

Route map



- A. This walk starts at the village hall. With your back to the hall entrance turn left and follow round the front and side of the building. As you approach the end of the building and with the playing field before you, turn right. The path will take you down to the lake.
- B. From the lake do not take the path to the right nor the one along the edge of the lake, but the one which bears slightly to the left, continue straight ahead on that. After a short piece of wooded land, you will pass over a bridge and between fences to emerge in to Cranfield Way. Turn left along the pavement and follow it in to Cranfield Close. Follow the path round to the right until you come to the alley between the houses 64 and 66; it is marked by a footpath finger post. As you emerge at the end of the alley turn right keeping the line of fences on

your right then a field on your left.

- C. At the end of the path cross Stirtloe Lane and pass through the kissing gate to walk along the left side of Stirtloe Manor. After 300m you emerge on to a track, keep straight ahead down the track towards Diddington.
- D. At the bottom of the slope (1 kilometre point) take the small wooden bridge on the left and then turn left down the marked footpath to walk along the right hand side of Diddington Brook, passing over another bridge and continuing until you near the road (2 kilometre point).
- E. Here you bear right to walk along the green path, not along the road. Continue straight along the path for some distance until you reach a kissing gate. Turn right through the gate and after 150 metres you turn left to follow the path along the side of the Anglia Water pumping station (3 kilometre point).

- F. You then reach the bank of the River Great Ouse where you turn left to join the long-distance path, the Ouse Valley Way, where there is an information board. Continue for 1 kilometre until you reach kissing gate. Here the path turns sharp left away from the bank of the river (4 kilometre point). As you emerge in to the field head for the planked walkway and cross it keeping on the same line for 35 metres to a kissing gate in the hedge on your right. Go through the gate and use the footbridge (rail on one side only) to cross the



The Valley near the Village Hall

channel. Turn right, keeping the channel on your right.

- G. Continue along the path. Opposite the converted mill buildings leave the Ouse Valley Way by taking the fenced path on your left. Follow the path, as it bends left keeping the hedge on your right, for 1.25 kilometres; you will pass the 5 kilometre point on this stretch. The path opens out, continue straight ahead and you will enter woodland, keeping Diddington Brook on your right.
- H. At the end of the path pass through the kissing gate and turn right to walk along the road (6 kilometre point). Continue on road until it bends away to the right, turn left at that point towards the green gate and follow the grassy permissive path.
- I. Turn right at the end of the path by the bench and now you are back on familiar territory. Walk along the side of Stirtloe Manor's land to the kissing gate (7 kilometre point). Cross the road to follow the path straight ahead turning left at the alley between the houses. As you emerge from the alley, follow the pavement until you come to a right turn down the side of a fenced garden to cross the bridge back to the lake. With the end of the lake on your right walk ahead towards the village hall. At the corner of the hall turn left along its side and right to reach the front of the hall.



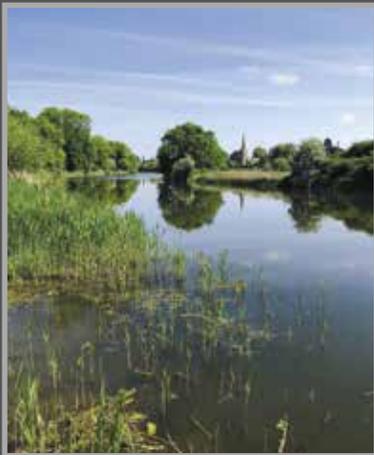
Path beside Stirtloe Manor

We hope you have enjoyed your walk in the Parish of Buckden.

Please note kilometres distance markers are only approximate



View of River Ouse from the Ouse Valley way at Offord Cluny



View of Offord D'arcy church from Ouse Valley way



Lake near Diddington brook

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Safety First: We hope your walk will be pleasant but please remember:

- The river valley is subject to flash flooding and the walk should not be attempted if there is any flooding or there is a risk of flooding.
- Do not deviate from the path along the river as the vegetation can be deceptive and simply be overhanging the river
- Do not be tempted to swim or play in the river or lakes as the river has a strong current and the lakes are cold and deep; note all water carries the risks of water-borne diseases
- Be aware that many plants are poisonous and/or can cause skin irritation
- Be aware that path surfaces can be uneven
- Please clean up after your dog
- Please keep your dog under control so as not to cause issues with other path users and farmers' livestock
- Follow the Government's guidance on walking amongst livestock

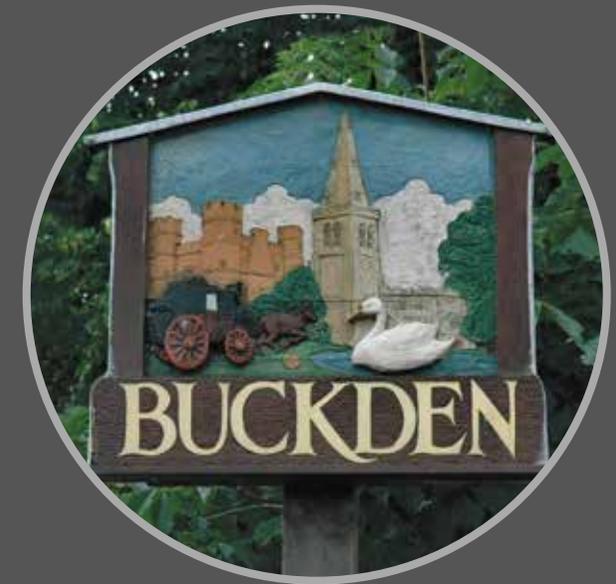
Accessibility: This path is uneven in places, has a number of kissing gates and includes narrow sections so may not be suitable for those with mobility restraints.

Countryside Code: rights of way This route uses official rights way and a permissive path PLEASE only use designated paths.

Issues: If you come across a problem on the path you can report is via this link <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

If you want to learn more about the area covered by the walk visit: www.buckdenparishcouncil.org.uk

Round-about-Buckden: A Village Walk



Our 8 kilometre village walk, using existing footpaths, has been established to encourage residents and visitors to explore the countryside, learn more about the flora and fauna and history of the area and to promote health and well-being. We hope you enjoy it.

Please follow these way markers



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