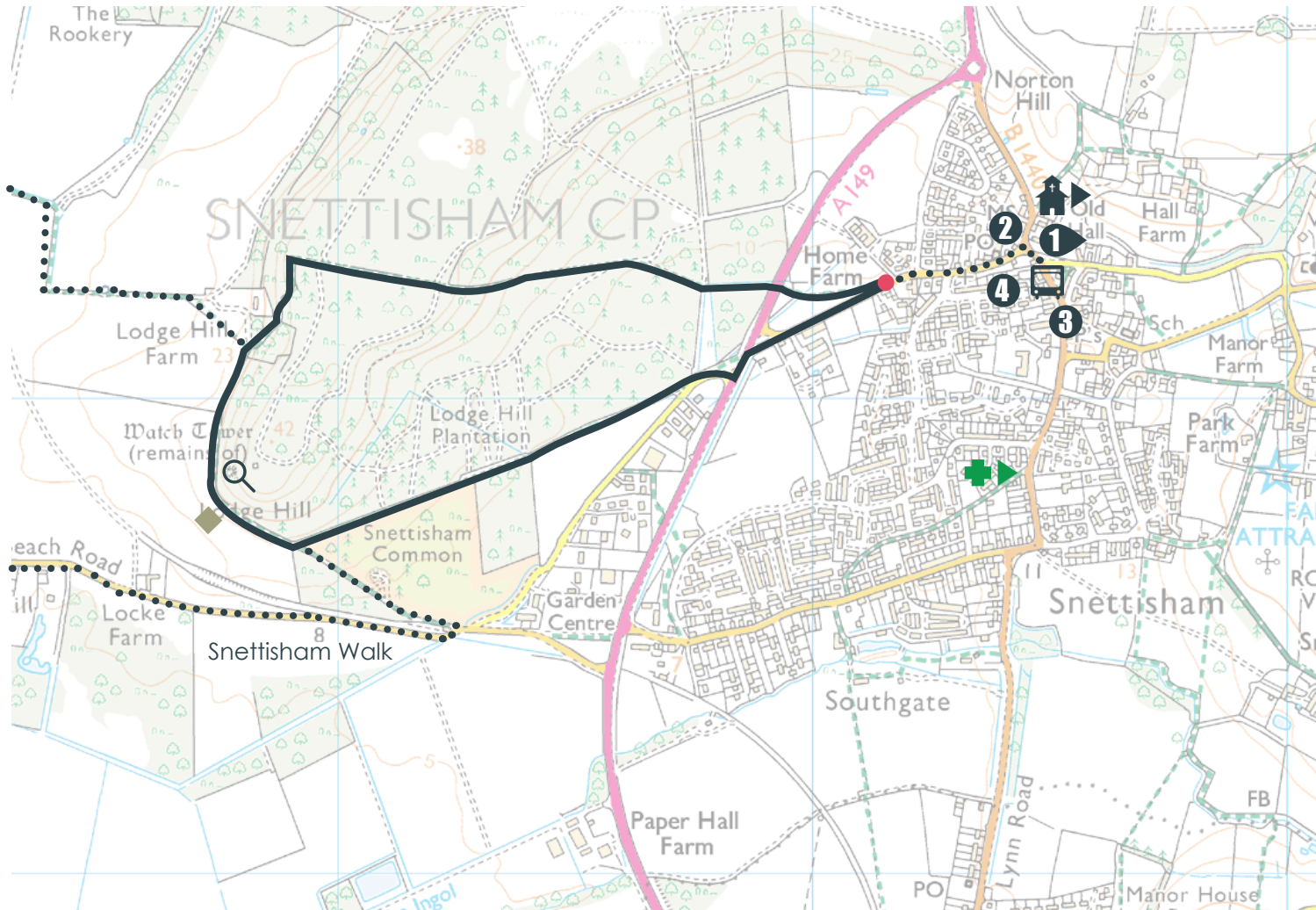


KEN HILL

2.25 miles / 3.75 km



Defibrillator (AED) map location. 

Business location. 

Direction of business location off map. 

Route link. 

Route. 

Start point. 


Bus Stop 

Heritage point of interest 

Church 

The Rose & Crown 

Queen Victoria Snettisham 

The Old Bank Bistro 

Snettisham Fish Bar 

Interpretation panel 

Business open times may vary.
Please check with venue if you look to
use their facilities & services.

Spanning from the village of Snettisham, this short but charming walk takes a route which snakes through the mixed woodland of the Ken Hill Estate. The western tip of the route commands fine views over the estate's farmland and the Wash beyond.

In November 1948 a field near Snettisham was being deep-ploughed for the first time. Previously a lavender field, it was being prepared for a crop of barley. Tractor driver Raymond Williamson's plough struck a large metal object and assuming that it was a bit of old brass bedstead, he placed it on the edge of the field where it lay for several days. Experts from Norwich Castle Museum were only contacted after several more artefacts were uncovered. They immediately identified them as Iron Age torcs made from gold.

Torcs are decorative neck-rings and were probably worn by eminent members of Iron Age communities to indicate their status. They would have been highly prized objects.

Williamson's discoveries had already become known as the 'Snettisham Treasure' when just two years later, in 1950, ploughman Tom Rout unearthed another torc, just fifty yards away from the site of the original discovery. This torc was massive, a whole kilogram of expertly crafted gold. Now known as the 'Great Torc', it is on permanent display at the British Museum in London.

Over subsequent decades, a dozen or so further major finds were made in the area. Collectively, the Snettisham Treasure now consists of around two hundred torcs, over a hundred bracelets and about two hundred and thirty coins with a combined weight of over forty kilos. While torcs have been retrieved from Iron Age sites across Britain, more have been found in Norfolk than in any other county, and more have been found in Snettisham than anywhere else in Norfolk. The Snettisham Treasure is renowned as the largest assemblage of Iron Age gold, silver and bronze objects found in Europe.

The Ken Hill Circular Walk takes a route around Lodge Hill Plantation on the Ken Hill Estate, passing the site of a medieval tower. Now surrounded by trees, the tower would once have commanded extensive views over the Wash.



Getting Started

The route's starting point is on Common Road (TF681342). Please note this walk crosses the A149 twice.

Getting There

There is a bus stop near the route's starting point served by Lynx service 34, 35 & Coastliner 36.
Limited car parking in Snettisham village.

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FEEDBACK FORM

How many people are in your party? (including yourself) Please write in number

Male Under 18 18-35 36-60 Over 60
Female Under 18 18-35 36-60 Over 60

Are you: Walking Dog Walking Cycling Other

Which ONE of the following BEST describes your visit to this Trail?

SHORT visit (less than 1 hour) PART-day visit (1-4 hours)
FULL-day visit (5 or more hours) LONG DISTANCE trip (more than 1 day)

Where is your permanent residence? (This is just to help us monitor where visitors come from)

Did you use a website to find out information about the route before your visit to this Trail? YES NO **if YES which website?**

During your visit to this Trail, approximately how much have you spent on the following, per person, per day and where? Please write in £

Accommodation [£] Food and drink [£]
Where:..... Where:.....

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