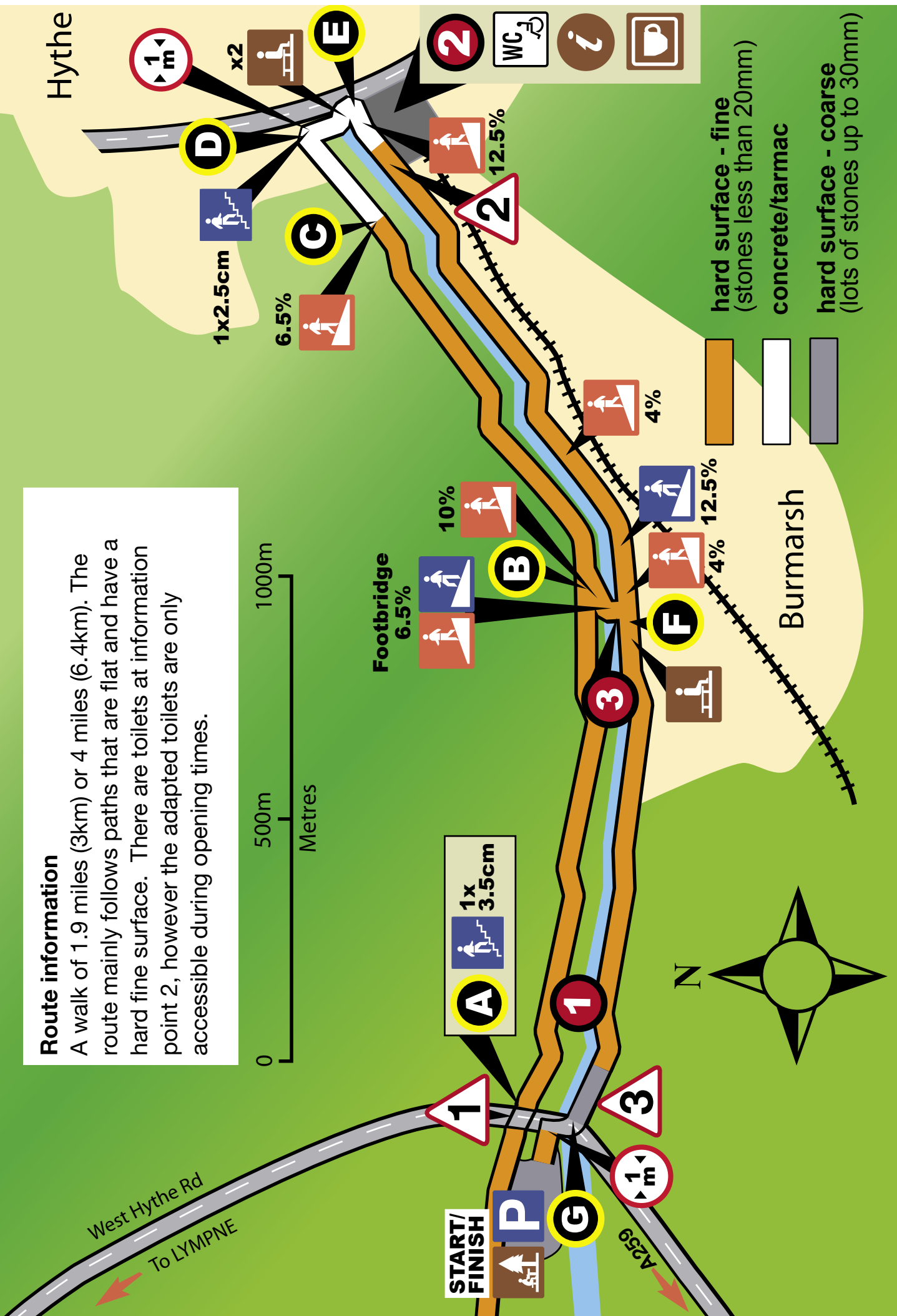


Route information

A walk of 1.9 miles (3km) or 4 miles (6.4km). The route mainly follows paths that are flat and have a hard fine surface. There are toilets at information point 2, however the adapted toilets are only accessible during opening times.



How to get to the Royal Military Canal - West Hythe

Road: From Hythe take the A259 towards New Romney. With Hythe Ranges on your left turn right into Burmarsh Road signed Burmarsh Estate. Continue to T-junction, turn right into West Hythe Road. Continue into West Hythe to find car park on the left immediately after crossing canal bridge (height restriction barrier - 2.3m.)

Road map: www.streetmap.co.uk - 612500,134300

Route description

START From the car park retrace your steps to the entrance



Take care crossing West Hythe Road to join the surfaced byway.

A Follow the byway (Royal Military Canal) with the canal on your right.

B After 1 mile (1.6km) you will reach Palmarsh Bridge. If you wish to return to the start, cross the bridge and follow the route description from point F. Otherwise continue ahead for a further 1 mile (1.6km) until the path reaches a quiet road.

C Continue ahead - taking care as this road initially has no footpath - until you reach a junction with a set of traffic lights.

D Turn right to cross Scalons Bridge.

E After crossing the bridge turn right to follow the towpath back to West Hythe.



Please note, the path narrows and runs immediately next to the canal.

Continue on the towpath for 1 mile (1.6km) to reach Palmarsh Bridge.

F Continue ahead for another 1 mile (1.6km) to reach the road at West Hythe.



Beware of traffic accessing the Riverside Centre and on West Hythe Road.

G Turn right to re-cross the canal and find the access point to the car park on your left. **FINISH**

Points of interest

1 The Royal Military Canal was built between 1805 and 1809 as a defensive structure against the threat of invasion from Napoleon's French Army. The canal is 28 miles long.

2 Dymchurch Light Railway, built in 1927, offers tours of Kent's historic Romney Marsh. For information call 01797 362353. Please note, the accessible toilets are only open when the railway is in operation.

3 Working model of an acoustic mirror dish with information board.



Additional information - For more details about the Royal Military Canal walk, please call the Romney Marsh Countryside Project on 01797 367934