Gelderston Lock Project 2011

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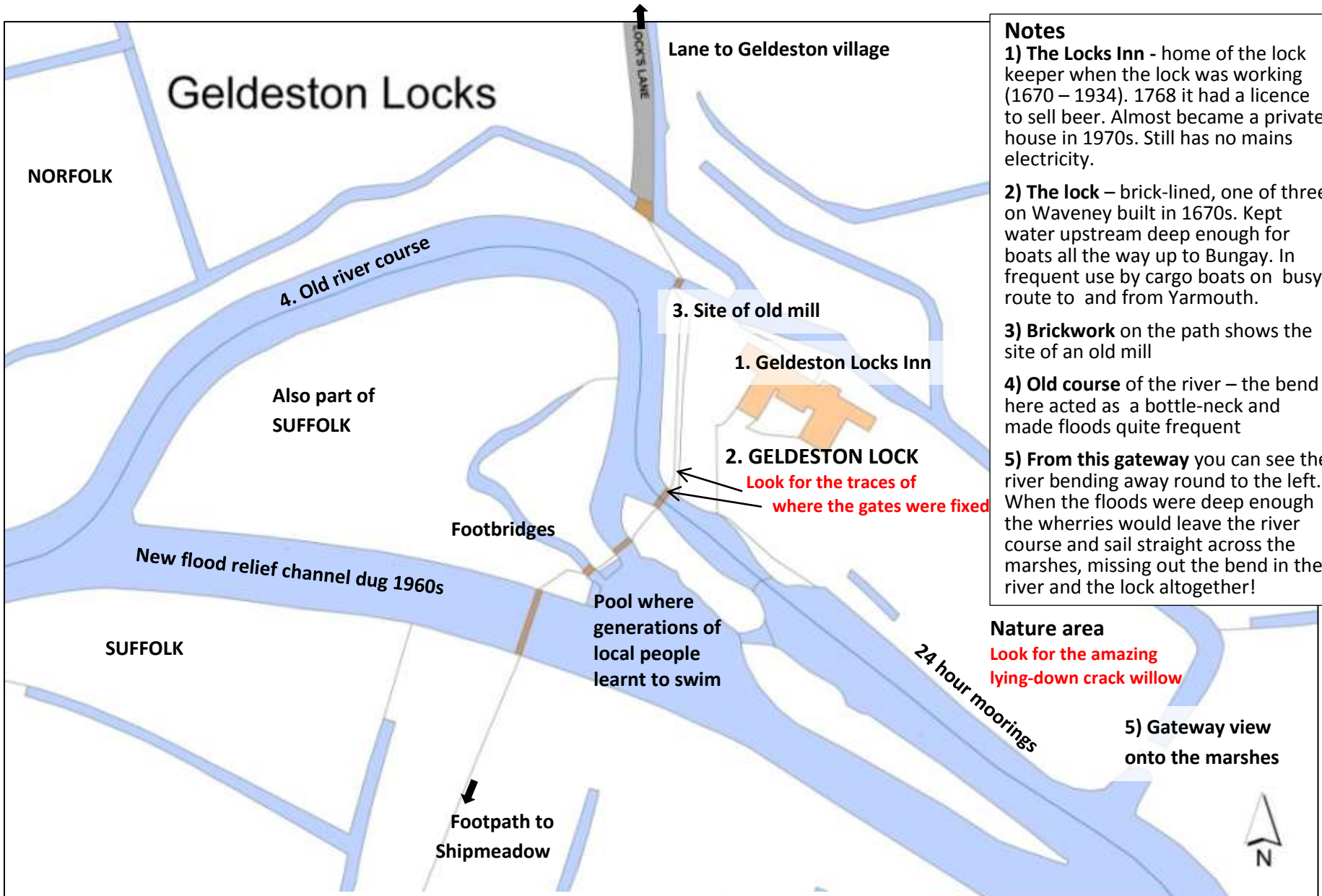

Notes

1) The Locks Inn - home of the lock keeper when the lock was working (1670 – 1934). 1768 it had a licence to sell beer. Almost became a private house in 1970s. Still has no mains electricity.

2) The lock – brick-lined, one of three on Waveney built in 1670s. Kept water upstream deep enough for boats all the way up to Bungay. In frequent use by cargo boats on busy route to and from Yarmouth.

3) Brickwork on the path shows the site of an old mill

4) Old course of the river – the bend here acted as a bottle-neck and made floods quite frequent

5) From this gateway you can see the river bending away round to the left. When the floods were deep enough the wherries would leave the river course and sail straight across the marshes, missing out the bend in the river and the lock altogether!

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