

## Grendon Village Walks

### Walks in and Around Grendon

#### A Walk to Whiston Church – 6¼ 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 2 stiles (which can easily be negotiated by dogs) and 3 ploughed fields on this walk.

Refreshments available at the Boathouse – White Mills Marina and a Deli/Café at Castle Ashby.

#### MAIN ROUTE— 6¼ 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. **(If you wish to walk around pastures farm SSI follow the route outlined in 6a below)**

**6)** Continue on the path which follows the edge of the field with the reed beds of Pastures Farm SSI on the RIGHT - Walk into the next field and on to a raised entrance to the SSI on the RIGHT.

**7)** Ignore the entrance to the SSI and continue 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 8.

**8)** 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 9.

**9)** Turn RIGHT on to the footpath and walk over the bridge across the River Nene - At the entrance to the lock on the left - Go through a Kiss Gate and pass the lock on the left and White Mills marina on the right - Follow the Nene Way and walk with the river on your left over the boat entrance into the marina and on through three Kiss Gates to a bridge over the river - Turn LEFT over the river then Turn RIGHT and follow the path with the river on the RIGHT walk through another Kiss Gate on to Whiston Lock at point 10.

**10)** From the lock turn left on to a bridleway and walk between some gravel workings to the Whiston Road - Cross the road and follow the road opposite into Whiston - Where the road forks bear LEFT and follow the road as it bears to the RIGHT and passes Manor Farm on the LEFT - Where the road bears sharp RIGHT continue straight on to a footpath and climb up the hill to Whiston Church at point 11.

**11)** Walk through the churchyard to a stile **(This is just a two metal bars which dogs can easily negotiate)** into an arable field - Turn RIGHT and walk around the edge of the field to a gap in the hedge on the RIGHT - Walk across the field on a grass track to a road at point 12.

**12)** Turn LEFT and with care walk down hill to a junction - Walk on past the turning on the LEFT and continue up the hill into Castle Ashby - Walk past the Falcon Inn and bear LEFT into Park Hill Road at point 13.

**13)** 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 over 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 14.

**14)** 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.

#### Additional route to visit Pastures Farm SSI

**6a)** 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.

#### 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.

Recommended Map - Ordnance Survey Explorer 207  
[Click Here to download the GPX file for the Main Route](#)  
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