

ROUTE DIRECTIONS |

Park responsibly in Mark or East Huntspill. There are various pubs and a cider farm along the route.

- 01 Starting outside the White Horse pub (TA9 4LT) in Mark, with Jubilee Green on your left, turn onto Yarrow Road (signposted to Burtle); the road eventually bears right, and ignore the next left turn towards Burtle.
- 02 At the crossroads, carry straight on towards Highbridge.
- 03 After Southwick, take the next left, which emerges on the B3139 right next to the Watchfield Inn and close to Rich's Cider Farm.
- 04 Turn left onto the B3141 towards Woolavington and East Huntspill.
- 05 Continue through East Huntspill until the road takes a sharp right, turn left here towards Burtle and Gold Corner.
- 06 At Red House, take a sharp left along Long Moor Drove (potential detour here to Gold Corner Pumping Station).

- 07 Continue over Eastern Moor Bridge and look out for evidence of the disused railway and Roman Saltworks, which appear as small mounds in fields.
- 08 At the T-junction turn left over River Bridge.
- 09 After about 200m turn right along unmarked road (or carry straight on for shorter route back to Mark)
- 10 At the T-junction turn left towards Mark.
- 11 This lane emerges in Mark alongside the church, turn left back onto the B3139 which leads back to the start point.



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An easy 11 mile (17 km) ride from Mark, with one short hill climb, around the north western corner of the Avalon Marshes area.

Cider & Cripps

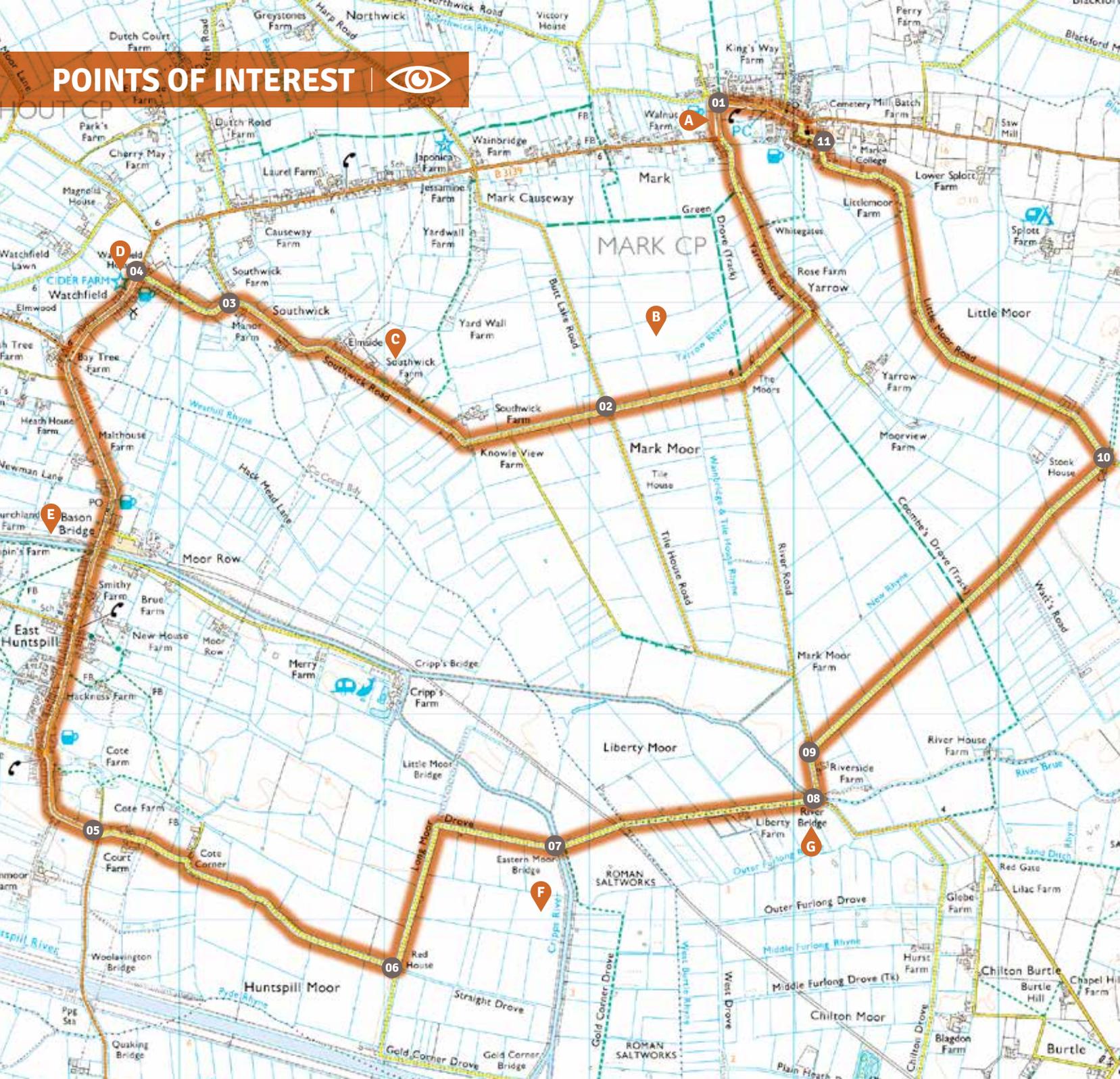
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POINTS OF INTEREST



- A** The trees on **Jubilee Green** here were planted for George V's Silver Jubilee in 1935. **Mark Yeo** is used for drainage nowadays, but originally was part of a medieval waterway; it begins at Mark where it flows under Mark Iron bridge which was constructed in 1824.
- B** In 1315 some of the **rhynes, sluices and walls** belonging to the Abbot of Glastonbury were demolished by the Dean of Wells; this was one of many incidents concerning land disputes between the Abbey and Wells Cathedral.
- C** **Southwick House** is mostly mid-18th century that was once a farmhouse; it was the birthplace of Rev John Alan Giles an English historian known as a scholar of Anglo Saxon language and history.
- D** **Rich's Cider Farm** has been producing cider for over 50 years and is still a family run business; the site boasts a farm shop and small cider museum.
- E** In 1909 a large milk factory/creamery had been built at **Bason's Bridge** and despite changing hands several times it remained open until 1987.
- F** **Cripps River** is only 1.6 miles long and joins the River Brue to the Huntspill River, it was originally part of a meandering loop of the Brue and has many Roman salt working remains running close to the bank. **Liberty Moor** contains an abundance of Roman pottery or salt making mounds; the mounds are made up of debris such as briquetage which would have been used to make evaporation vessels and supporting pillars for salt extraction.
- G** The River Brue section of the GHQ Line Green was known as Defence Area 20; in addition to the pillbox at **River Bridge** there would also have been a roadblock which would have been mined for destruction. Albert E Watts was a labourer and resident at Mark; following a dispute with local farmer Frederick Larder at the Black Bull Inn, Albert was killed on the bridge on his way home that evening, November 18th 1898.



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