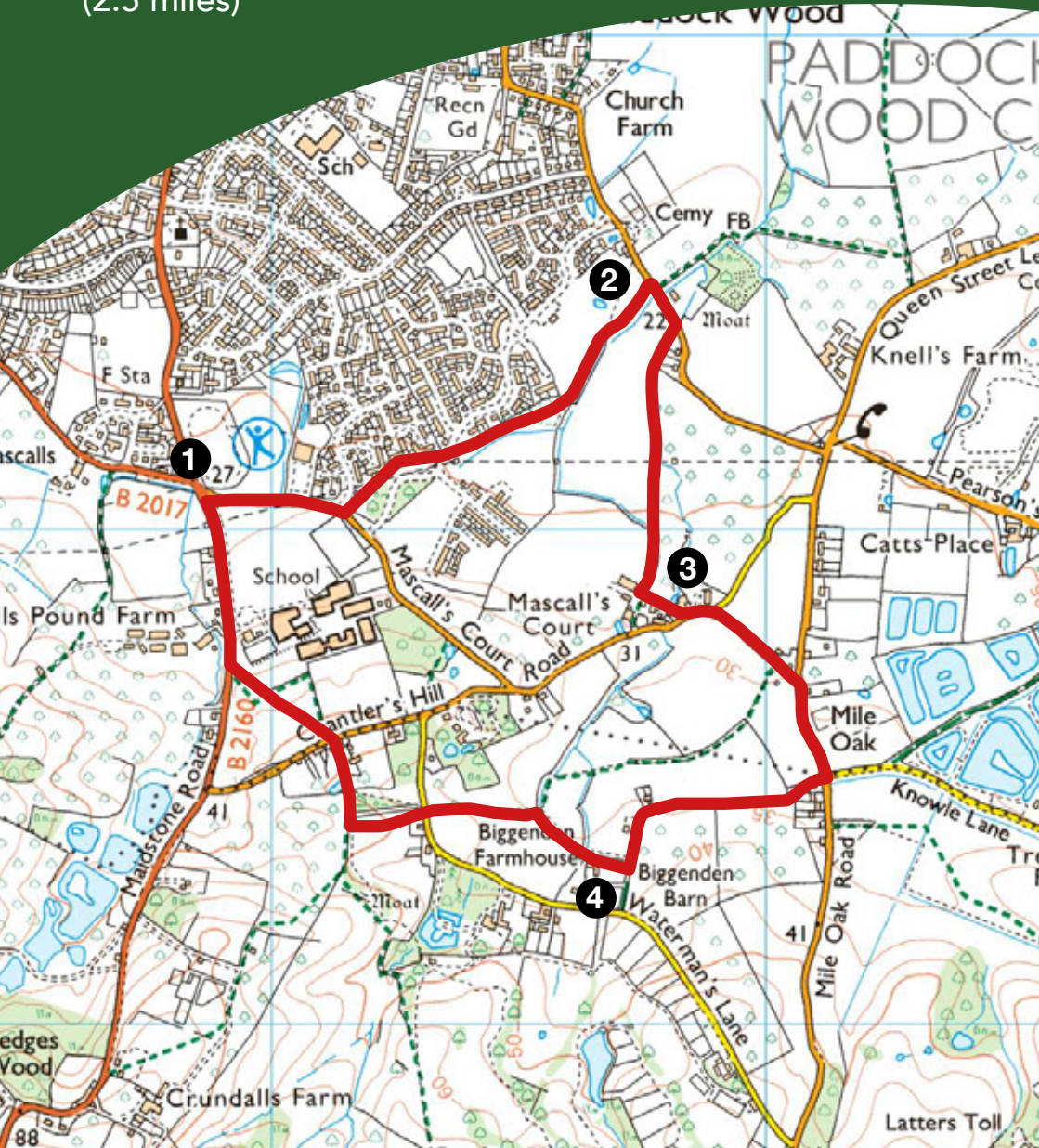


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The name 'Mascalls' appears frequently on the southern fringes of Paddock Wood. Roads, houses, farms and, of course, our large comprehensive school bear the name. The late Jack Walker, in his book 'Beginnings and Bygones of Old Paddock Wood', said that the original manor, called 'Marescalls' was recorded in the reign of King Edward II, about 1307.

1. Starting at the Putlands Leisure Centre, walk up Mascalls Court Road and just past Linnet Avenue, go left over a stile onto an enclosed path. Straight across Green Lane and continue to follow this through, along side to two fields leading onto Church Road.
2. Turn right, and walk some 100 yards down the road to a stile on the right. Go over the stile and, keeping the hedge on your left, follow a path through fields and orchards to Mascalls Court Farm. On reaching the farm buildings, turn left to reach Mascalls Court Road.
3. Turn left past Mascalls Court, and follow the road round to its junction with Mile Oak Road. Turn right, and walk up to the junction with Knowle Road. Just past the sign to 'Longbrooks', turn right up a farm track alongside Mile Oak Cottage. Follow this round until you reach a green painted farm building. A few yards beyond this, turn right over a stile into an enclosed path leading to an open field. Cross the field to the end of the hedgerow and bear left at the waymarker uphill to Watermans Lane.
4. Cross the lane to a stile, and follow a defined path along the right-hand field edge to the entrance of an enclosed path into trees on the right. Follow this through to Chantlers Hill. Cross the road to a stile, and walk downhill to a stile in the field corner. Go down some steps, walk a few yards along the road and go through the entrance to Mascalls School. Turn left along the asphalt path parallel to the road, through the gate at the end, and turn right to return to Putlands Leisure Centre.

