Grendon Village Walks

Walks in and Around Grendon

A Circular Walk to Castle Ashby - Denton - Brafield - Cogenhoe - 11 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 overleaf.

There are 6 stiles and 7 ploughed fields on this walk.

Refreshments available at the Buttery - Castle Ashby - Red Lion - Brafield on the Green - Royal Oak - Cogenhoe and White Mills Marina.

MAIN ROUTE - 11 Miles

1) Facing away from the information panel turn RIGHT up Main Road to Manor Road on the right - 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 - Walk between the two houses to a kiss gate- Go through a kiss gate the bear LEFT in a 10 o'clock direction across a pasture field to a

stile - Enter into an arable field - Head in a 1 o'clock direction across the field to a bridge over a ditch - Aim straight in front of you across a large arable field to another kiss gate and a road - Turn RIGHT and walk on the road into **Castle Ashby**. $(1\frac{1}{2} \text{ Miles})$

2) At the junction turn LEFT and walk to the Castle Ashby car park - The road bears round to the RIGHT and passes the entrance to the Courtyard Shopping area on the right - Continue on to the T junction - Turn LEFT and walk on the pavement out of the village for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to a RIGHT turn into Chadstone -Walk to a small triangle of grass and turn left to a footpath into a small paddock - Go through the paddock and into the next field - Head left to the corner and a stile - Now cross the arable field heading to the right of Castle Ashby Lodge - Continue on through a hedge and then to a brook - Cross the brook and turn left - Walk to a bridge on the left -Here turn right and walk to a gap in the hedge on the left - Cross the field to the corner of a hedge - Walk on with the hedge on the right - At a gap in the hedge turn right and walk across the field to a stile and a road - Go LEFT then RIGHT and follow the access road to a footpath which leads to **Main Street** in the centre of **Denton**. $(3\frac{1}{2})$ Miles)

3) Turn RIGHT then LEFT into **The Leys** and the first cul-de-sac on the RIGHT walk to

the waymarked footpath at the end - Follow a hedge on the right for a few metres then head across the arable field straight in front of you - Pass through a hedge a continue in the same direction downhill to a bridge over a brook (ignore a path to the right) - Cross over and bear slightly RIGHT in a 1 o'clock direction uphill to a stile in a fence - Continue in the same direction to a gateway on the right - Once through the gateway turn LEFT and follow the path with a fence on your left to a crossing track - Turn LEFT and go through a gate into **Brayfield on the Green**. ($4\frac{1}{2}$ Miles)

4) The track becomes a road (The Green) -Walk into the village and on to the pond on the right - Just before the pond bear RIGHT and walk past the pond on your left -Where the road bears left continue straight on a footpath which leads to Church Lane -Turn RIGHT and walk to the church - Enter the churchyard and walk to a metal gate into a field - Turn RIGHT and walk on the footpath which soon becomes a track - The track bears LFFT - Follow it to the left and with a hedge on the right - Continue to follow the track which bears RIGHT then LEFT and then RIGHT again - Follow it to a T junction - Turn LEFT and follow the path gently downhill to where it crosses a brook -Carry on in the same direction as the path climbs into Cogenhoe past the Royal Oak pub on the right to a road. $(6\frac{1}{4} \text{ Miles})$

- 5) Cross the road into Church Street Follow the road which drops downhill Walk
 to where the road bends right Continue
 straight on walk between two cottages to a
 footpath on the LEFT Take the footpath
 which drops downhill to a road Continue on
 the road towards Cogenhoe Mill Caravan
 Site Pass Mill House on your right and then
 take a footpath (Nene Way) on the RIGHT Follow the path with the River Nene on your
 left for 1½ Miles until you reach Whiston
 Lock. (7¾ Miles)
- 6) Continue on the river path which crosses the river over a metal bridge Walk with the river on your right to White Mills Lock and White Mills Marina Walk to a road Turn RIGHT on to a bridge and walk over the river look for a path on the LEFT and walk to a small car park Bear RIGHT and walk through the car park to a road Continue on the road in front of you Walk past the entrance to a quarry on the left to a waymarked footpath on the LEFT. (9 Miles)
- 7) Follow the path between two fences and over a conveyer belt and a quarry track to a kiss gate into a field. Turn RIGHT and walk by a fence on the left at the gap in front of you turn RIGHT and walk on the edge of the field with a fringe of trees on your left Continue on keeping to the left of the field -

Cross into another field still keeping to the left until you reach a bridge over a large ditch - Here bear LEFT in a 11 o'clock direction and head under the pylon in the centre of the field - Continue in the same direction to a bridge over a ditch - Cross the bridge and continue on to a fence with a gate - Go through the gate and walk on a causeway between two lakes - Go through another gate to a track. (10 Miles)

8) Cross the track slightly to the left on to a path which crosses a bridge over Grendon Brook - Walk to the edge of a field and bear RIGHT on to a track - Ignore a gap in the hedge on the right but continue on the track with a hedge on your right - Cross the track slightly to the LEFT and cross over Grendon Brook follow the path to a track and walk on the track to a waymarked footpath on the RIGHT at point - Cross the field to the RIGHT of the pylon to a bridge over Grendon Brook - Then bear LEFT then RIGHT - Follow the edge of the field into a paddock and climb uphill between some fences into the Churchyard - Go through the Churchyard to and turn LEFT to Main Road turn RIGHT 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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