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Course Map – Crondon Park Golf & Country Club

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# A Walk to Crondon Park

## Golf Course

11km (7 miles) – 3.5 hours. An easy walk but with some field crossings and stiles. Not suitable for wheelchairs.

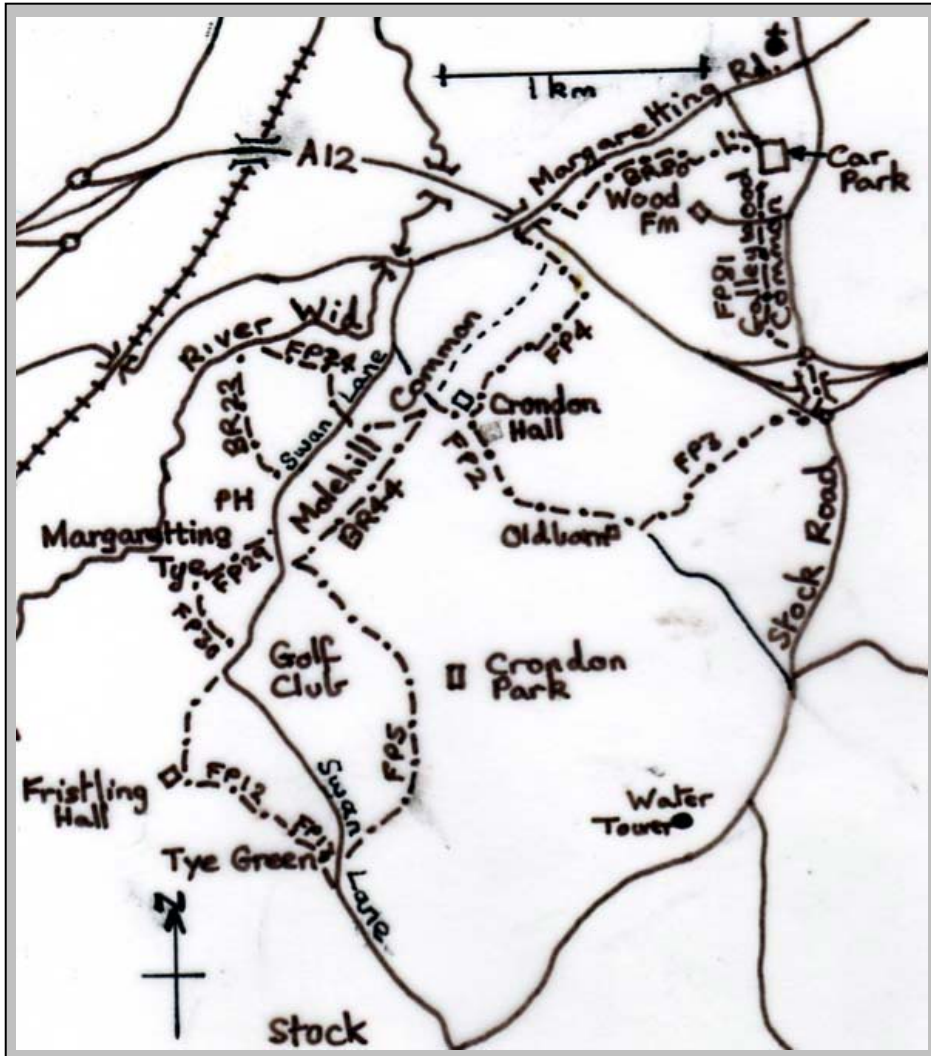
Mapping: Galleywood Parish Footpaths Map.

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Start from the main car park on Galleywood Common, off Margaretting Road (OS Ref TL703025).

From the car park take **FP47** west for 100m, turn left onto **BR79** and after 50m turn right onto **BR80** which takes you west, down the edge of The Common. After 700m, just before the bridleway comes out onto Margaretting Road, turn left onto **FP46**. At the parish boundary join Chelmsford **FP55** and continue until you reach the A12 boundary fence. Turn right and join Margaretting Road, up some steps on the north-east side of the bridge over the A12. Cross the A12 and turn left onto Chelmsford **BR46** which takes you south-east along the A12 boundary for 200m. The bridleway turns right here along a green lane, but you continue straight ahead on Stock **FP4** which follows the A12 boundary for a further 200m to a field crossing siting post. Turn right heading south-west across the field, crossing a ditch after 500m, then a further 200m takes you up to Crondon Hall. Turn right after passing between the turkey sheds onto Stock **FP2** and walk past the farm house and follow the farm approach drive for 150m to join Stock **BR44**. Turn left onto the bridleway heading south-west and after 80m turn right onto Margaretting **FP25** which takes you for 300m west-south-west over Molehill Common to Swan Lane. Cross Swan Lane and join Margaretting **FP24** which follows a hedge on your right, round the back of Little Styles



