

Vehicle & Trial Bike access to the Peddars Way

Much of the Peddars Way is unclassified county road and so can be driven along. We hope that you enjoy the route and treat it with respect.

Within this information sheet we have provided a code of respect derived from the All Wheel Drive Club, maps showing you where you cannot drive and finally some general information about the Peddars Way National Trail

If you are still unsure where you should not drive please contact the National Trail office for detailed advice. In three places the National Trail runs beside a surfaced highway on a public footpath, there are no vehicle rights at these places.

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Motor Vehicle & Trial Bike Information

The Peddars Way National Trail is managed and promoted to provide a high quality experience for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. This includes maintaining the surface and managing vehicular traffic to ensure a safe and accessible surface is available to walkers, cyclists and horse riders all year round. Some 14,000 people walk or cycle on the Peddars Way each year. In addition several 4 x 4 drivers enjoy a gently drive with their family along the those sections of the route they can legally drive. Mass club events and those looking for a technical challenge are spoiling the nature of the route not only for non motorised users but also for fellow off-roaders who want to use their family 4 x 4 to enjoy the countryside.



Damage to the Peddars Way caused by off roads vehicles.

Where can I drive?

There are two main non-tarmac sections where you can drive a motor vehicle. The first is from just south of the A11 to Stonebridge, note there is a dead end section of 1.4 kms from Galley Hill (GR TL923928) and Watering Farm entrance (GR TL917942). The second and longest stretch to from north of Castle Acre to Fring.

You will need the official guide or Ordnance Survey maps to identify these sections. Those sections where you cannot drive are highlighted on the maps that follow.

There is currently excessive damage to the stretch north from the B1153 to grid reference TF748308. Please avoid this section until further notice.

Restricted Byways

Parts of the Peddars Way follow Restricted Byways. This is a new status of public right of way with no vehicle rights of access (except private access rights where they exist). Anyone driving on these sections will be contravening the Road Traffic Act 1988, section 34. Signs are currently being erected along the relevant sections.

