

## Grendon Village Walks

### Walks in and Around Grendon

#### A Walk to Pastures Farm SSI – 4¼ 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.

**An additional route to White Mills Marina and the Boat House Café is included as an option and these are described by the additional points eg 7b -7c etc. This adds 1½ Miles to the walk**

There are 11 stiles and 3 ploughed fields on this walk

To **avoid any stiles** retrace your steps back to Grendon via the Churchyard at point 4 on your return or turn right at Main Road point 8 and walk up Main Road back to the the start.

#### MAIN ROUTE— 4¼ 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 at point 4.

**4)** Turn LEFT and walk on the track past a footpath on the right on to a bridge Over Grendon Brook to a track at point 5.

**5)** Cross over the track bearing slightly left to a gate in a high fence - Walk between two lakes to another gate - Continue in the same direction to a bridge over a ditch into a field - Head across the field go under the pylon to a bridge over a large ditch and a metal gate on the right and point 6.

**6)** Go through a gap in the fence on the RIGHT (just past the gate) into Pastures Farm SSI - Walk on the grass track past some seats on the left and go on to a hard track - Turn LEFT and with a lake on your left follow the track around the lake - The track bends to the LEFT then reaches another metal gate - On the LEFT is a kiss gate - Go through and up on to a raised path - Follow the path to where it starts to drop down - Keep to the LEFT and walk to a wooden walkway over the marsh land - The walkway bends RIGHT then LEFT to emerge from the SSI into a field at point 7.

**7)** Here you have a choice to turn RIGHT and walk to White Mills Marina and The Boat House Café (**The additional route is outlined below - Points 7b to 7d**) or turn LEFT to resume the **MAIN ROUTE** - Follow the path to point 6 and then retrace your steps to point 4 - (**To avoid any stiles turn RIGHT here and retrace your steps to village centre via the churchyard**) - To continue on the Main Route follow the track to Main Road opposite Blackmile Lane at point 8.

**8)** Cross the road into Blackmile Lane - (**The stiles can also be avoided by turning RIGHT and walk back to the village centre on Main Road**) - Walk along Blackmile Lane to a footpath sign on the RIGHT at point 9.

**9)** Go over the stile into the paddock and head for the top LEFT hand corner of the paddock over a stile to point 10

**10)** Turn sharp RIGHT and head for kiss gate a short way across the field. Go through the gate then straight ahead across another field to Grendon Brook and point 11.

**11)** Go over the bridge and head for a gate and a stile at 1 o'clock. Go over the stile across the field to another stile. Proceed straight ahead to another stile and into a fenced off path between a cottage and a converted garage to Chequers Lane at point 10.

**12)** Turn RIGHT into Chequers Lane and walk up the hill.

**13)** Walk to a footpath sign on the LEFT (**It is possible to shorten the walk from here (point 12) by continuing up Chequers Lane to the church and turning LEFT back to the school**) go up the bank and through a kiss gate into a paddock. Walk across the paddock to a kiss gate. Continue straight

ahead through a series of paddocks and kiss gates to the Cricket Field.

**14)** Walk through the Cricket Field past the pavilion to a kiss gate in the right hand corner - Turn RIGHT through another kiss gate and walk to Easton Way - Turn RIGHT and walk back to the start.

#### **Additional route to White Mills Marina and the Boat House Café – Extra 1½ Miles**

**7)** Turn RIGHT and walk along the edge of the field to a fence - Turn LEFT at the fence and then right through a kiss gate to a quarry track - Cross the track and go on through another kiss gate to a metal bridge over a conveyer belt - Follow the path to Station Road at point 7b.

**7b)** Turn RIGHT and walk past the entrance to the quarry on the right - Walk with care to a left hand bend in the road - Continue SLIGHTLY LEFT into a car parking area and walk to the end of the car park - Bear LEFT on to a footpath and walk to the road at point 7c.

**7c)** Turn RIGHT on to the footpath and walk over the bridge across the River Nene - Continue on the footpath to where it crosses the road - Turn LEFT into the Marina at point 7d - To return - retrace your steps to point 7 and follow the MAIN ROUTE back to the village.

#### 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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Recommended Map - Ordnance Survey Explorer 207

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