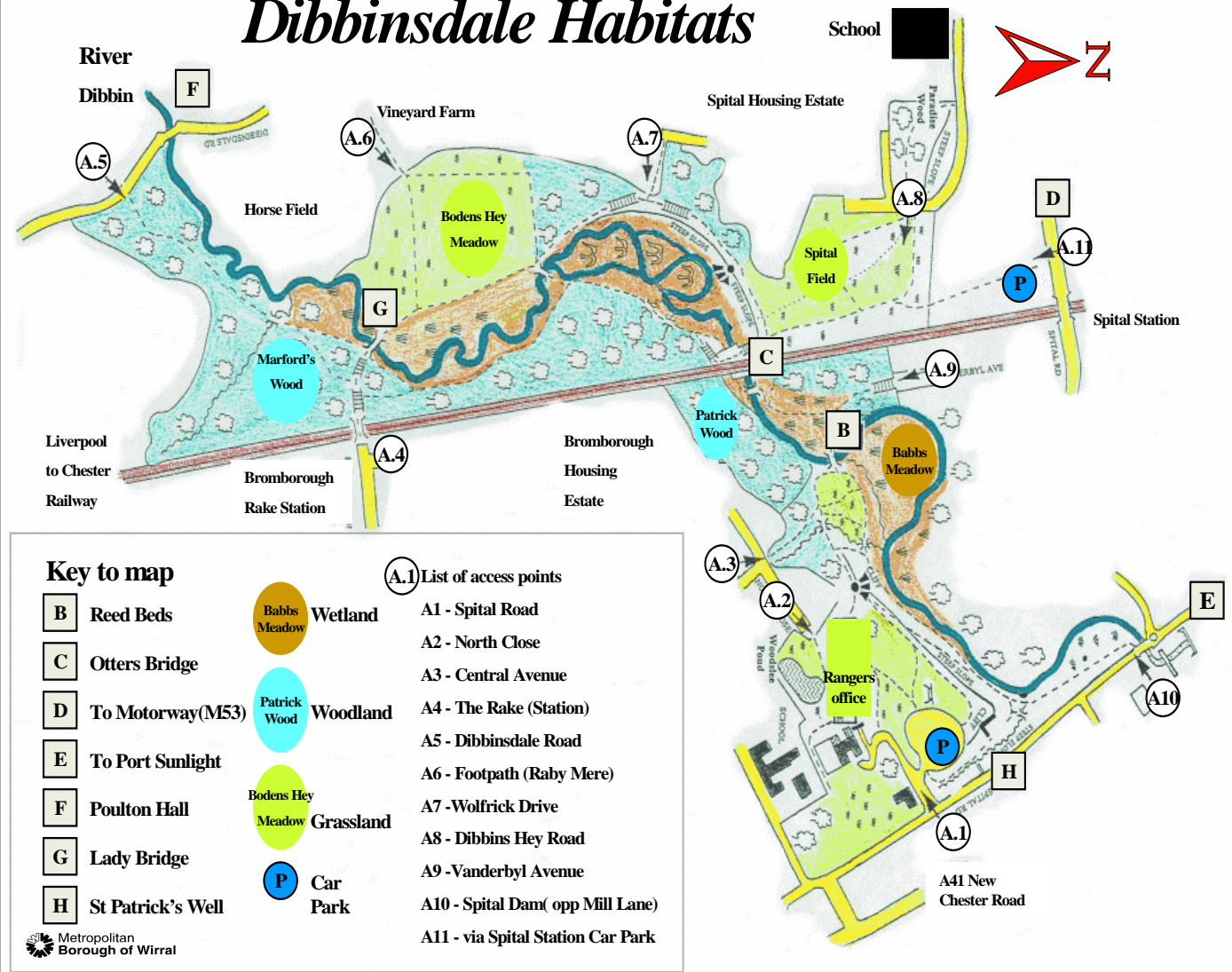


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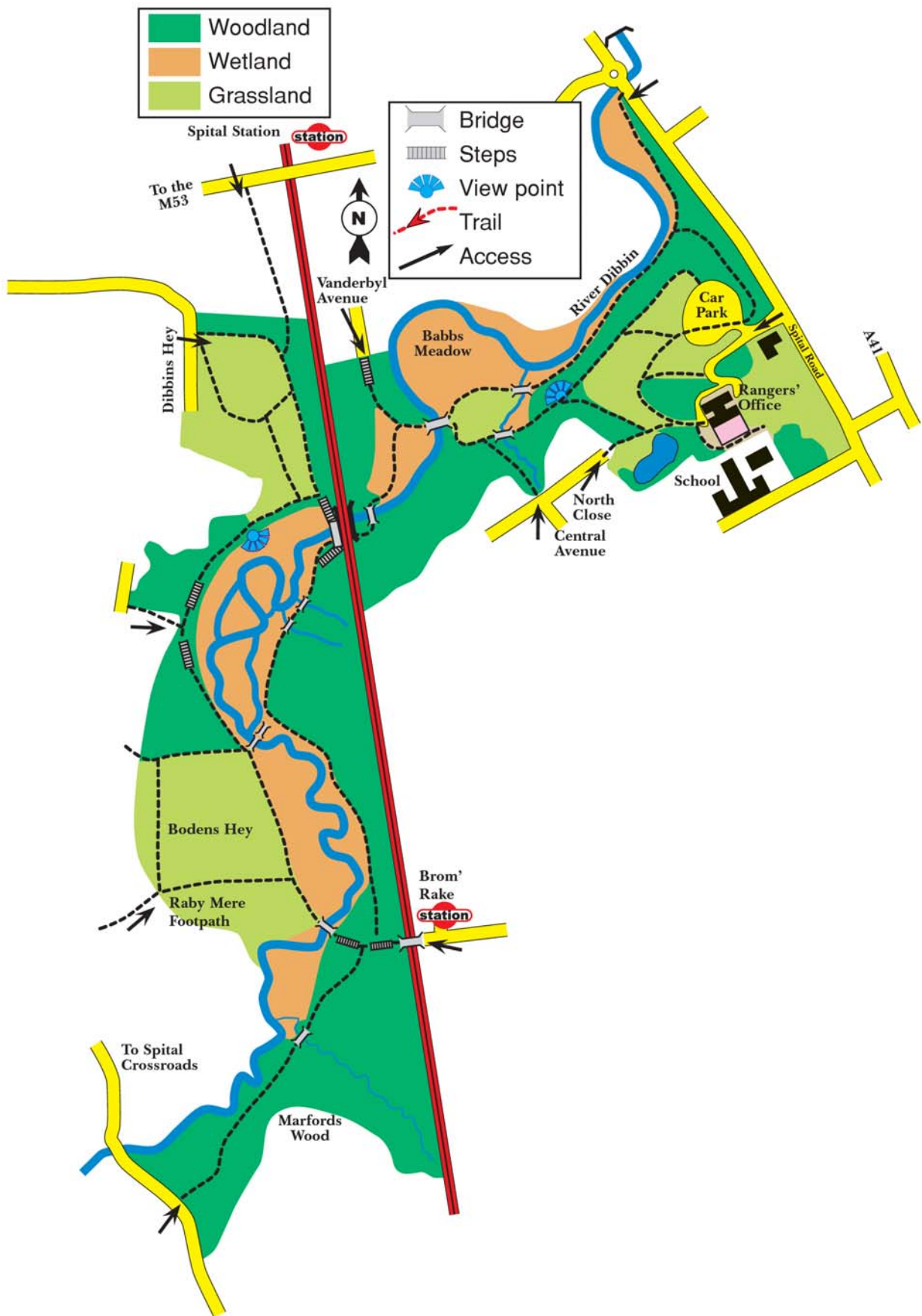


The site lies mainly in the valley of the River Dibbin. It is split into 2 parts by the Birkenhead to Chester Railway but the two parts are linked by the Otter Bridge tunnel through which both the path and the river pass. The area to the east of the railway is known as Brotherton Park. The area to the west is known as Dibbinsdale, parts of which have the local names Bromborough Wood and Marfords Wood. The area of level ground above the valley in Brotherton Park is known as Woodslee fields. This is made up of a play area, pond, woodland, meadow grassland, car park and Woodslee Cottages. The rangers office and visitor centre are found here. There was once an old Victorian house near here that has since been pulled down. At the north western corner lies another flat mown grass area known as Spital Field. There was once a household waste tip here in the 1960's

The valley of the River Dibbin, or Dibbinsdale is called a SSSI. This means it is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. It is protected by law so that the wildlife is looked after.

The Local Nature Reserve is made up of different types of land, or habitats. There are grassy meadows, very old woods, marshy swamps, reedbeds and ponds.

The wildlife that lives in the reserve is very varied because of this. The phrase 'biodiversity' means varied plant and animal life.



Dibbinsdale Habitat Map 2



Aerial View of Spital Fields



