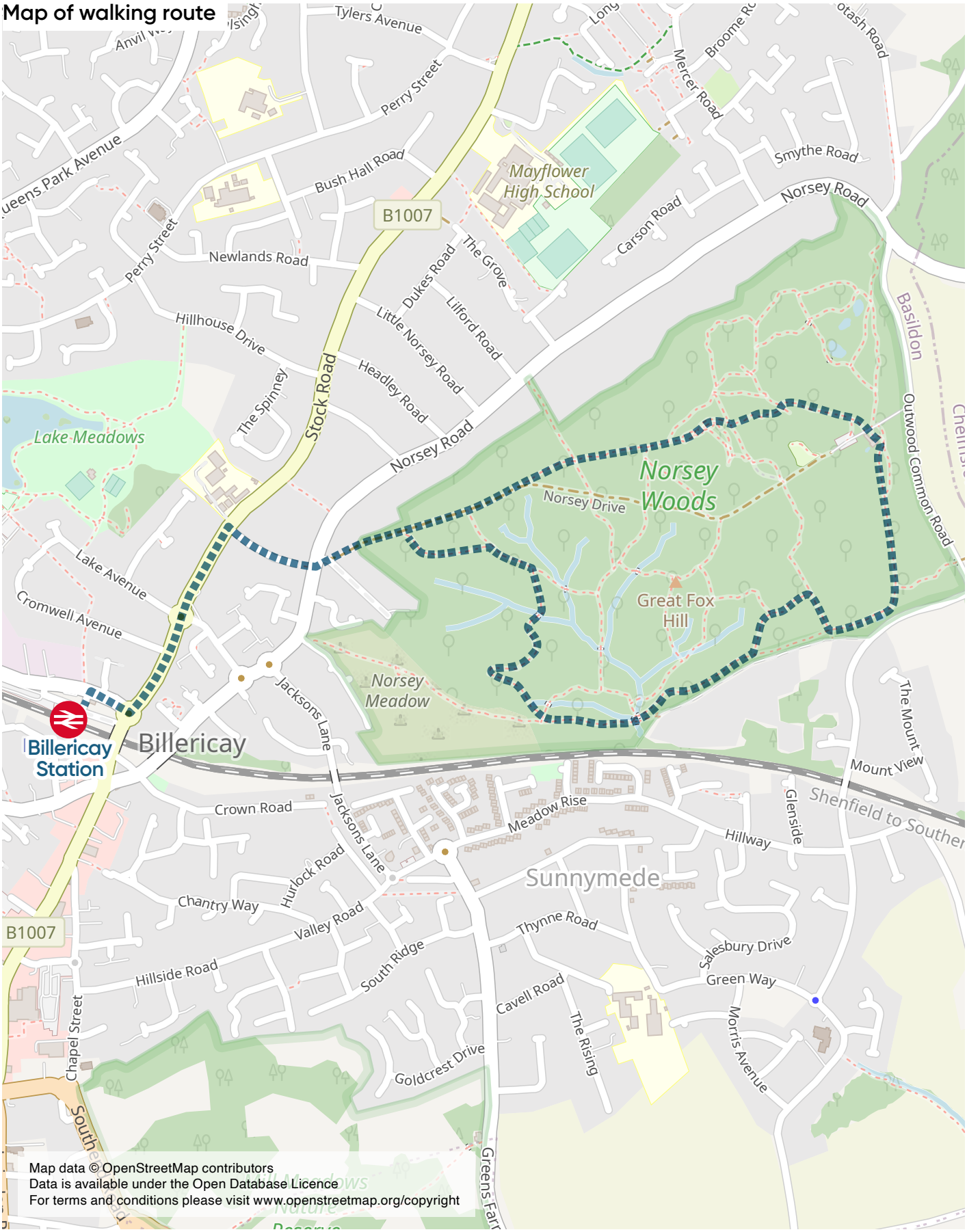
3 Billericay Station to Norsey Wood Nature Reserve

Map of walking route



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This is an interesting and enjoyable walk with lots to see along the way. Norsey Wood Nature Reserve has a wide variety of plants and animal life and provides suitable homes for some threatened and rare species like the dormouse and pipistrelle bat.

The wood covers 165 acres of ancient mixed coppiced woodland. It is a designated local nature reserve and site of special scientific interest.

The wood has some notable historical features, a prehistoric track, a Bronze Age burial mound, a Medieval Deerbank and WW1 training trenches.

There is a managed tree felling programme within the woods which you can see in the clearings. This is called coppicing, a system where areas of the woodland are felled on a regular basis, the timber is then sold as crop. The cutting does not kill the tree but encourages the stumps, or stools, to produce numerous young shoots which mature to form many trunks per stool instead of the original single trunk from the uncoppiced tree.

The wood has information boards, toilets and a picnic area.

Planning Your Walk

- Approximately 3 miles.
- Allow 2 hours to complete this walk.
- Not suitable for a buggy from this entrance to Norsey Wood.

Directions

1. Leave Billericay Station from the front door and turn right. Walk out of the forecourt and turn right on to Radford Way. Use the crossing and walk up to the roundabout.
2. At the roundabout turn left on to Stock Road. Walk along and cross the road, using the crossing, just after the mini roundabout.
3. Take the third right hand road, which is St John's Road.
4. At the end of this road is a short footpath which takes you through to Norsey Road. You need to cross this road and almost immediately, take the road, directly opposite, which is Deerbank Road.
5. Approximately 50 feet down this road, you will find an open area leading to the gate to Norsey Wood clearly marked.
6. Once in the wood you will find a map along the path, showing the longer trail or a shortened more accessible trail.
7. For the long walk follow the red marker signs which will lead you to the information area, toilets and picnic area.
8. Within the walk you will find an area with ready-made wigwams, which is a great area for kids to play.