

Welcome to Ramsey - Upwood Ramble

We hope you enjoy this challenging walk across open farmland, over grassy meadow and through woodland. You will see a wealth of wildlife including ancient anthills and, whatever the season, there is plenty of bird life. Strong footwear is essential for the long route beyond Lady's Wood as this covers uneven ground and can be wet in winter.

Park in High Street near to St Peter's Church in Upwood, and start your walk along the footpath opposite Upwood Village Hall. This leads into Bentley Close, which you should follow around to the right.

1 Walk along the footpath between bungalows no. 7 and 9, and over the stile. Go diagonally across the meadow to the right of the Oak trees, through the gap in the hedge and over the wooden bridge. Keeping the hedge on your right, walk around the edge of the field, down a few steps and over another stile.

2 Looking ahead from the stile you have just crossed, go straight on to the next stile. Go around to the right, following the edge of the field. In the corner of the field you will come to Lady's Wood.

For the shorter walk, meander quietly through the trees using the footpaths, then retrace your steps back to Upwood.

To continue the longer walk, whilst exploring Lady's Wood, always take the left hand fork in the path and you will come out of the trees at the opposite side of the woods.

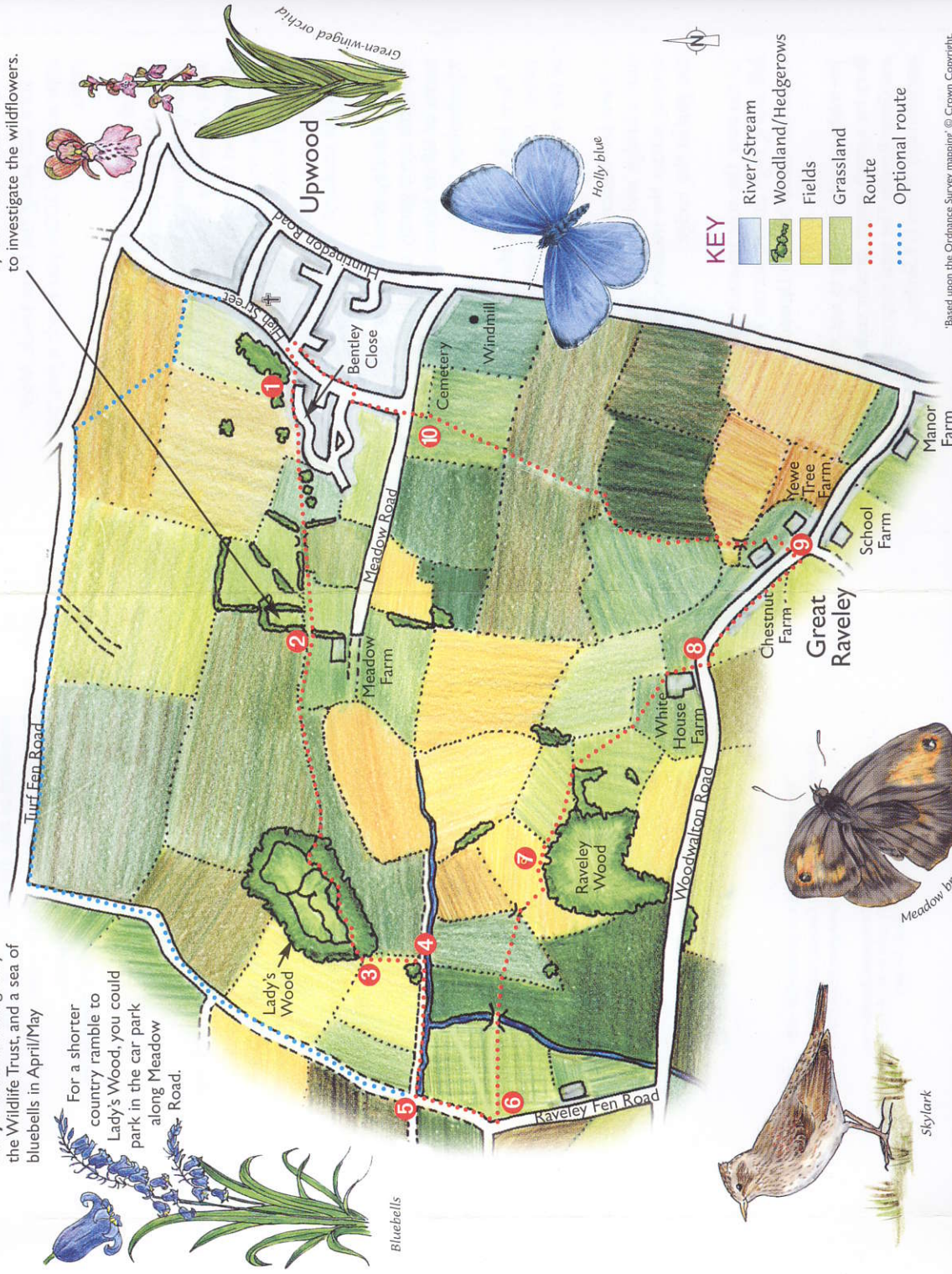
3 Climb the stile and turn left. Beyond Lady's Wood bear right towards the small clump of trees ahead of you. This will open onto a wide track.

