

Grendon Village Walks

Walks in and Around Grendon

A Walk to Earls Barton Lock - 7 Miles

Introduction

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

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

There are 4 stiles and 4 ploughed fields on this Walk.

Two alternative additions - Earls Barton (adds $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles) and Pastures Farm SSI (adds $\frac{1}{4}$ mile)

Refreshments - Cafés in Earls Barton (Not on MAIN ROUTE) - White Mills Marina - Boat House Café

MAIN ROUTE— 7 Miles

Facing away from the information panel turn LEFT towards the church. At the church turn LEFT into Church Way at point 1.

1) Walk past the church on the right and take the next RIGHT turn following the church perimeter wall on the right. At the end of the wall go up the steps into the church yard at point 2.

2) At the gap between two houses turn LEFT into the new churchyard - At the bottom left hand corner of the churchyard proceed down some

steps and continue downhill to a fence on the left hand side - Continue downhill to the right hand corner of the paddock into a field - Walk through the field keeping close to the hedge on the right past Grendon Hall on the right to a bridge over Grendon Brook at point 3.

3) Proceed over the bridge and across the next field keeping to the left of the pylon to a track to point 4

4) Walk to the end of a hedge on the RIGHT at point 5.

5) Turn RIGHT and keeping the hedge on the RIGHT walk to an access road - Continue in the same direction on the road and pass through a gate to a T junction at point 6.

6) Cross over and go through a Kiss Gate into a grass field - Head in a 1 O'clock direction across the field to another Kiss Gate - Go through the gate and head in a 11 O'clock direction across an arable field to a bridge across a large ditch at point 7.

7) Go through another Kiss Gate into a large grass field - Head across the field in a 10 O'clock direction to a gap in the hedge and a stile - Go over the stile and bear slightly LEFT through a group of trees to a gateway - Go through the gateway into another grass field and head to 11 O'clock to another stile - Go over the stile and keeping to the left head to another stile and Hardwater Road at point 8

8) Turn LEFT over Grendon Brook and then turn RIGHT across the road on to a footpath which

crosses a bridge into Summer Leys - On reaching the main path around Summer Leys turn LEFT and walk with the lake on your right to a Kiss Gate - Go through the gate and up on to a raised path (Old Railway Track) - Cross over and go down some steps to a Kiss Gate - Walk straight in front of you to a corner of a hedge - Go through another Kiss Gate and walk with a hedge on your LEFT to a gap in the hedge in front go through the gap and across the field to a bridge over the River Nene at point 9.

9) Go through another gate and look for the sewage works on your LEFT - Bear LEFT before the works and pass the works on your RIGHT hand side - Walk to the access track for the works and turn LEFT on to the road and walk to a gate - Take the Kiss Gate on the left and follow the path to the river - The path bears RIGHT and leads to a Kiss Gate on to Hardwater Road - Turn LEFT over the bridge to a path waymarked "Nene Way" on your RIGHT at point 10.

10) Follow the path with the river on your right for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile - Go through a Kiss Gate and continue on with the river on your RIGHT to Earls Barton Lock at point 11.

11) The Main Route continues on past the lock (**If you wish to extend the walk and visit Earls Barton please cross over the river at the lock and follow the Alternative Route1 outlined below eg points 11a - 11b etc - This adds $1\frac{3}{4}$ Miles to the walk**) - to stay on the Main Route keep the river on your RIGHT and walk to a Kiss Gate - The path turns into a track and leads to a Car Park on the LEFT at point 12.

12) Walk through the car park to Station Road - Taking extreme care walk straight on past the entrance to the quarry and on to a waymarked footpath on the LEFT - Cross over a wooden bridge and follow the path to a metal bridge over a conveyor belt - Continue on through a Kiss Gate - Then across a quarry track to another Kiss Gate and a field - Turn LEFT and then after few metres RIGHT to walk along the edge of the field with a copse of trees on the your LEFT - Walk to a raised wooden pathway on the LEFT which is the entrance to Pastures Farm SSI at point 13.

13) The Main Route continues on past the entrance to the SSI **(If you wish to extend the walk and visit Pastures Farm SSI turn left and follow the Alternative Route2 outlined below eg points 13a - 13b etc - This adds $\frac{1}{4}$ Mile to the walk)** - Continue to follow the path with the reed beds on your LEFT and fields on your right until you reach a metal gate on your LEFT where the path around the SSI re-joins the Main Route at point 14.

14) Go past the gate and over the bridge - Now bear LEFT at 11 O'clock to go under the pylon in the centre of the field - Head for a bridge over a ditch and then on the a high gate - Go through the gate and follow the path between two lakes to another gate and a track at point 15.

15) Cross the track heading slightly LEFT and cross over Grendon Brook and follow the path to a track - The track climbs gently to point 5. - Now retrace your steps back to the start - Turn right at a footpath at point 4 and head across the field keeping to the RIGHT of the pylon - Cross Grendon Brook over the bridge at point 3 then

bear LEFT then RIGHT - Follow the edge of the field into a paddock and climb uphill between some fences into the Churchyard - Go through the Churchyard to Main Road turn RIGHT back to the start.

Alternative Route 1 - Earls Barton

Turn right over the river at the lock and walk across some scrubby grass and cross the main river into Mill Lane - Follow the lane over the A45 road to Doddington Road at point 11a.

11a) Turn LEFT and walk on the road downhill to The Square in the centre of Earls Barton at point 11b.

11b) Turn LEFT into Station Road and walk on the road to where the road becomes a track - Continue on to an underpass under the A45 road and then bear LEFT across a slip road from the A45 and then through a small pocket park to another road at point 11c.

11c) Cross the road and bear RIGHT and then cross over Station Road to a path - Turn LEFT and walk past the entrance to White Mills Marina - Cross back over the road and turn RIGHT to go over the River Nene - Turn LEFT immediately over the bridge and walk to the car park at point 12. Turn RIGHT and re-join the MAIN ROUTE at point 12.

Alternative Route 2 - Pastures Farm SSI

Turn LEFT off the Main Route and follow the raised wooden walk way through to a raised path

which bears RIGHT at 2 O'clock - Walk on the raised path to a Kiss Gate at point 13a.

13a) Go through the Kiss Gate and turn RIGHT - Follow the hard track around the lake on the right to where the track bears left to a bridge at point 13b.

13b) Bear RIGHT and walk on the grass track past two wooded benches on the right to a metal gate go through a gap to the RIGHT of the gate to point 14 - Turn LEFT back onto the MAIN ROUTE

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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