

What to expect

St Mary's is set in a peaceful spot just south of Stansted Mountfitchet. The church features a wealth of historic features including carved Norman arches, a medieval effigy and the wasp-waisted tomb of Hester Salusbury, who was allegedly killed by a stag in Stansted Park while hunting in 1614.

A short walk along footpaths brings you into the town centre, with its plentiful cafes and pubs. Explore some of the other heritage attractions in the area, such as the Castle or Toy Museum, or head straight out into the country, heading north to the Aubrey Buxton Nature Reserve before circling back through the picturesque scenery of Stansted Park.

Distance

6km / 3.75 miles

Duration

1 hour 30 minutes

Difficulty

Moderate—some uneven sections and can be muddy after rain

Start and Finish

OS map location TL520241

Postcode for satnavs CM24 8UB

Facilities

Plentiful free parking beyond the church.

Transport

Stansted Mountfitchet train station is on the route. Buses are available in the town centre.

Further information

Free tours of St Mary's and refreshments are often available on Sunday afternoons through the summer months.

Please check the CCT website for further details.



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Tours and Trails

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Stansted Mountfitchet: a town and country trail

Explore this historic market town before venturing out into the peaceful countryside to enjoy scenic views across a nature reserve and Stansted Park

Along the way

Points of interest

1. St Mary's Church, Stansted Mountfitchet, open daily 11am–3pm.
2. Mountfitchet Castle
3. House on the Hill Toy Museum
4. Aubrey Buxton Nature Reserve

Restaurants

Multiple cafes, pubs and restaurants can be found in Stansted Mountfitchet town centre.

Convenience Store

East of England Coop, Church Road, Stansted Mountfitchet, CM24 8BE



Accommodation



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Combine your walk with an overnight stay at St Mary's Church. Find out more about this special 'Champing' opportunity at:

<https://champing.co.uk/church/stansted-mountfitchet-essx-st-mary-the-virgin/>

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Rest Spot



Point of interest



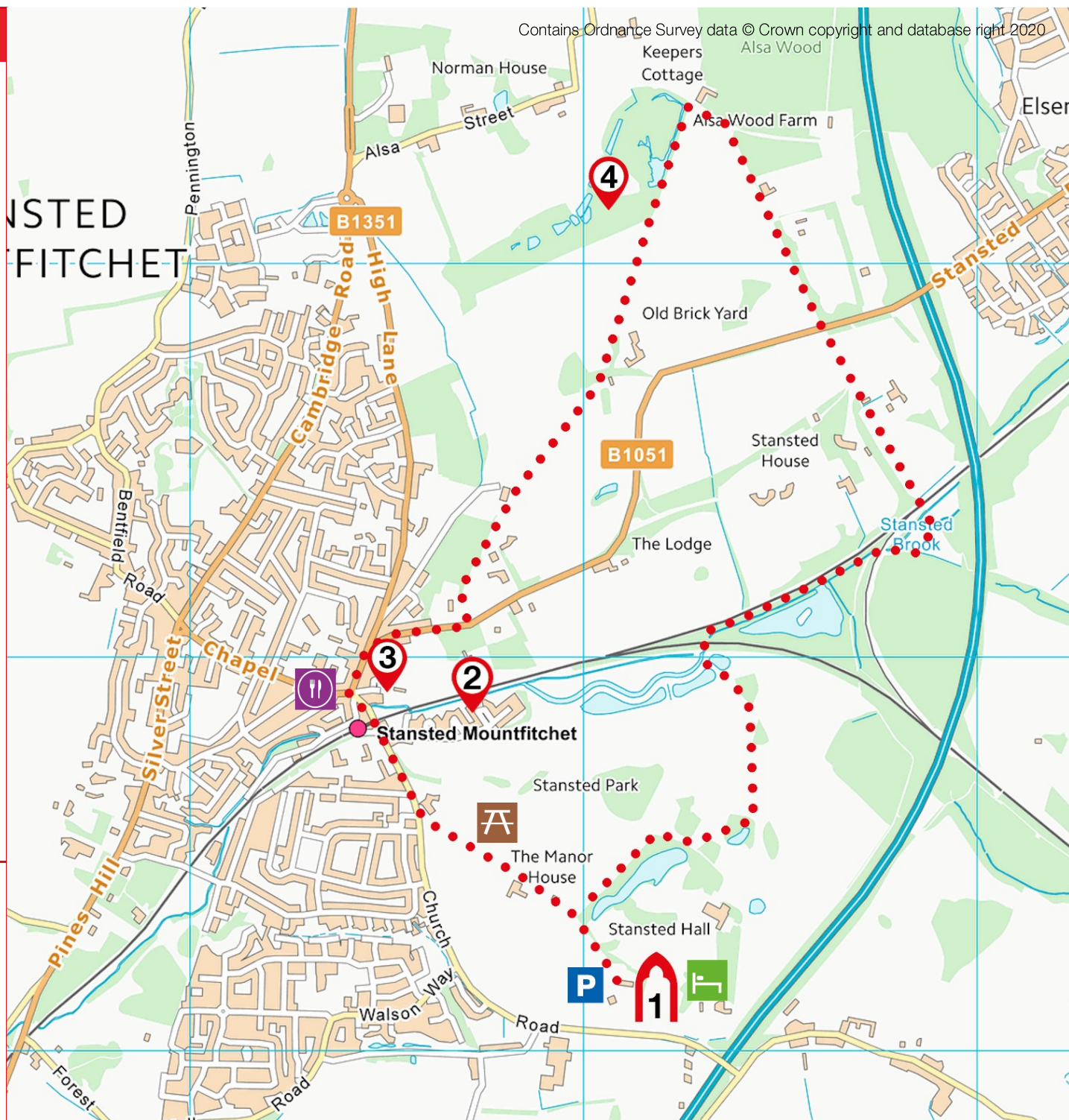
Restaurant



Parking



Accommodation



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