Grendon Village Walks

Walks in and Around Grendon

A Walk Around Grendon Brook – $3\frac{3}{4}$ 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.

Alternative routes are included and these are described by the additional point to points eg 9a - 9b etc

Unfortunately the number of stiles (3) and ploughed fields on this walk make it unsuitable for pushchairs.

MAIN ROUTE- 34 Miles

Facing away from the information panel turn LEFT towards the church. Turn RIGHT into Chequers Lane at point 1 $\,$

- 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.

(Alternative (a) - To shorten the walk do not cross the brook but turn LEFT and follow it on the right to point 9)

- 7) Go over the bridge and follow the path on the right of a hedge to a stile. Go over the stile into a pasture field then cross the field in a 20'clock direction to another bridge at point 8.
- 8) Go over the bridge and turn sharp LEFT. Follow the path with the brook on your left to point 9.
- 9) Pass a bridge on the left (Alternative (b) just past the bridge a path goes diagonally across the field to a stile and on around the gravel workings to Blackmile Lane Please refer to the longer alternative (b) below) continue to follow the brook on the left to a small bridge over a ditch at point 10.
- 10) The path returns to the brook. Continue to walk with the brook on the left until the path leaves the brook to go over two small bridges the last being at point 11
- 11) Cross the bridge and turn immediately LEFT for a few yards. At the brook turn RIGHT and follow the brook on the left. Go over the stile go straight across the field leaving the brook on the left. Go on through a gap in the hedge in front. Continue along the path with a hedge on the left to a metal gate at point 12
- 12) Go through the pedestrian gate and turn immediately LEFT and follow the path with a hedge on the left back to the brook. On reaching the brook follow the path round to a bridge over the brook at point 13.
- 13) Go over the bridge through the gate on to the track. Go past the sewage works on the right where

the track changes in to a tarmac surface. Continue to follow the track (which becomes Chequers Lane) up the hill to the main road. Turn LEFT and follow the road back to the school.

LONGER ALTERNATIVE

Alternative (b) - Adds an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ mile — From point 9 take the diagonal path across the field to a a hedge. Follow the path through the old gravel workings to a track at point 9A. Turn LEFT down this track (Blackmile Lane) and follow it through left and right hand bends to where a path crosses the track marked by a footpath sign at point 9B. Turn LEFT through a metal gate and proceed across a pasture field in a 2 o'clock direction. Rejoin the main route at point 12.

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

Click Here to download the GPX file for the Main Route

<u>Click Here to download the GPX file for the shorter</u> <u>Alternative (a)</u>

<u>Click Here to download the GPX file for the longer</u> Alternative (b)

