

Grendon Village Walks

Walks in and Around Grendon

A Circular Walk to Easton Maudit & Yardley Hastings - 7½ Miles

Introduction

All walks start from the Information Panel near the entrance to the school in Main Road.

The route for this walk is described from point to point on the map overleaf.

Two alternative routes are included one to go via Horn Wood (increases the mileage by ½ mile) and the other to walk along Yardley Road and miss Easton Maudit which reduces the mileage by 1½ Miles.

Unfortunately the number of stiles (5) and 6 ploughed fields on this walk make it unsuitable for pushchairs.

Refreshments are available with two Pubs in Yardley Hastings and a choice of Cafes in Castle Ashby.

MAIN ROUTE— 7½ Miles

Facing away from the information panel turn LEFT towards the church. **(If you wish to walk the shorter alternative please follow the route outlined below and join the Main Route at point 11.)** Turn RIGHT into Chequers Lane at point 1

Walk past footpath signs on the right and left to a footpath sign on the right just before a red brick cottage at point 2.

2) Go through the kiss gate and walk straight on towards a hedge at the hedge bear LEFT to a stile at point 3.

3) Go over the stile and turn immediately LEFT a short way to another stile. Go over the stile into a field. Walk straight ahead with the hedge on the left go through a gate and proceed until you reach another gate at point 4.

4) Go through the gate into the field. Walk across the field in a 2 o'clock direction to a bridge over the brook at point 5.

5) Go over the bridge into the field and walk in a 2 o'clock direction towards track and a derelict barn on the horizon at point 6.

6) Cross the track into the next field. Proceed in a 1 o'clock direction to a bridge over a 2nd brook at point 7.

7) Do not cross the Brook but turn RIGHT and walk towards a stone barn - Go past the barn on the LEFT to a metal gate - Go through the gate and head in a 1 o'clock direction towards another metal gate - On through the gate and walk to a road at point 8.

8) Cross over the road and walk through Easton Maudit - Walk to a metal gate on the RIGHT which has a waymarked bridleway at point 9 **(To include the longer alternative walk via Horn Wood continue straight on the road and follow the route described below e.g. 9A - 9B etc)**

9) Cross the field keeping a wall and then a hedge on the LEFT - Walk to another metal gate - Go on through the gate and follow the track to The Golf Course road at point 10.

10) Cross the road and continue on the bridleway which rises and then drops down to a brook and point 11.

11) Turn LEFT before the bridge and follow the path to the Golf Course Road - Cross the road and take a waymarked footpath through the old Castle Ashby Golf Course - The path rises over a mound and then drops down to a ditch - Cross the ditch and keeping to the RIGHT of the field walk to a stile over a fence at point 12

12) Bear RIGHT at 1 O'clock to a bridge over a ditch into an arable field - Keep to the RIGHT and walk with the brook on your RIGHT - The path enters a tree enclosed stretch until you pass a sewage works on your LEFT and the path turns into a track - It soon enters Yardley Hastings at Castle Ashby Road - Cross the road into the Pocket Park and follow the path to Rectory Road - Turn RIGHT and cross the brook to point 13.

13) Turn immediately LEFT into Little Lane and walk with the brook on your LEFT continue between some cottages to a grass triangle at point 14)

14) Take a waymarked footpath on the RIGHT before you reach the triangle - Follow the path between some cottages to a Kiss Gate into a pasture field - Head across the field in an 11 O'clock direction - The path then turns slightly RIGHT and drops down to a metal gate - Go through the gate into an arable field and turn RIGHT then LEFT

following the edge of the field - Continue on the edge of the field to a fringe of trees - Look for a gap in the trees and walk to a stile at point 15.

15) Cross over the stile into the Castle Ashby Estate parkland - Turn half right and head in a 2 O'clock direction - Cross over the Castle Ashby House drive and continue in the same direction towards some trees - Look for a stile on your LEFT and cross over into a scrubby area - Bear RIGHT and then LEFT through the scrub - Keeping the trees on the LEFT walk to an arable field and head straight across the field to another stile and a road at point 16.

16) Cross the road and turn RIGHT onto a pavement - Follow the road to Castle Ashby - On reaching the village take the first turning on the right and walk past the Rural Shopping Yard on the left - The road turns sharp LEFT by a Car Park on the RIGHT - Walk on to a small grass triangle close to the Falcon Inn at point 17.

17) Turn RIGHT into Parkhill Road and walk out of the village to a RIGHT hand bend in the road - Bear LEFT on to a footpath across an arable field heading back towards Grendon - Cross a bridge over a ditch and a grass track to continue on across another arable field to a stile with a dog flap - Follow the path up hill to a Kiss Gate - Then on between two houses to Manor Road at point 18.

18) Turn RIGHT and walk up Manor Road to Parsons Close on the LEFT - Walk to a Kiss Gate on the RIGHT and walk through the playing field back to the start.

SHORTER ALTERNATIVE - VIA YARDLEY ROAD

This alternative reduces the mileage by $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles but has $\frac{3}{4}$ miles of road walking with no footpath - Take great care when walking on Yardley Road as it can be very busy and has at least one blind bend.

Facing away from the information panel turn RIGHT - Stay on Main Road to where it changes into Easton Way. Walk to the fork in the road at point **1A)**

1A) Fork RIGHT down Yardley Road. Go past the football ground on the right and walk for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the turning right into Parkhill at point **1B)**.

1B) Continue straight on Yardley Road through a series of bends to a bridleway on the LEFT - Take the bridleway and walk downhill to a bridge over a brook go over the brook to point **11** on the Main Route - Turn Right on to the Main Route.

LONGER ALTERNATIVE - Via HORN WOOD -

Adds an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ mile - From point 9 continue to walk on the road to the Oakfield Centre - Bear LEFT at the fork in the road which soon turns into a footpath - Follow the path with a mixture of wall and hedge on your LEFT until you reach a stile at point 9A.

9A) Turn RIGHT before the stile and follow the path downhill to cross a brook then uphill to a gap in a hedge - Go through the gap and walk to some ruins of a barn - Skirt LEFT and RIGHT around the barn then drop downhill to a bridge over a brook - Cross over and walk uphill until you reach Cold Oak Copse on the RIGHT - Keep the woods on your RIGHT and walk to a footpath on the LEFT - DO NOT TAKE

THE FOOTPATH but bear RIGHT through a gap in the hedge through into an arable field at point 9B.

9B) With a hedge on your LEFT walk on a wide track downhill to a crossing track - Continue straight on uphill to a metal gate - Go through the gate and on between two hedges to another gate - Go through the gate and head in a 11 O'clock direction across a grass field to a stile at 9c.

9C) Follow the path to the LEFT between two fences - The path bears RIGHT beside a cottage to a road - Go down some steps and cross the road into Rectory Lane - Continue on to join the Main Route at point 13.

SAFE WALKING

Be prepared—always wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear - Take care when crossing or walking on roads (walk facing the oncoming traffic) - Follow the Country Code - Keep to the line of the paths - Leave gates as you find them - Respect the countryside—Leave wildlife, livestock, crops and machinery alone - Keep dogs under control - Take your litter home.

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