4 Turn right, there will be a drainage ditch on your left. Walk for approximately 250m to a crossing of farm tracks.

Lady's Wood is managed by the Wildlife Trust, and a sea of bluebells in April/May

For a shorter country ramble to Lady's Wood, you could park in the car park along Meadow Road.

Upwood Meadow is managed by the Wildlife Trust. Take time to investigate the wildflowers.



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Healthy Walks



Lady's Wood, Great Raveley, Upwood

Approx 9.5km (6 miles) - 2 1/2 hours

Short walk to Lady's Wood and back

Approx 4km (2 1/2 miles) - 1 hour



PLEASE REMEMBER

- ❖ Take your litter home.
- ❖ Broken plastic and glass can injure or kill living creatures.
- ❖ Please do not let your dogs run freely through the woodland as this disturbs nesting birds.
- ❖ Do not throw things into the river.
- ❖ Always stay on marked footpaths.
- ❖ Walk around the edge of a field if there is no footpath.

SAFETY

- ❖ Some parts of the path may be muddy and slippery when wet.
- ❖ Please read the route directions for guidance regarding the suitability of this walk for pushchairs and wheelchairs.
- ❖ When walking along the road, take care. Always walk on the right hand side, towards the oncoming traffic.



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Optional route. Turn right into Raveley Fen Road (walking parallel to Lady's Wood,) back to Upwood following the footpath signs. This route is uneven and very exposed.

- 5 Turn left along the farm track. After approximately 100m you reach a junction of 5 paths.
 - 6 Looking into the field on your left, there are 2 footpaths sign posted. Take the right hand path, heading to Raveley Wood and Great Raveley. Walk across the field, over the bridge and straight on through the gap in the hedge, and across the middle of the next arable field. Go over the bridge and stile, walk across the field to the edge of Raveley Wood. Listen to the noise from the rookery!
 - 7 With Raveley Wood on your right, follow the footpath signs gently up hill and towards the barns of White House Farm, over the stiles onto Woodwalton Road.
 - 8 Turn left and walk along the road, through the village. Remember to walk on the right hand side of the road to face the oncoming traffic.
 - 9 Turn left beside the post box, over two stiles plus a bridge and another stile. Following the arrows across the meadow, bear right towards the gap in the hedge.
 - 10 Go over the stile towards Meadow Road. Bear left along High Street, across Helens Close and Thatchers Close back to Upwood Village Hall.
- You might consider walking to and from Ramsey, via Bury, for a much longer circular walk through Upwood and Great Raveley. The total distance for this is approximately 20 km (12.5 miles).