

HISTORIC PLACES IN THE BRECKS

1 EUSTON HALL Duke of Grafton

Home of the Dukes of Grafton since 1670, containing paintings of Charles II, his family and court, with works by Van Dyck, Lely, Kneller and Stubbs. Pleasure grounds designed by John Evelyn, Park and Temple by William Kent, lakes by Capability Brown. Watermill, craft shop, tearoom, picnic area. Open Thurs afternoons only, June to end Sept. Entry charge. Tel: 01842-766 366.

2 GRIMES GRAVES, WEETING English Heritage

Neolithic flint mining complex covering 91 acres / 37 hectares, with over 400 hollows marking sites of old shafts. One of the shafts is open to visitors. Exhibition and small shop. Entry charge includes mine visit. Daily opening in summer; restricted opening in winter. Access from minor road between A1065 and A134. Tel: 01842-810 656.

3 LINGHEATH GUNFLINT PITS Lingheath Trust

Last surviving pits of once extensive complex of C.19th-century gunflint workings serving nationally important Brandon industry. Access from High Lodge Visitor Centre. Car park (charge). Free entry. Tel: 01842-815 434.

4 OXBURGH HALL, OXBOROUGH National Trust

Magnificent example of an early Tudor brick hall, with moat and impressive gatehouse. Built for Sir Edmund Bedingfield in 1482; remodelled in the 18th and 19th centuries. Gardens with French parterre of the 1840's (disabled access) and woodland. 16th-century terracotta tombs in partly-ruined church close by. Car park, shop, restaurant and toilets with disabled access. Wheelchair loan scheme. Open 1st April to end October. Entrance charge. Tel: 01366-328 258.

5 SANTON MOATED SITE Forest Enterprise

Moated site of probable C.15th hunting lodge. Traces of deserted medieval village and tiny All Saints church close by. Parking at St Helen's car park (charge during summer). Toilets and 1/2 mile / 0.8km easy access trail for disabled. Free entry. Access from minor road between Santon Downham and A134. Tel: 01842-815 434.



Thetford Warren Lodge

6 THETFORD CASTLE HILL Breckland Council

Earthworks of Iron Age fort containing immense Norman castle motte. Castle built by the Earl of Norfolk c.1070, demolished 1173. Free entry. Tel: 01842-752 599.

7 THETFORD PRIORY English Heritage

Extensive remains of the important Cluniac priory of St Mary, built in 1107 by Roger Bigod, Earl of Norfolk. Includes cloisters, Prior's lodgings, Lady Chapel and 14th-century gatehouse. Car park (no charge). Free entry. Tel: 01604-735 400.

