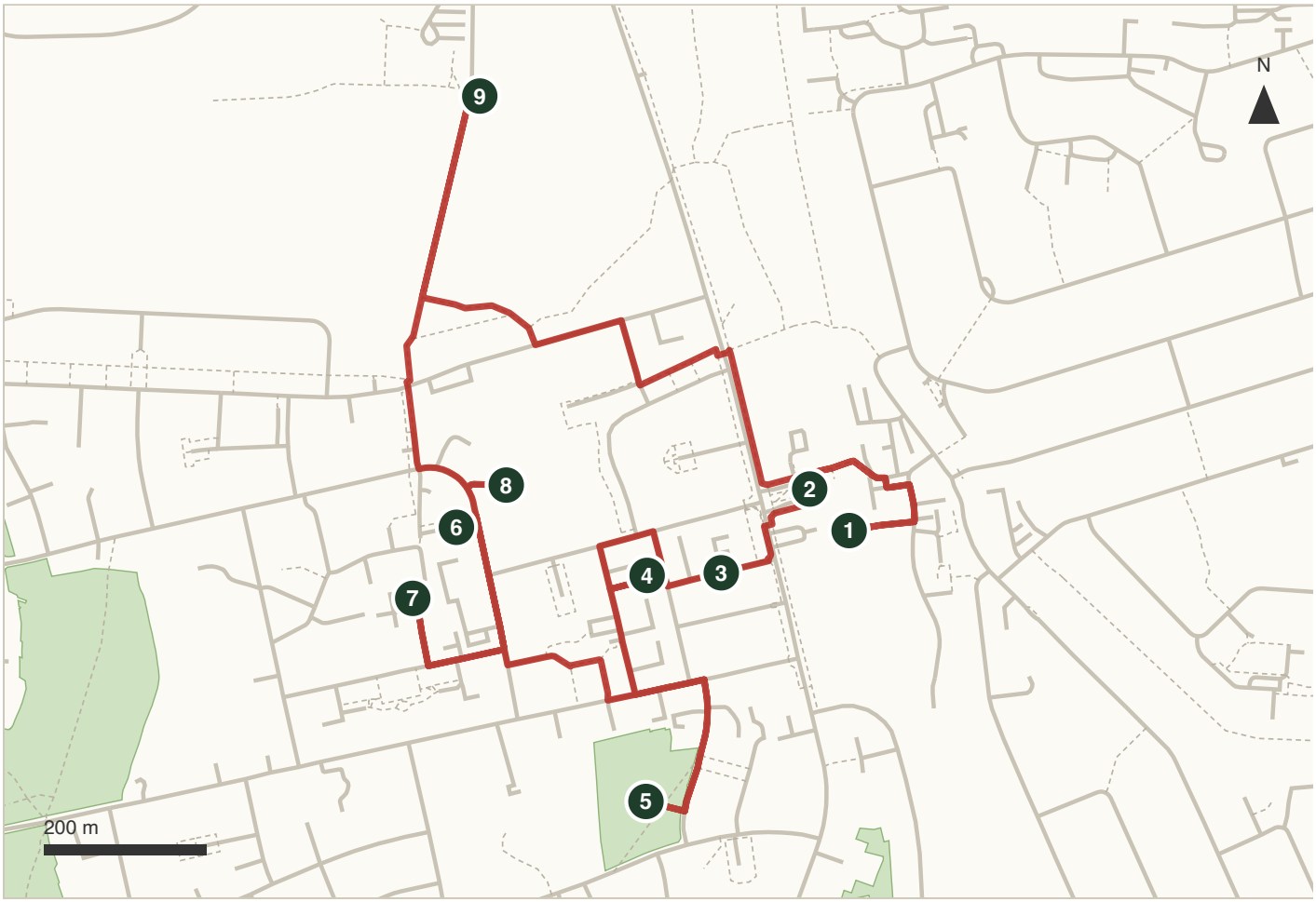
The heart of the estate

4.7 km (2.9 miles) · about 2 h 30 min with stops · **Start:** Carpenders Park station · **Underfoot:** Pavements all the way, with one short path past Pond Wood.

From Carpenders Park station through the rebuilt centre to the 1612 chapel and the site of Oxhey Place, the house the estate replaced.



Route Road Path Ancient woodland

1. **Carpenders Park station.** The first station here was a wooden halt for golfers. This one came into use on 17 November 1952 and was formally opened on 27 September 1954.
2. **Station Square.** Rebuilt as part of South Oxhey Central, the new town centre, with new shops beside the entrance to the station tunnel.
3. **The old precinct.** St Andrew's Road, the big shops, was the heart of the estate. The precinct, its flats and The Ox pub came down between 2018 and early 2021 to make way for South Oxhey Central.
4. **The library.** The library opened here in 1962, was remodelled in 2009, and kept its place beside the new blocks.
5. **Pond Wood.** An ancient wood that was a plot of Oxhey Place farm in 1872, beside a large pond called Park Pond. Its old hornbeams were still being pollarded in the estate's early years.
6. **Oxhey Chapel and All Saints.** Sir James Altham built the chapel in 1612. The first council tenants worshipped here from 1948, until All Saints was built next door. The Churches Conservation Trust now looks after the chapel.
7. **Site of Oxhey Place.** The Blackwells' mansion stood about here. It held the new estate's first surgery and clinic, lay empty by the end of the 1950s and was gutted by fire on 4 July 1960.
8. **Warren Dell School.** The estate's first school, which took its first pupils in May 1949.
9. **Site of Oxhey Warren.** Oxhey Warren stood by the lane here. The golf clubhouse, now the Pavilion, is just ahead. Turn back here for the station, or carry on into the lost golf course walk.

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