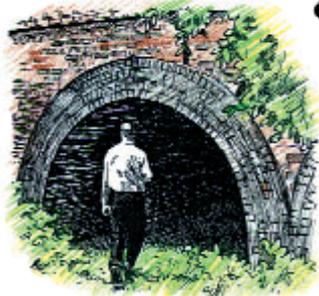




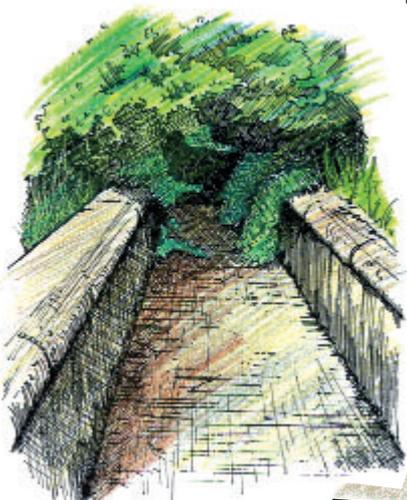
# Ickenham Marsh

A40 - Lido

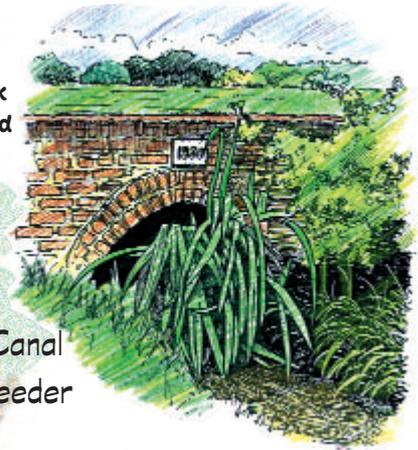
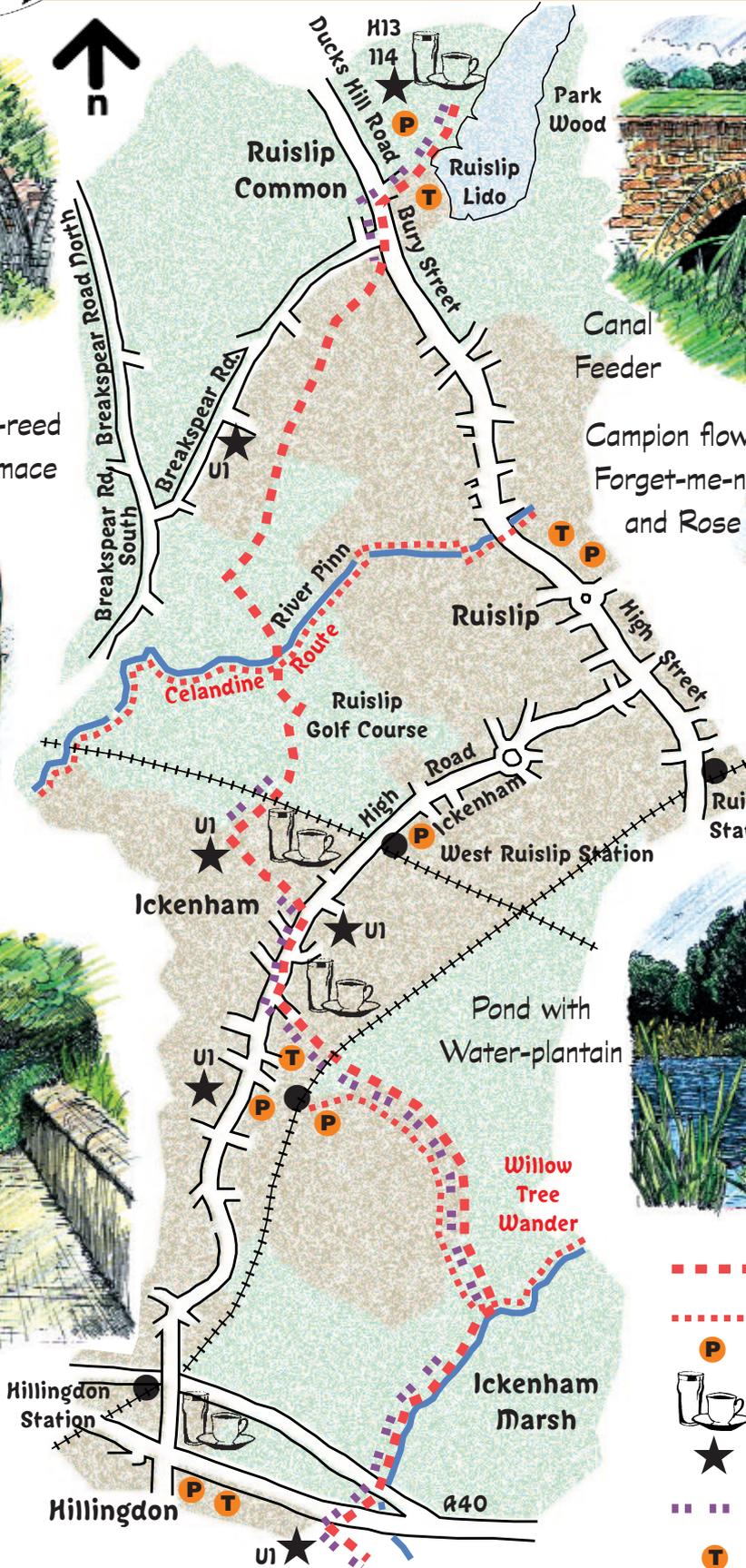


