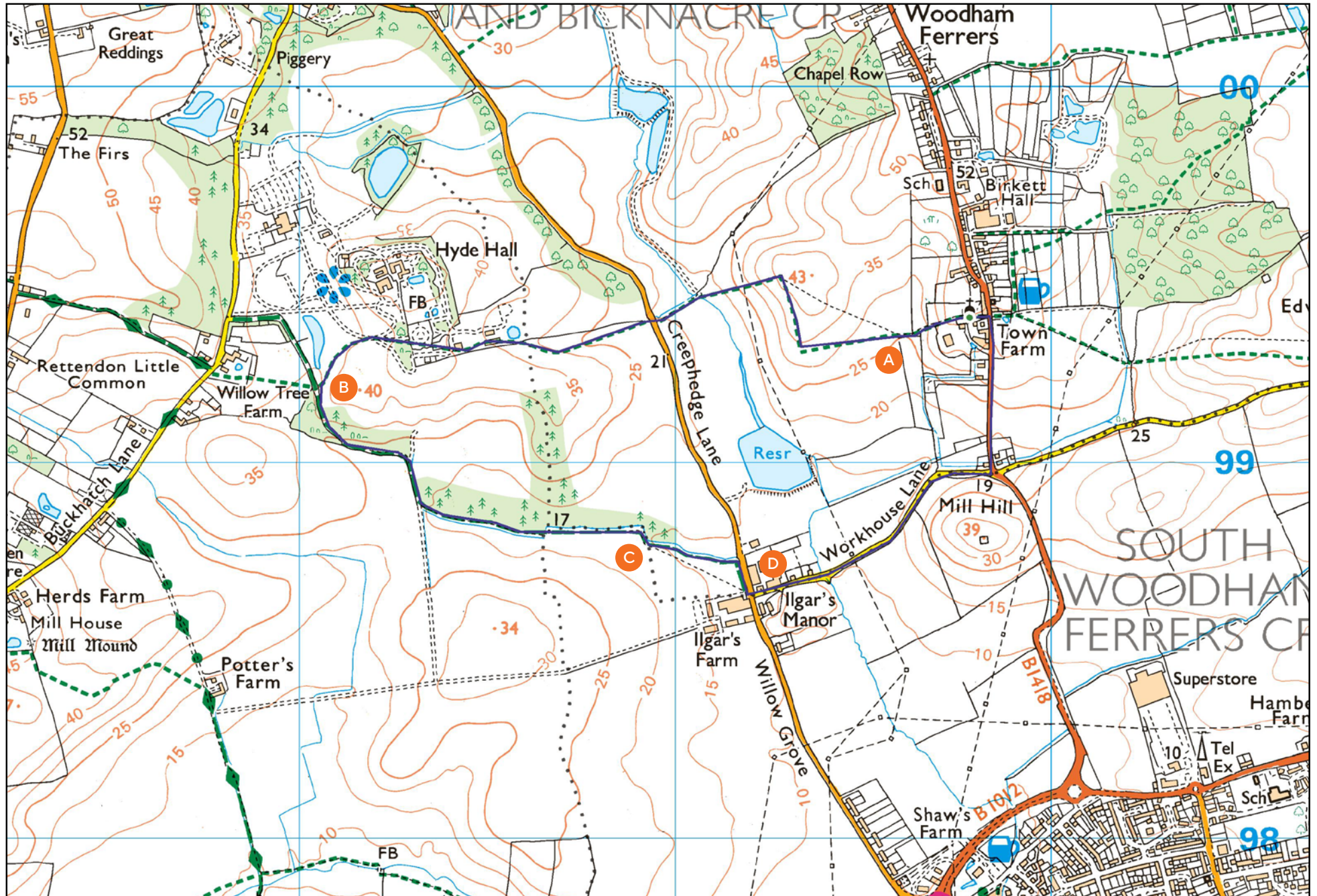


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## ROUTE GUIDANCE

This walk is approximately 3.5 miles and is covered by OS Explorer Map 175. It may be muddy during the winter months.

1. Following the footpath sign at the entrance to the church, go past the church and through the graveyard.
2. Exit the graveyard at the bottom left-hand corner, follow the path and then turn right and cross over the wooden footbridge. Cross the field heading towards the trees straight ahead.
3. On reaching the next footpath sign at the top of the hill at the tree go straight on and descend towards the road.
4. Crossing over the road, go straight on following the footpath sign and eventually passing Hyde Hall on the right. <https://w3w.co/billiard.anyone.intricate>
5. Follow the footpath sign straight on to a gap in the hedge and immediately turn left onto the bridleway. Keep on this winding bridleway always keeping to the right of the tree plantation and eventually head towards the farm buildings.
6. At the road (Creephedge Lane) opposite the BFS yard turn right and walk parallel to the road approximately 100m towards the static caravan. Turn left and cross the road into Workhouse Lane/Mosses Lane and continue to the end. <https://w3w.co/buildings.spark.crackled>
7. On reaching the main road, cross over and turn left and proceed up the hill back to the church.

## PARISH OF RETTENDON

The Land of St. Etheldreda’s, Ely before the Conquest, 1066. Hyde Hall, dates back to the early 15th Century.

Rettendon was Radendunam, or Retendune, at the Domesday Survey.

It has been said that all but one of the bells from St. Mary’s Church, Woodham Ferrers, were sold to pay for the repair of the fallen church tower, recast and hung in All Saints Church, Rettendon in 1704.

N.B. Mill Hill; is a glacial deposit, not a burial ground for plague victims, as some have reported. Mille Hylle was recorded in the Manor Court Rolls of 1536, but there has been no record of a mill on this site.

## PARISH OF WOODHAM FERRERS AND BICKNACRE

Woodham; Udeham before the Conquest, and the addition of Ferrers after Henry Ferrers of de Ferrieres, who was granted this manor, one of five in Essex out of 210 Lordships throughout England.

The Bell; The start and finish of our walk, was probably named after the casting of one of the Church bells.

St. Mary’s Church

Town Farm

Town Hill

Site of the Parish Workhouse

Edwins Hall Lane

Moss’s lane, alias Workhouse Lane, alias Ilgars Lane.

Ilgars Manor; occupied by Richard and Maud Ilgar in 1305, and as so often happens the old family name survives long after those that had lived there have gone.

## PARISH OF SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS

Created in 1987, divided from the old parish and town of Woodham Ferrers at the building of the New Town.



A View along PR of W



B Gap in the hedge



C View towards the farm buildings



D View along Workhouse Lane