



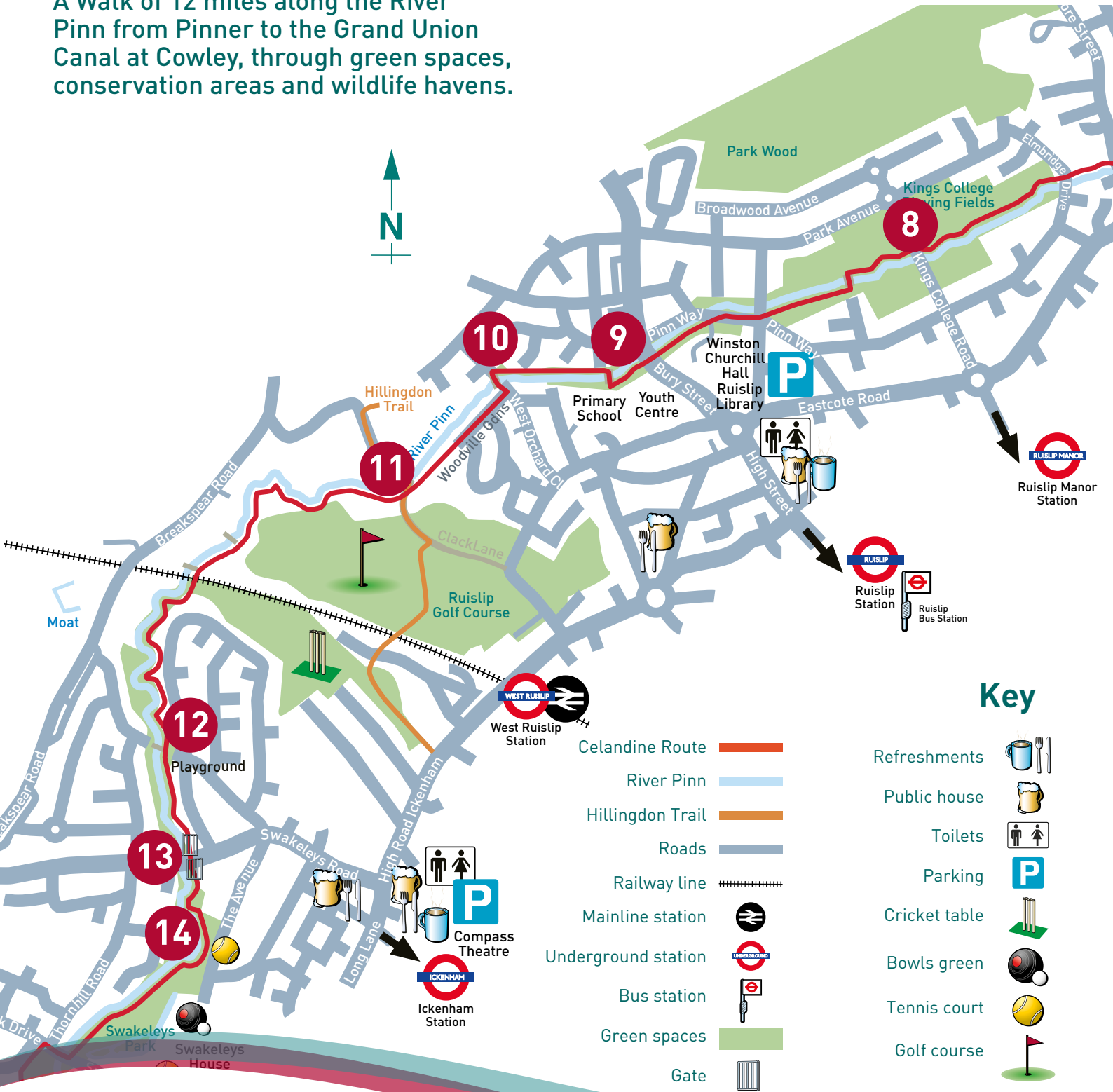
Celandine Route

along the River Pinn

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3 miles
1 hour, 30 minutes

A Walk of 12 miles along the River Pinn from Pinner to the Grand Union Canal at Cowley, through green spaces, conservation areas and wildlife havens.





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8 Cross King's College Road with care. Enter via a metal gate and pass between the river and a skate-boarding park and continue ahead with the river on your left. After 200 yards cross over the footbridge and continue with the river on your right. Continue ahead crossing St Martins Approach and Pinn Way.

At Pinn Way an interesting diversion is possible. Bear left and walk up path to the left of the Winston Churchill Hall to visit the Manor Farm, an ancient moat site, the Great Barn built about 1300, Manor Farm House, Little Barn (now Ruislip Library), Cow Byre art gallery and tea rooms, craft workshops.

Continue through Pinn Meadow until reaching main road at Bury Street and cross at the pedestrian crossing and enter King's Gardens.

9 Walk along surfaced path with river to the right. Cross footbridge and continue with river on the left.

This area is very popular with green woodpeckers.

10 At the end of the open space turn left over footbridge into Westcote Rise, then take first right along Woodville Gardens.

Walk to the end of this road, duck under vehicle gate and enter another open space, with recent flood alleviation measures. Rejoin the river on the right. In the corner can be seen the aqueduct that carried the canal feeder from Ruislip Lido over the river.

11 Continue ahead with care along the edge of the golf course crossing the Hillingdon Trail (a 20 mile network of paths through the Hillingdon Countryside).

This area is very popular with many bird species including the winter visitors such as redwings and fieldfares. The west meadow is an excellent area for wild flowers such as ragged robin.

Do not cross the next footbridge but continue straight under the railway line, keeping the river on your right.

This stretch of the river is a favourite feeding place for grey wagtails and kingfishers are often seen.

12 At the next footbridge, near a play area, it is possible to cross the river and turn right and walk back to the site of the old Pynchester Moat which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

13 Continue past the play area to Swakeleys Road (dual carriageway). Cross at the traffic lights and enter gate.

It is possible to turn left here and walk about 800 metres (half a mile) into Ickenham conservation area with a pond and village pump..

14 Continue through open space past tennis courts and another play area.

To the left is Swakeleys House, a fine example of Jacobean architecture with its lake.

Follow the river and cross Swakeleys Drive, bearing right, over the bridge. Fork left up Warren Road. Just before Vyners School turn left to the footpath/cycling route. Follow the path round the perimeter fence of the school and cross the footbridge over the A40.