Enter a tunnel

Rush, Bur-reed and Reedmace



Concrete Aqueduct



Canal Feeder

Campion flower, Forget-me-not and Rose



Pond with Water-plantain

Willow Tree Wander

- Hillingdon Trail
- ..... Linking Walks
- P** Parking
- Public Houses
- ★** Bus Stops
- Access for people with disabilities
- T** Toilets

# ICKENHAM MARSH WALK

## **A40 to Ruislip Lido 3 miles (2 - 2½ hours)**

Catch the E7 bus on Ruislip Road to Ruislip Station, Metro/Piccadilly line to Uxbridge. Get off at Hillingdon Station.

The walk starts at the A40, see map on reverse side.

Use the tunnels to cross the A40 and follow the path along the west bank of Yeading Brook.

After the first field is Ickenham Marsh Nature Reserve, managed by the London Wildlife Trust. It is one of the Commons in Ickenham where villagers were entitled to graze animals. The Willow Tree Wander route may be joined, here.

Turn left [west] at the bridge, leaving the Brook and follow the path, joining the track to the junction with Glebe Avenue, continue ahead along the made-up roadway of Austins Lane.

The Canal Feeder crosses the road under the houses and re-emerges 80 metres along the road on the north side.

Cross the bridge over the underground line to Ickenham High Road.

Nearby is The Fox and Geese Public House, for refreshments. There is a car park and public toilets at Community Close. The Ickenham Underground Station (Metropolitan/Piccadilly Line) is only a short distance away.

Keep on the pavement, turn right (north) and cross the road after 60m, using the central refuge. Continue going northwards, on the pavement, then after 260m turn left [west] into Ickenham Green Open Space.

The Soldiers Return Public House is 30m further on, for refreshments. A little way further on is West Ruislip Station (Central Line Underground and Marylebone mainline) with a car park.

Continue ahead, turning right [north] after the allotments, along a made up path leading to The Greenway (Road). Cross diagonally right (northeast) and enter a tunnel (noting the canal feeder in its own parallel tunnel) under the railway line. Proceed across the Golf Course (with care!).

The railway embankment provides a useful wildlife corridor. There is a nice pond 20m from the path, with good marginal vegetation.

The Canal Feeder is close by on the right but culverted although a bridge is evident.

After 80m go through a copse. Here the feeder holds still water, so is almost a pond.

Continue across the Golf Course.

The Canal Feeder is now exposed, as a ditch.

After 160m turn left (north-west) at the Canal Feeder Bridge dated 1929 and turn left (west) to enter Clack Lane.

Clack Lane is an ancient highway, flanked by rough grass, ditches and fine hedges.

Proceed along Clack Lane, cross a path and bear right (north), emerging on the bank of the River Pinn and go to the bridge.

The Celandine Route may be joined, here.

About 200m further along the river, is a unique structure. The Canal Feeder crosses the river in a (dry) concrete aqueduct, providing an essential link along the feeder route.

Cross the bridge and stile ahead and cross the field diagonally, to the stile in the hedgerow. Cross this stile and walk up the path to Old Clack Farm, cross over the stile, turn right (north) along the field edge.

In the hedge are rose, sloe, ash and hawthorn; this watercourse is the Cannon Brook.

After 140m turn right crossing the bridge over Cannon Brook and proceed to Ladygate Lane and turn left (west) before crossing Cannon Brook after 80m. Cross the road at this point. Continue ahead for 40m before turning right onto a tarmac footpath between the houses and proceed to Howletts Lane.

Here, note that Cannon Brook is now 20m to the east and the Canal Feeder is on the west, thus in 320m these 2 watercourses have crossed over.

Cross Howletts Lane (with care!) continuing northwards across the grassed open space to Breakspear Road. Cross Breakspear Road, keeping on the west side of Bury Street.

Ruislip Underground Station is 2 kilometres south and a car park at St Martin's Approach, 1km to the south. The Six Bells Public House is a few metres up the road, for refreshments.

Cross Ducks Hill Road at the centre refuge, to enter Reservoir Road and pass the main entrance of Ruislip Lido in 280m; the car park is a short distance further on. The Water's Edge Restaurant serves various refreshments.

## **Return journey from Ruislip Lido:**

Catch the H13 on Reservoir Road and get off at Midcroft. Then catch the E7 bus to Ruislip Road at the junction with Broadmead Road.

Alternatively walk from Reservoir Road to Ducks Hill Road and catch the 331 bus to Midcroft. Then catch the E7 bus to Ruislip Road at the junction with Broadmead Road.