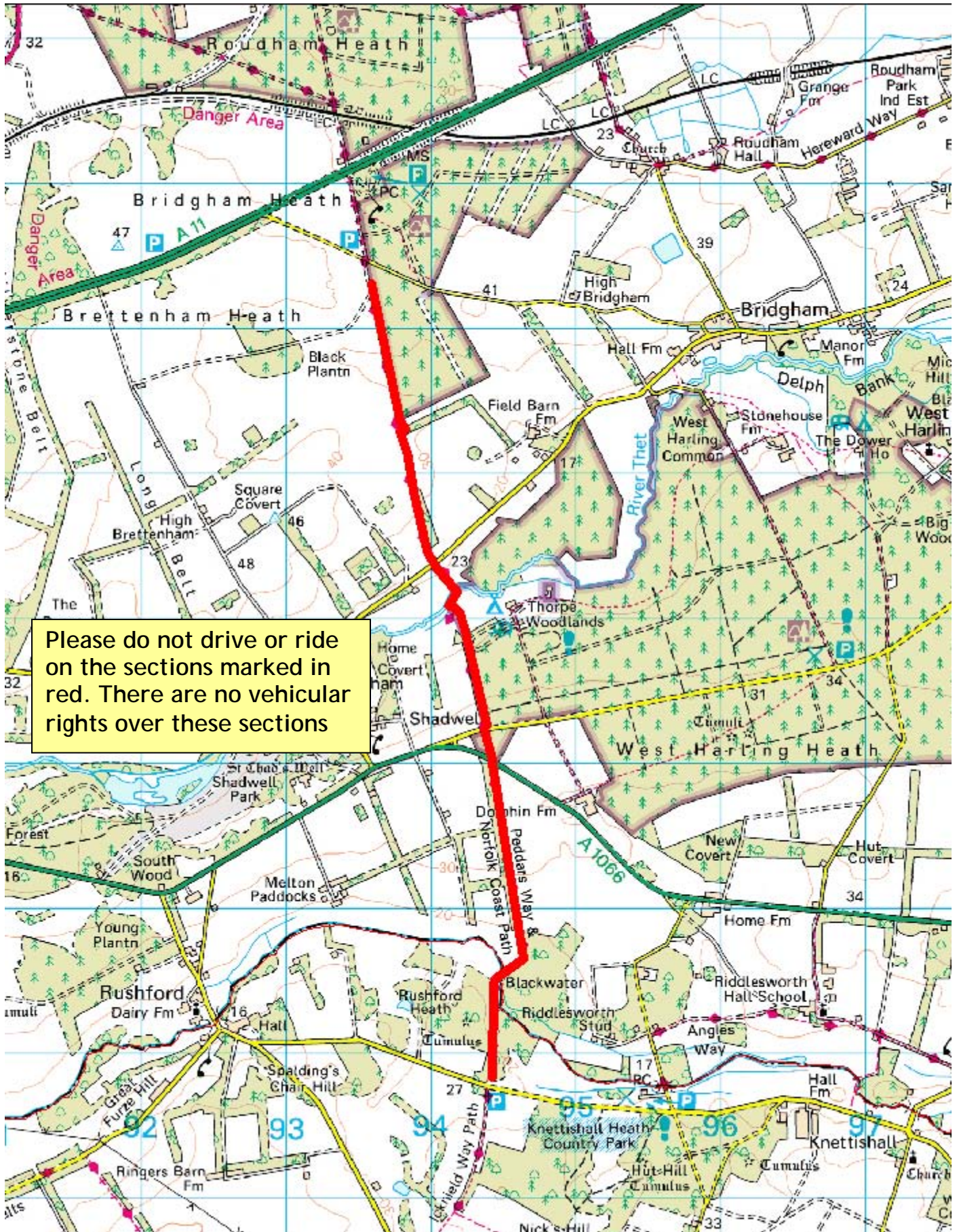


Walkers on the Peddars Way

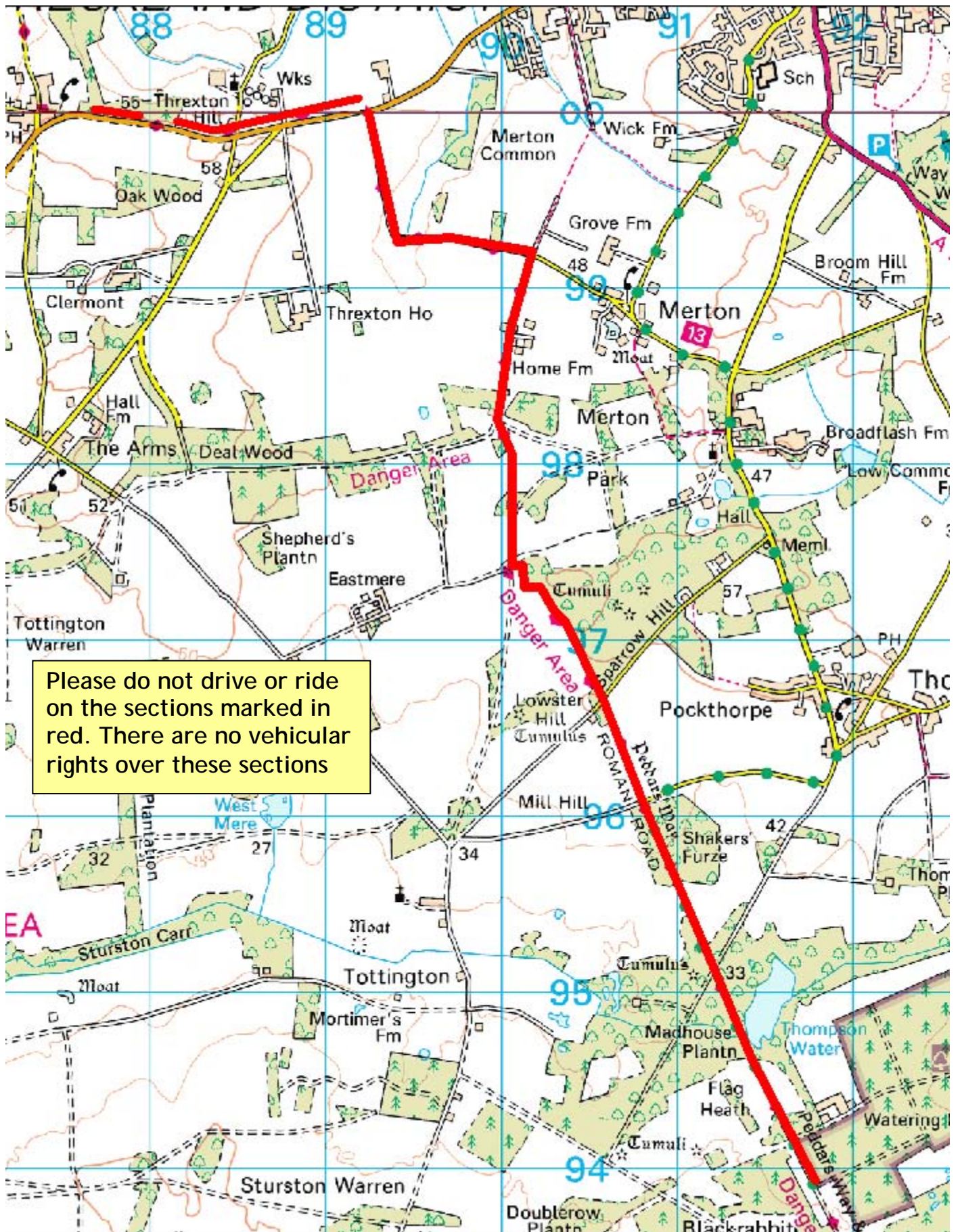
Code of Respect

- ◆ Use only rights of way with known, proven or provable vehicular rights. If challenged, discuss; if not resolved, then leave as requested until status is rechecked.
- ◆ Keep to the defined track. Detour only to pass immovable obstructions. Report any obstructions (including low branches) to the highway authority.
- ◆ Travel at a quiet and unobtrusive pace and as slowly as practicable; we recommend a maximum of 12 mph when in a 4x4 and on an Unsurfaced Right of Way (URoW). Ensure your vehicle is fully road-legal.; URoW are subject to the same laws as surfaced roads.
- ◆ When travelling in groups, keep to a small number - ideally four or less. Split larger parties up and either use a different route or allow a good interval to elapse before following.
- ◆ Do not travel on URoW when they risk being affected beyond a point of natural recovery once the weather improves. If need be, walk some or all of the route first to determine its suitability. Do not use URoW which may be damaged by the wheel pressure applied by your vehicle.
- ◆ Avoid damage to trees, hedgerows and boundaries. Some roads carry vehicular rights but are physically too narrow for 4x4s.
- ◆ Do not practice recovery techniques on any URoW. Use a winch only with extreme caution, and use only the correct equipment and techniques.
- ◆ Be courteous to other road users - pull over and stop your vehicle for walkers, but pull over, stop your vehicle and switch off the engine for passing horses; the same courtesy should also be shown to walkers with dogs, if the dogs show the least sign of nervousness round vehicles. Thank those who move over for you.
- ◆ After consultations with Country Landowners and Business Association (CLA) and the National Farmers Union (NFU) HQ's, "best practice" dictates that gates if they are found to be secured in an open position should be left open and those which are found shut or swinging should be shut behind you; the landowner might appreciate being told about a gate insecurely propped open if you see them.
- ◆ Keep dogs and children under supervision. Watch out for injured or trapped animals, and report all suspicious events to the landowner.
- ◆ Guard against all risks of fire.
- ◆ Take your litter home and that left by others if you see it, wherever practicable. Plastic bags can suffocate stock if swallowed.
- ◆ Help to keep all water clean.
- ◆ Remember that wildlife faces many threats and UROW are valuable habitats. Take special care in spring and early summer
- ◆ Follow the Country Code.