8 THETFORD WARREN LODGE English Heritage

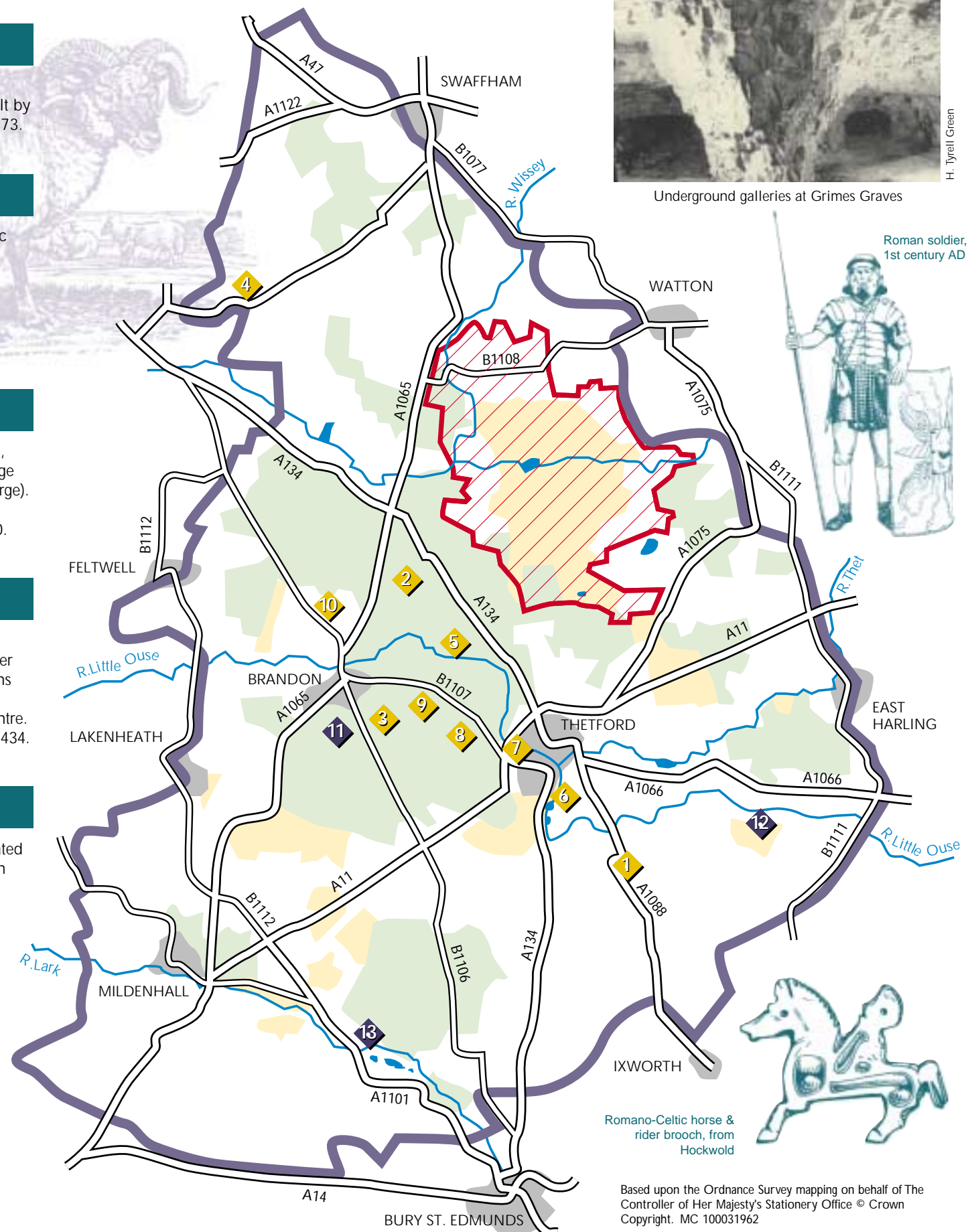
Best-preserved example of a warren lodge, built early C.15th for the keeper of the large Westwick rabbit warren. Car park (no charge). Free entry. Access from B1107 between Thetford and Brandon. Tel: 01604-735400.

9 WARREN BANKS Forestry Commission

Enigmatic triple/quadruple earthwork banks defining the boundaries of the former Brandon / Santon Downham rabbit warrens run for over 2 1/2 miles / 4km through the forest. Access from High Lodge Visitor Centre. Car park (charge). Free entry. Tel: 01842-815 434.

10 WEETING CASTLE English Heritage

Ruins of impressive late 12th-century moated manor house, not a castle, with large open hall and attached two-storey chamber block. Domed brick ice-house on north-west corner of moat. Small car park next to church (no charge). Free entry. Tel: 01604-735400.



KEY

- Boundary of the Brecks
- Heathland
- Forest
- Stanford Military Training Area
- Main roads

Kilometres 5 10
Miles 5



Underground galleries at Grimes Graves

H. Tyrell Green



Roman soldier, 1st century AD



Romano-Celtic horse & rider brooch, from Hockwold

COUNTRY PARKS WITH HISTORICAL INTEREST

11 BRANDON COUNTRY PARK Suffolk County Council

Formerly part of the Bliss Estate. Features include Brandon Park House (private), ornamental lake, walled garden, early Victorian mausoleum and landscaped grounds. Visitor Centre with wildlife exhibition and toilets (disabled access). Cycle hire. Access to Thetford Forest tracks and cycle trails. Programme of themed walks and events. Visitor Centre and garden open 10am to 5pm Apr to Oct, and until 4pm in winter. Tel: 01842-810 185.

12 KNETTISHALL HEATH COUNTRY PARK Suffolk County Council

Brecks heath and woodland close to the Little Ouse River. Hut Hill a Bronze Age burial mound; also a circular warren earthwork. Formerly part of the Riddlesworth Estate owned by Sylvanus Bevan, a noted late 18th century landscape improver and tree planter. Information office, car park, picnic site, toilets (with disabled access), waymarked trail. Start of Peddars Way National Trail. Access from A1066. Tel: 01953-688 265.

13 WEST STOW COUNTRY PARK AND ANGL0-SAXON VILLAGE St Edmundsbury Borough Council

Reconstructed early Saxon village on site of excavated settlement. Different types of buildings represented, together with demonstrations of animals and crops of the Saxon period. All set within a 120 acre / 50 hectare country park with lake and nature trail. Visitor Centre and Anglo-Saxon Centre, with café, toilets (with disabled access). Programme of events. Nature trail and bird hide. Small entry charge for Village. Open daily 10 am to 5pm. Access from A1101 via minor road. Tel: 01284-728 718.



West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village

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