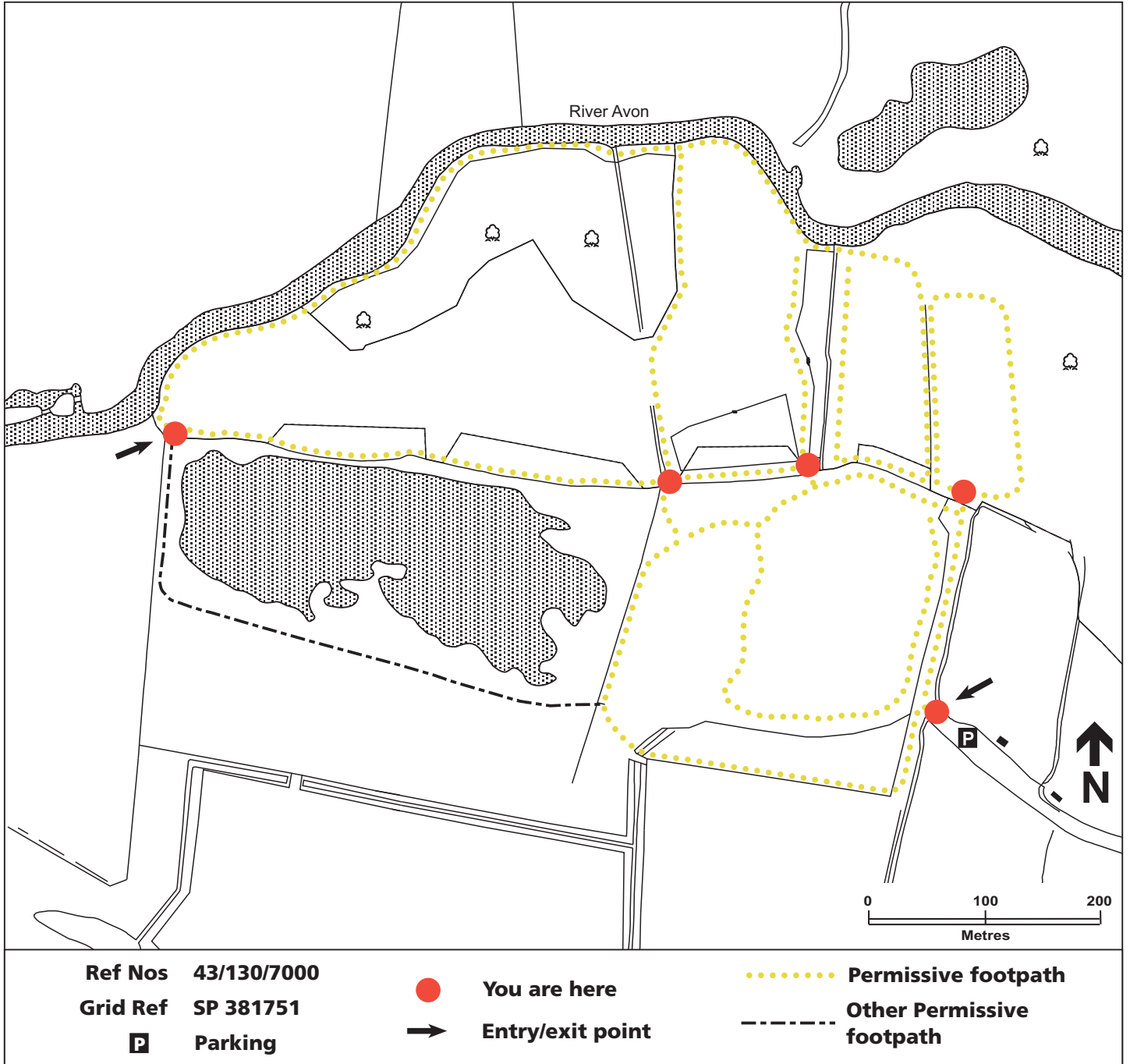


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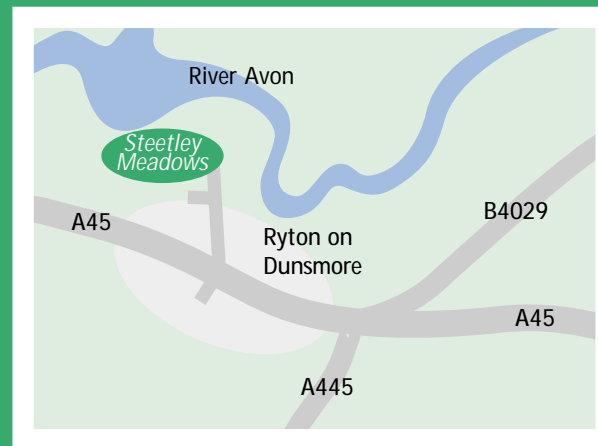
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LOCATION

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STEETLEY *Meadows* Conservation Area

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Stetley Meadows is an area of approximately 35 acres of meadows, woodland, willow carr, SSSI (site of special scientific interest) and ponds bounded to the north by the River Avon.

The land was kindly donated to Ryton Conservation Trust in 1992 by Stetley (now Lafarge) after gravel extraction works.

Stetley Meadows is administered by the Trust for the conservation of wild flora and fauna and maintained as an unspoilt oasis for quiet contemplation and relaxation, away from the pressures of everyday life.

Many birds can be seen in the meadows. Grey heron are often seen feeding and both the great crested grebe and little crested grebe breed here. Canada geese, mallard and tufted ducks may all be seen along with kingfishers who nest in the riverbank. As well as birds, the meadows are a haven for bats, foxes, badgers, muntjac deer and a wide variety of insects.



BIRDS OF INTEREST

- Kingfisher
- Great and Little Crested Grebe
- Grey Heron
- Lapwing
- Golden Plover
- Long Eared Owl
- Sparrowhawk
- Warblers (Willow, Garden, Sedge, Reed)
- Cuckoo
- Woodpeckers (Green and Great Spotted)
- Finches

