

## 2 THE GREAT MASSINGHAM STROLLERS' GUIDE

### Drunken Drove - Peddars Way - Mad Dog Lane

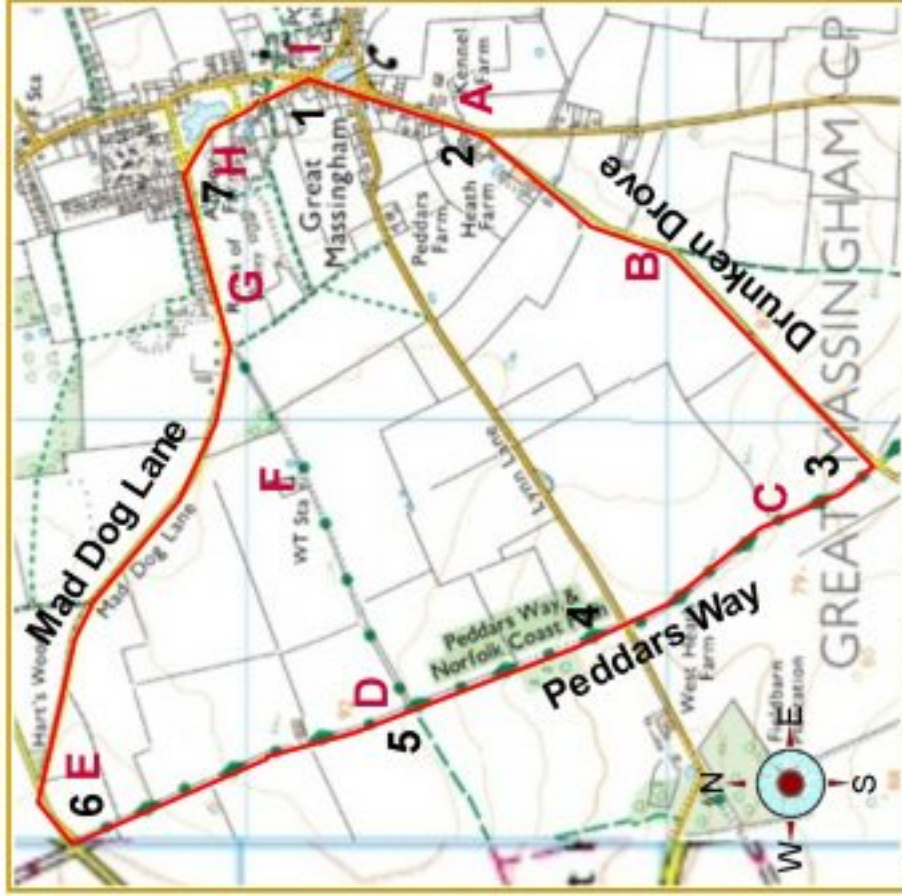


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**Distance:** A maximum 3 ½ miles with shorter alternatives. **Duration:** 1+ hours. **Terrain:** Roads and sandy flint track. Gentle hills. No gates or stiles.

**Numbers on map:** Direction points. **Letters on map:** Points of interest.

### Directions

1. From the Well go south along Station Road and up Castle Acre Road.
2. Turn right into Drunken Drove.
3. Turn right onto Peddars Way.
4. Cross over Lynn Lane and continue up Peddars Way. You may turn right onto Lynn Lane and return to the village.
5. Go straight past the end of Greengate Lane. You could turn right here and go into the village down Welcups Lane.
6. At the bottom of the hill turn right along the road that leads to Little Massingham and then fork right into Mad Dog Lane. You could continue into Little Massingham and then back to Great Massingham by the main road.
7. At the pond turn right along Abbey Road back to the Well.

### Points of Interest

**A. Kennel Farm House** Note the painted windows, a relic from window tax?  
**B. Drunken Drove.** Origin of name unknown but some fairly obvious possibilities. Look out for "Topsy House" and "Two Hoots".



**C. Peddars Way.** An ancient track important for the local flint mines. Now a National Trail from Knettishall Heath to Holme-next-the-Sea.

**D. View left over West Heath Farm.** Note the radio masts at Brinkhill.

**E. Hart's Wood.** A good site for warblers in spring and early summer. Wayfaring Trees in hedge on left. (Creamy white flowers in spring followed by red then black berries in summer.)

**F. Radio Masts.** Local radio station KLFM transmits from here. Possibly used for RAF Massingham in WW2.

**G. The uncultivated field** on the right was part of RAF Massingham camp. Before then this was where the priory stood in the 13th century.

**H. Abbey House.** Many of the original priory stones are part of this former farmhouse. It ceased being a farm in the 1980's.



**I. The Well.** This was used until the early 1950's. The present structure was built to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977.



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