

Grendon Village Walks

Walks in and Around Grendon

A Walk to Summer Leys & Doddington - 8½ 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 14 stiles and 4 ploughed fields on this Walk.

No Refreshments on Route

MAIN ROUTE— 8½ 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 walk straight on up the hill with a hedge on your RIGHT to a Kiss Gate - Turn right through the Kiss Gate and climb the hill in front of you in a 11 O'clock direction towards a hedge on the LEFT - Go through another Kiss Gate and on to another Kiss Gate into Great Doddington at Lower Street point 10.

10) Turn RIGHT then Left into Chapel Street - Walk past the village shop on the RIGHT to the High Street - Cross the road on to a footpath which leads to the church - At the church turn right on to a footpath past the church on the LEFT - Walk to Church Lane and turn RIGHT to a footpath on the LEFT - Follow the footpath past the school on the LEFT through to the playing field at point 11.

11) Continue on through the playing field to a track which leads to The Ridge - Turn RIGHT and walk past the Stag Pub on the LEFT go on round a RIGHT hand bend in the road and walk on to a waymarked footpath on the LEFT by a gate at point 12

12) Walk with a hedge and fence on the RIGHT to a pasture field - Head straight across to a Kiss Gate and then straight across the next field to another Kiss Gate - Bear LEFT to 11 O'clock and walk down the hill to the River Nene - On reaching

the river Turn RIGHT and walk past the mill on the right as you cross over the river - Continue on the access road past Wollaston Lock and on to another bridge over the river - Walk to a waymarked footpath on the LEFT at point 13.

13) Follow the path with the river on the LEFT and a small lake on the RIGHT - At the end of the lake bear sharp RIGHT at a 3 O'clock direction to a Kiss Gate - Climb a bank to a track - Bear slightly RIGHT and take a track opposite and follow the track with a lake on the RIGHT to point 14.

14) Where the track bears left turn RIGHT onto a footpath and continue to follow the lake on the RIGHT hand side - After $\frac{1}{4}$ mile the path bears RIGHT (ignore a path of the the LEFT) and then after another $\frac{1}{4}$ miles reaches a road at point 15.

15) Cross the road to a kiss gate enter back into into Summer Leys to a Bird Feeding Station and Hide Turn LEFT and take the path around the lake keeping the lake on your right hand side - The path bears RIGHT and then LEFT (by another bird hide) and then RIGHT again before arriving at the Summer Leys Car Park at point 16.

16) Turn Left out of the Car Park to Hardwater Road and cross the road heading to the LEFT and a waymarked bridleway - Go through the Kiss Gate and head in a 2 O'clock direction to the far right hand corner of the field. Go through a gateway and head straight in front of you back to point 7 - **Retrace your steps back to point 4 - (To avoid any further stiles or cut the walk short 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 10.

17) 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 11.

18) Go over the stile into the paddock and head for the top LEFT hand corner of the paddock over a stile to point 12.

19) 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 13.

20) 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 14.

21) Turn RIGHT into Chequers Lane and walk up the hill to the church and turn LEFT back to the start.

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 224

[Click Here to download the GPX file for the Main Route](#)

