within a few minutes a print-out of the walk notes, so that you have some idea what might be round the next corner.

The risk in all this is that **things change so quickly** in the agricultural working world; and what I describe might become misleading after subsequent changes. I have done my best, but there is no guarantee that you will find the information up to date!

<b>LOCAL CIRCUIT BH1</b>	<b>Direction numbers</b>	<b>% of walk</b>
Busy road	4-5, 10-14, 16, 18-22, 31, 35, 39-41, 43	54
Quiet road \$\$	1-3, 6-9, 15, 17, 29-30, 32, 36-38, 42	36
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	33	3
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	34	1
Woods	23-28	7

\*\* This is not a promise, just a statement of fact - that, having walked these sections perhaps two or three times, I have found no animals or any sign of them.

\$\$ Again, not a promise that there will be no traffic to worry about. Just a personal judgement of conditions as I have found them.

**STILES:** There are currently no stiles on this walk.