*Mole Hill Common was Enclosed in 1839. We are fortunate in Galleywood that our Common escaped Enclosure and still exists today*

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Farm, for 200m to a stile. Turn sharp left after the stile and follow the hedge on your left for 350m to meet Margaretting **BR22** at Hope's Bridge across the River Wid.

Turn left onto Margaretting **BR22** (Hope's Lane) and follow it south for 600m to Swan Lane. Turn right onto Swan Lane and walk for 200m past the White Hart PH to Margaretting Tye. Bear right off Swan Lane, off The Tye onto the lane signed 'No Through Road' and continue for 200m south-west to join Margaretting **FP29** at Little Tressells Farm House. Pass through the farmyard for another 200m south-west on Margaretting **FP29** to join St Peter's Way (Margaretting **FP30**) at a sleeper bridge with a metal handrail. Turn left onto St Peter's Way and follow it south along the hedgerow for 200m to a double stile, then 120m south-east to another stile which brings you back onto Swan Lane. Turn right for 100m along Swan Lane, and at the sharp bend join Margaretting **BR40** and follow this south-west for 200m to join Stock **FP11**. Turn left onto Stock **FP11** and follow the field crossing for 250m south to Fristling Hall. Turn left at the entrance to Fristling Hall and follow the farm approach track (Stock **FP12**) east for 400m to the start of Stock **FP13**. Turn right over the stile onto Stock **FP13** and follow it south-east with the hedgerow on your right for 200m to a stile, which takes you through the hedge, then south for 200m, with the hedgerow on your left, to come out onto Swan Lane at Tye Green. Turn left along Swan Lane for 100m passing the entrance to the Woodland Trust Nature Reserve in Swan Wood on your right and shortly afterwards join

Stock **FP8** on your right, which takes you 150m north-east to cross St Peter's Way and join Stock **FP5** which crosses Crondon Park Golf Course. **Take care before crossing the fairways.**

Stock **FP5** is well signposted across the golf course, but don't miss the gap in the hedge after 420m where you turn left. The footpath (Stock **FP46** which goes straight ahead at this point would take you up to Crondon Park Lane). After passing through the gap in the hedge, Stock **FP5** continues on the edge of the golf course for a further 600m where it joins a field crossing going 250m north-west to the junction of Swan Lane and Stock **BR44**. Turn right onto the bridleway and follow this for 900m to Crondon Hall approach track (Stock **FP2**). Turn right onto Stock **FP2** and walk 150m to the junction of Stock **FP4** then continue on Stock **FP2** for 400m south-south-east, then 500m east to Oldbarn. At Oldbarn turn left onto Stock **FP3** and follow the farm track down for 200m north-east to the start of the field crossing which takes you a further 600m north-east to Lady Grove. Follow the edge of the wood to meet Galleywood **FP75** at a



footbridge. Turn left after the footbridge and follow the hedge round to a gap where you turn right to bring you up to the A12 roundabouts.

Cross the roundabouts to the north side of the A12 and join **FP81** which takes you diagonally 100m across the field to The Chase where you cross their approach drive then walk 550m north over The Common to the lower car park and Wood Farm approach drive. From Wood Farm approach drive proceed through the old race course railings onto the main part of The Common and walk 300m north to your starting point at the main car park.



*Crondon Park was granted to Sir William Petre in 1545 by Henry VIII. The Petre family were staunch Catholics and had to tread carefully during the worst years of the Reformation. Crondon Park was leased by Lord Petre in 1631 to a Roman Catholic family and Lord Petre encouraged priests from France to reside at Crondon Park and keep alive the Roman Catholic Faith in Essex.*

*Crondon Park has an 18 hole championship golf course set in 260 acres of the beautiful Crondon Valley. The 18<sup>th</sup> hole at 647 yards par 5, is the longest closing hole in the World*