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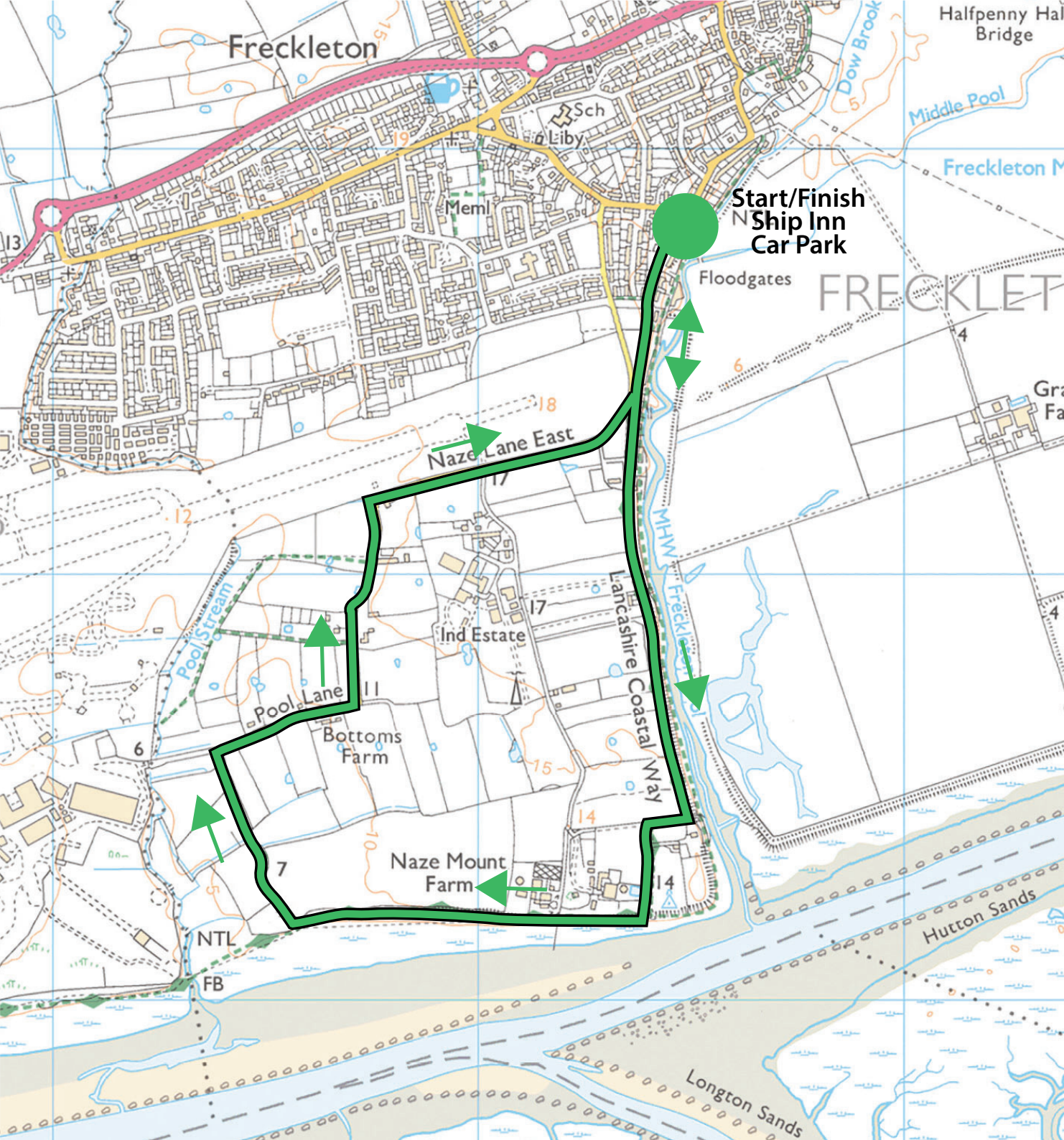
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Freckleton is one of the oldest Fylde villages, in 70AD Kirkham was a fort and Freckleton was used to bring in supplies and water. The name of the village appears in the Domesday Book as "Frecheltun" and is said to derive from 'Farmstead of a man called Frecla'. The village green was a place of various activities, including fairs, travelling preachers and sports, with an annual 'pot fair'. Freckleton Marsh Road was the main route from Preston to Lytham and a payment had to be made by travellers – the toll ceased in 1927 when Preston New Road was opened. Freckleton is located close to Warton Airfield, owned by BAE Systems. In World War II, American personnel from the neighbouring Warton Aerodrome resided in the village. The Freckleton Air Disaster happened on 23 August 1944, when an aircraft attempting to land at Warton during stormy weather crashed onto Freckleton's Holy Trinity School. Sixty-one people lost their lives, including thirty-eight infants, their two teachers, and the three air crew, as well as several residents and US personnel in a snack bar across the road from the school. Annual commemorations still take place, attended by residents and US veterans. As well as the memorial garden, the village has plenty of shops and eateries. The Ship Inn is the oldest hostelry in the Fylde with its license dating back to 1677 and is known to have provided beds for travellers since the 14th century.

The Walk

Length: Approx 4 miles.

Duration: 2 hours at leisurely pace.

Accessibility: Number of stiles. Undulating ground, often soft under foot. One short slope otherwise flat.

Features: Ribble Estuary saltmarsh. Warton Aerospace.

Start/Finish: Ship Inn car park.