Grendon Village Walks

Walks in and Around Grendon

A Walk To Castle Ashby and The Ponds - 3¼ Miles

Introduction

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

The route for the walks 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 1A– 1B etc

This walk follows roads for 2 miles although usually quiet they can get busy at times. Great care must be taken when walking on them.

Unfortunately the number of stiles (1) and ploughed fields on the main route make it unsuitable for pushchairs. The alternative route (a) follows the road and it is possible to use pushchairs on this route with great care.

Refreshments – Deli/Café available at Castle Ashby

MAIN ROUTE — 3¼ Miles

Facing away from the information panel turn RIGHT up Main Road to Manor Road on the right at point 1

Alternative (a) completes the route by road - For this alternative do not turn right at Manor Road but continue on to Easton Way and follow the walk described in alternative (a)

1) Turn RIGHT into Manor Road walk past the playing field on the right to where the road bears right. Take the footpath between two houses at point 2

2) Walk between the two houses to a kiss gate. Go through the kiss gate out into a paddock walk across the paddock in a 10 o'clock direction to a stile. Go over the stile into a field head across the field in a 1 o'clock direction to a small bridge over a ditch at point 3

3) Proceed over the bridge and across the next field keeping to the left of the clump of trees until you meet a road at point 4

4) Turn RIGHT on to the road and walk up the hill into Castle Ashby to point 4a)

If you wish to visit Castle Ashby (refreshments in the Courtyard) turn LEFT into the minor road at point 4a and follow the road around into the village the Courtyard is at point 4b– To re-join the main route come out of the Courtyard on to the main Castle Ashby village road and turn RIGHT to re-join the main rote at point 5

4a) Turn RIGHT and proceed past the FALCON INN to point 5 where the main Castle Ashby road joins on the left.

5) Walk down the hill over a brook to a RIGHT turn at point 6)

6) Turn RIGHT and follow the road. Soon The Basin and Scotland Ponds appear on the right. Go past the entrance to the Fishing Lodge at the end of Scotland Pond. Walk past the layby take the path around the west shore of Grendon Quarter Pond at Point 7

7) Follow the path round the shore of the lake until it re-joins the road at point 8

8) Turn RIGHT onto the road then immediately RIGHT again at the T Junction. Follow the road up the hill back into Grendon. At the fork in the road turn RIGHT into Manor Road and back to the school.

ALTERNATIVES Alternative (a) - This alternative avoids the use of the footpath to Castle Ashby and uses the Yardley Road which can be very busy. Great care is required at all times. Also the alternative adds an extra ½ mile to the walk . From point 1) stay on Main Road where it changes into Easton Way. At the fork in the road at point 1A) fork RIGHT down Yardley Road. Go past the football ground on the right and walk for ¾ mile to point 1B) and turn RIGHT into the lane. Follow the lane past Parkhill on the right and join the main route at point 4).

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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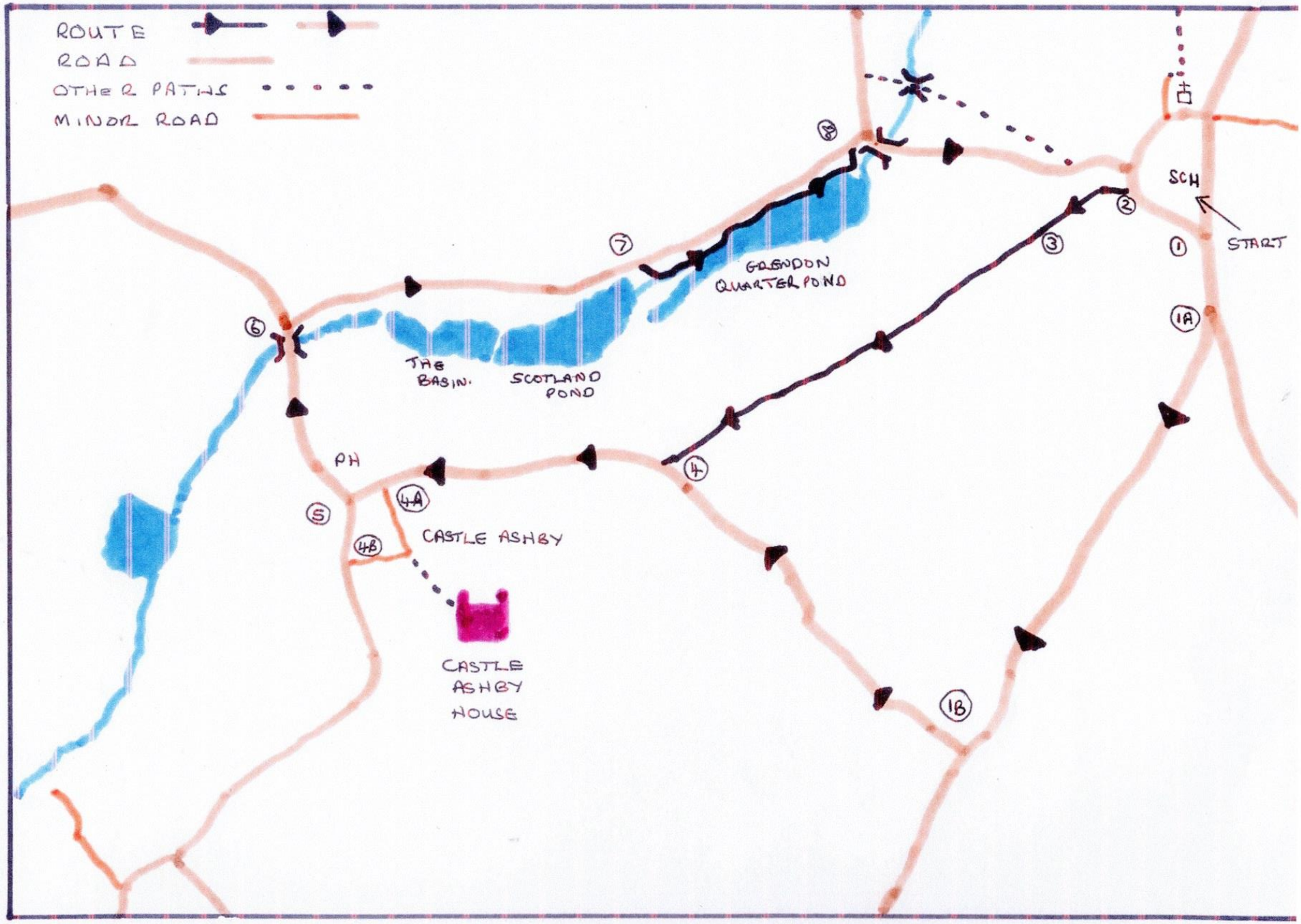
Recommended Map – Ordnance Survey Explorer 207

Click Here to download the GPX file for the Main Route

Click Here to download the GPX file for the Alternative (a)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