Knettishall to A11

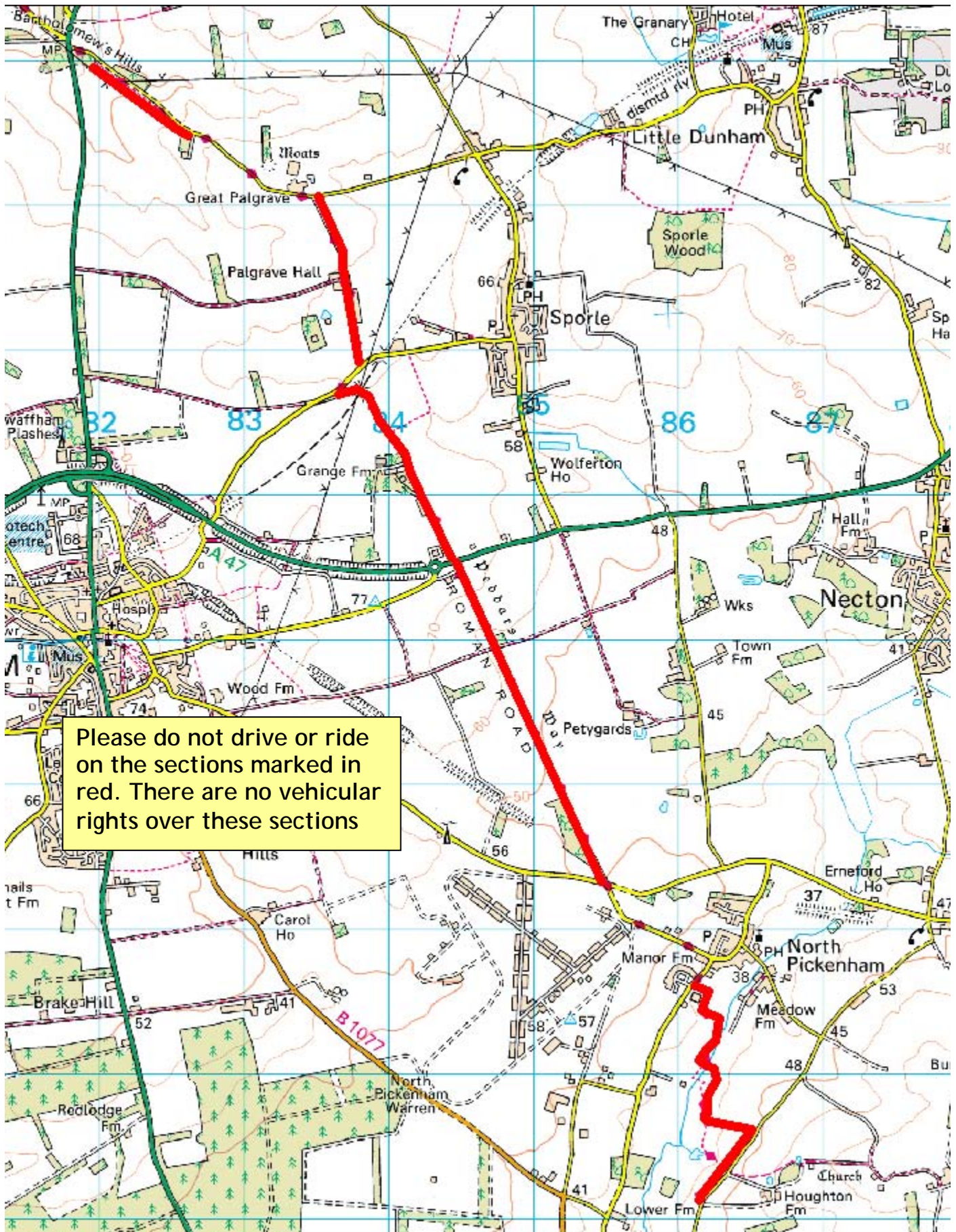


Stonebridge to Little Crossingham



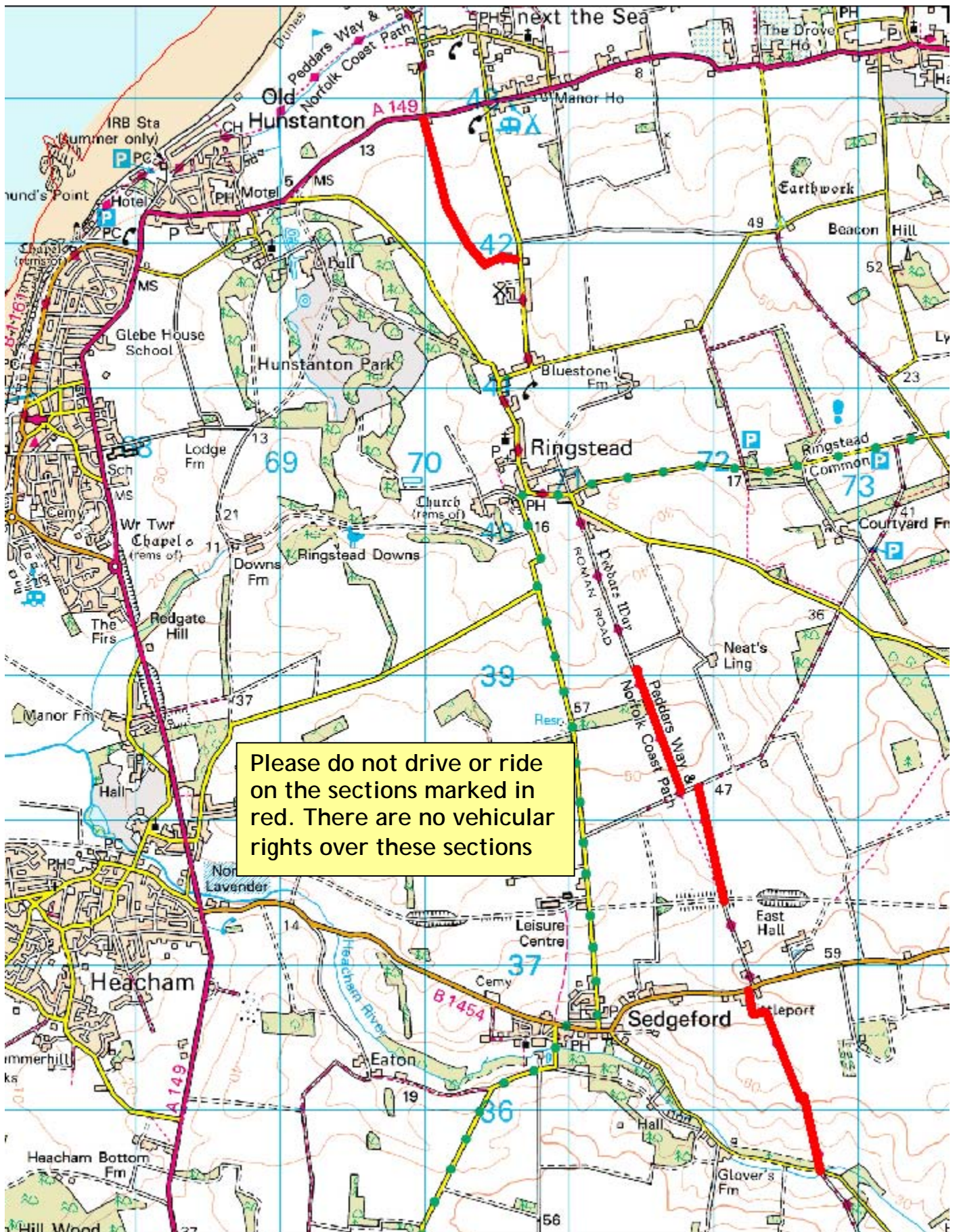
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General Information

Information available on the Peddars Way and Norfolk Coast Path National Trail

www.nationaltrail.co.uk

This is the primary source of information

General information leaflet

Available from tourist information centres or the National Trail Office

The Pocket Companion

(Accommodation Guide and Public transport routes)

Available from the National Trail Office. This Accommodation Guide is also available online through an interactive map.

Horse riding information

Available from website and downloadable.

Cycling information

Available from website and downloadable.



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