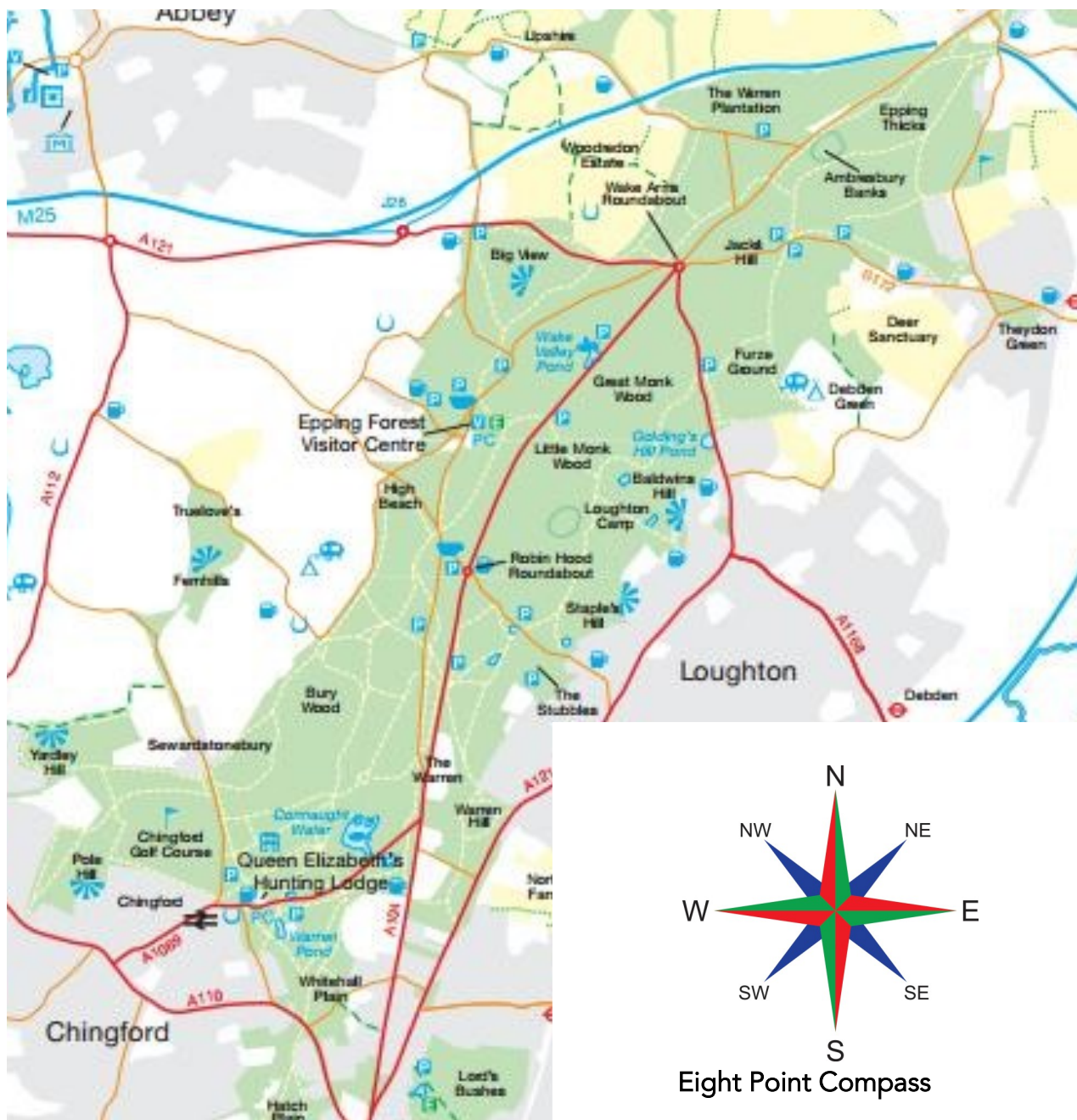













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KEY LEARNING

- Epping Forest is a 2,400-hectare (5,900-acre) area of ancient woodland.
- It is located in Greater London, in the borough of Waltham Forest and the county of Essex. We live in the London boroughs of Camden and Islington.
- It contains areas of woodland, grassland, heath, streams, bogs and ponds,
- Since early Anglo-Saxon times the woodland and heath areas of Epping Forest have been used by local people.
- It has been used for harvesting wood and for grazing of animals. There are longhorn cattle who graze (feed) in the forest each summer. They help to increase the biodiversity of the forest.
- The trees have been pollarded in Epping Forest for hundreds of years. This was done to stop the cattle and deer eating the new growing branches.
- Many native British trees grown in the forest, such as beech, elm, oak and ask
- Epping Forest is visited by an estimated 4.2 million people each year.

VOCABULARY

forestry		The science or practice of planting and caring for forests and woodlands
residential		An area or building where people live.
usage		The way in which something is used.
ecosystem		Where a community of living organisms (such as plants and animals) live together in.
recreational		Anything people do because they enjoy it in their spare time.
conservation		The protection of things found in nature, carefully preserving and looking after nature.
resources		Things that can be used for a purpose.
annotate		To make a note on a picture or text to explain or comment on something.
		(of a tree) having had the top and branches cut off to encourage new growth at the top
biodiversity		The variety of plant and animal life in the world or in a particular habitat
graze		To eat grass in a field

RECREATIONAL USES OF EPPING FOREST

- Camping
- Cycling
- Walking
- Running
- Golf
- Horse riding
- Orienteering
- Picnics



Links to Previous Learning

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