



Cottages at Hartest

This is a rural route which takes you through villages in High Suffolk overlooking the Glem Valley and past some notable houses. Both routes are moderate and take in a few hills, but there are excellent views across the Suffolk countryside.

The starting point (★) is Hartest village green. Parking is on the roads next to the village green.

Situated on the green in the centre of the village is a very large stone (1) dug out of High Field in Somerton in 1713 and moved to Hartest to commemorate the victories of the Duke of Marlborough in the war of the Spanish succession.

The stone was pulled on a sledge

to Hartest Green by 45 villagers and the story goes that the whole village celebrated for the rest of the day!

Head out of the village up Hartest Hill towards Stanstead where you will pass St James' Church, built in the 15th century from flint pebbles Stanstead Hall (2), next door, is a Grade II listed property dating back to the 16th century. The hall is of red brick construction and features Dutch gables.

As you come out of the village the two routes separate with the short route taking the road back towards Hartest alongside the River Glem, while the touring route goes on towards Glemsford.

The short route passes Park Farm (3). The land here was once the site of the deer park of the Abbott of Ely - still remembered in the name of the farm.

The touring route heads up hill towards Glemsford where you will find the parish church of St Mary the Virgin (4), which dates back to the early 14th century. This church features the Golding Chapel, built in memory of the rich Glemsford cloth merchant, John Golding.

Both routes pass by either side of the grounds of Boxted Hall (5). This is a 14th century moated house which has remained in the ownership of the same family since it was built and is now available to hire for functions.

The touring route takes you along a



Stanstead

quiet country road towards Somerton where you pass Somerton Hall (6), built in the early 19th century.

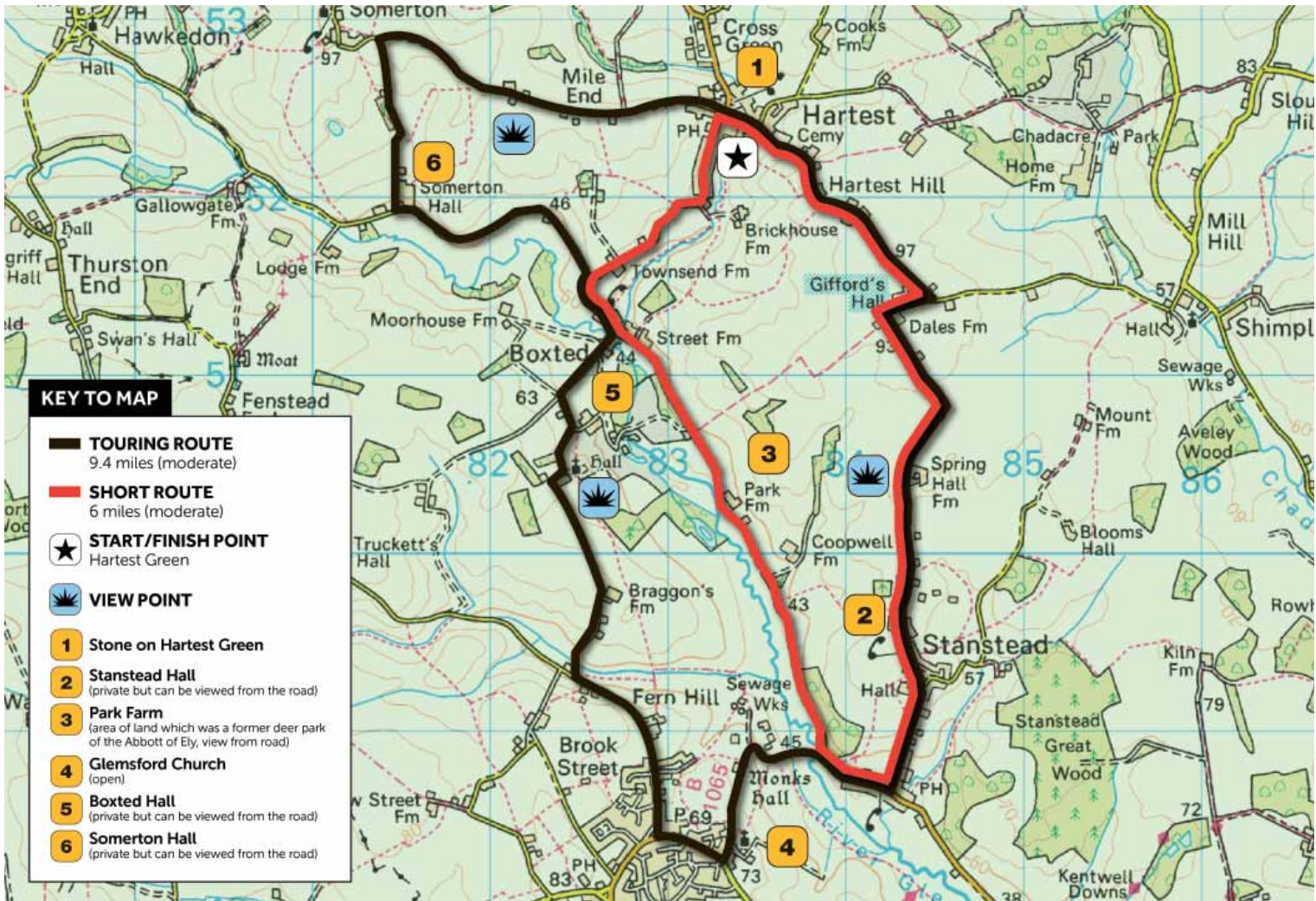
Both routes return to Hartest Green. It is worth noting the pretty cottages that surround the village green.

REFRESHMENTS

Crown Inn Hartest various public houses in Glemsford, and a public house in Stoke by Clare.

TOILETS

No public toilets.



KEY TO MAP

-  **TOURING ROUTE**
9.4 miles (moderate)
-  **SHORT ROUTE**
6 miles (moderate)
-  **START/FINISH POINT**
Hartest Green
-  **VIEW POINT**
-  **1 Stone on Hartest Green**
-  **2 Stanstead Hall**
(private but can be viewed from the road)
-  **3 Park Farm**
(area of land which was a former deer park of the Abbott of Ely, view from road)
-  **4 Glemsford Church**
(open)
-  **5 Boxted Hall**
(private but can be viewed from the road)
-  **6 Somerton Hall**
(private but can be viewed from the road)