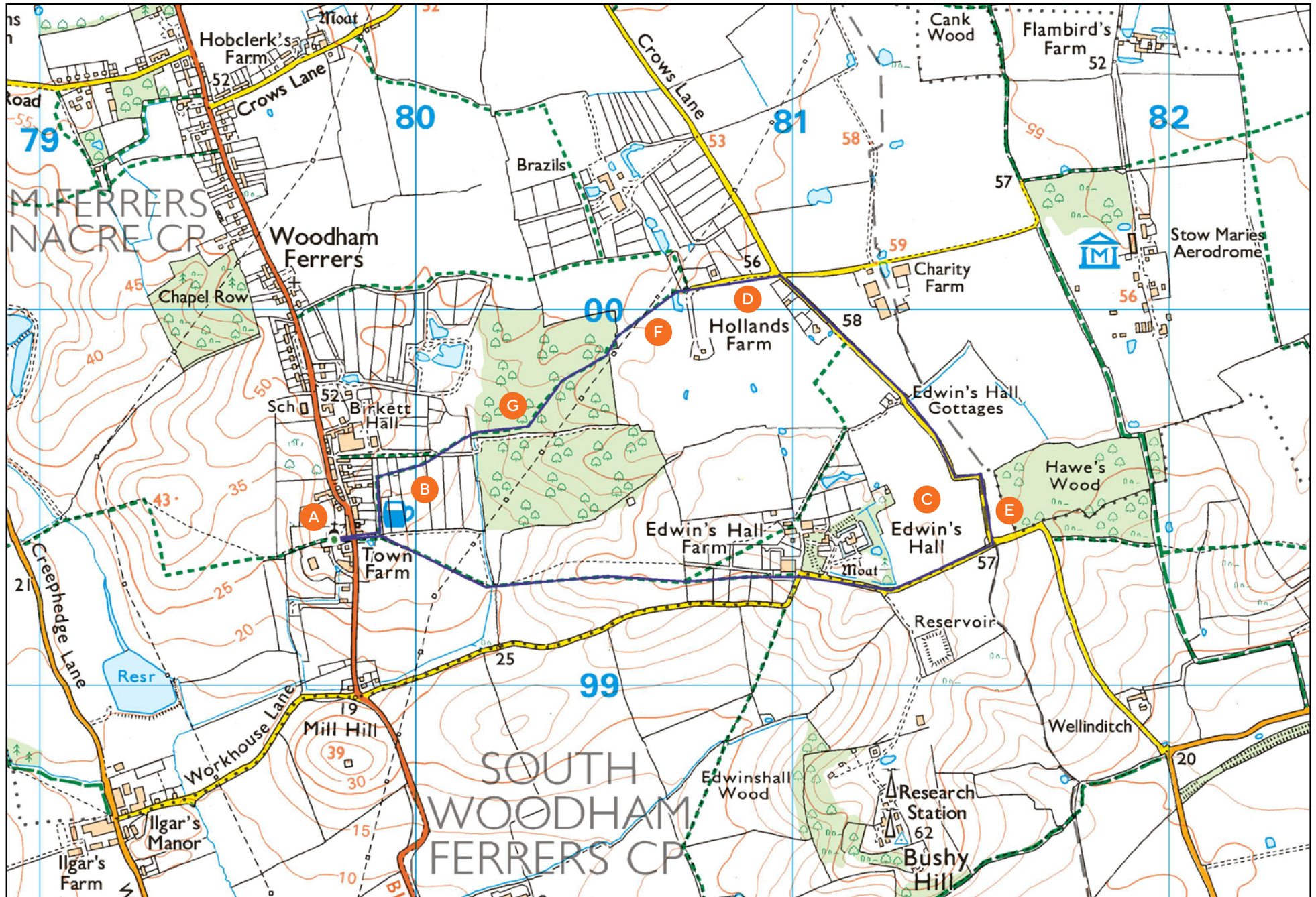


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## ROUTE GUIDANCE

The walk is approximately 2.5 miles and is mostly covered by OS Explorer 175 apart from the area near Hollands Farm which is in OS Explorer 183.

1. Go past the side entrance of the Bell Pub and go through the gap in the pergola straight ahead of you. Turn left on the path and follow the foot path sign. As you emerge at the next signpost, bear right and go diagonally across the field towards the gap in the hedge. See map 5 showing a photo of the gap in the pergola.
2. Follow the footpath sign up the hill and on to the post in the next hedge.
3. Go through the gate and head towards the road following the footpath signs when you reach the buildings.
4. After the stile, turn left and follow the road past Edwins Hall.
5. At the T-junction turn left into Crows Lane.
6. Shortly after passing Blacklands, bear left at the crossroads following the sign to Hollands Farm.
7. At the bend, follow the footpath which goes straight ahead and proceed across the field diagonally towards the stile.
8. Climb the stile and join the track, turning to the left. When you reach the next footpath sign bear to the right and continue around the edge of the plantation.
9. Eventually at the bottom you will reach a footpath, turn left and proceed for about 50 m passing an abandoned horsebox and beehives. Turn right up the hill towards the houses keeping close to the fence beside the horse fields.
10. Turn left at the end of the field and follow the path behind the houses.
11. Go through the gap in the hedge where you will see the footpath sign and turn right towards the Bell Pub.



**E** At the T junction turn left into Crows Lane



**F** Proceed diagonally towards the stile



**G** Right turn up the hill

## MAP REFERENCES

### St. Mary’s Church **A**

Built on the site of a Saxon church in the 13th century, extended in the 14th and 15th centuries. The tower that once adorned the West end of the church fell in 1703, was rebuilt only to fall again in 1774 and was replaced by a wooden belfry to house one of the former five bells.

### The Bell **B**

The present public house was built in 1885, on a site that has had brewing connections at least as far back as 1623

### Edwins Hall **C**

Rebuilt by Edwin Sandys, Archbishop of York, from whom it takes its name. The house today is but a small portion of the double moated Manor House which was built between 1576 and 1580.

The footpath used today is the same path that was used by the staff at the Hall, the shortest route to town and Church.

### Hollands Farm **D**

Possibly a corruption of an old farm name of Howlands, which dates back to 1538

Blacklands alias ‘Widow Beards Cottage’.

Crows Lane alias Blacklands Lane