

Walk 1: Linton Water Tower and Hildersham

Type: Circular.
Distance: 9 miles.
Extra Care: No side footpath on Linton Back Road for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.
Start: By the entrance to Abington Campsite on Church Lane (531492).

Follow the footpath signposted “Gt Abington $\frac{1}{2}$ ” which runs beside the campsite to the river. Cross the footbridge into the recreation ground.

Continue walking ahead with the hedgerow close to your right until you reach Great Abington Church.

Go through the gate and follow the track which leads to your left to Abington High Street.

Turn right into Abington High Street. Follow the road until you reach the T-junction with Pampisford Road.

Cross Pampisford Road and follow the footpath signposted “Gt Chesterford 4”. This footpath follows Chalky Road and will take you through what used to be the Land Settlement Association small-holdings. You will pass North Road and South Road to your right. When you leave Chalky Road behind you, keep walking uphill to the footpath which crosses your path at a T (527461).

At this point, turn to look at the view behind you over the gently rolling landscape of South Cambridgeshire. On a bearing of 68° is Linton Water Tower, the most prominent area landmark. The water tower is the main objective of our walk. From where you are standing, a short distance to the west is Abington Park Farm.

Follow the footpath easterly towards the wood $\frac{1}{3}$ mile ahead. Walk past the wood keeping it to your right.

Shortly after you leave the wood behind you, a hedgerow will cross your path. Turn left and, keeping the hedgerow to your right, walk for approximately 50 yards then turn right (537457) and follow the path keeping a thin belt of trees to your left. (The OS map may show the footpath to be on the other side of these trees.) You will now be walking along the line of electricity pylons.

Walk downhill, leaving the wood behind you, until you reach a track crossing your path at right-angles (543454).

Here you take the footpath on a bearing of 60° towards Linton. This footpath will take you towards the pylons. Shortly after you pass under the pylons you will need to pass through a hedgerow. The gap in the hedgerow is not always obvious but it is about 50 yards before the hedgerow meets another hedgerow from the left. Once through the hedgerow continue to walk downhill towards Linton.

You will pass Linton Zoo close to your right. Climb a stile into a field and walk across the field towards the water tower. On the far side of the field climb another stile and continue on the path ahead until you reach the main A1307.

Cross the A1307, turn right, and walk until you reach Linton High Street (558466). Walk along the High Street until you cross the river.

Once over the river, turn left into Symonds Lane. Do not follow Symonds Lane as it curves round to the left. Instead, head uphill into Hillway, and walk until you meet Linton Back Road.

Turn right into Back Road and walk until you have passed the cemetery on your left. Immediately after passing the cemetery, turn left and follow the bridleway signposted “Balsham $2\frac{1}{2}$ ” (564470). The path begins well but soon starts uphill, and can be very muddy in wet weather.

Climb up and up through overhanging hedgerows until, suddenly, you have Linton Water Tower (567479) before you.

Follow the bridleway westerly to your left. You will now have the water tower to your right.

Walk on and you will pass a wood close to your left. When you reach the end of the wood you have another magnificent view of south Cambridgeshire in front of you. Ahead, in the distance, you will see the hangers of the famous World War 2 airfield at Duxford, now a part of the Imperial War Museum.

Shortly after the wood the bridleway will turn left (563479). Follow it downhill until you rejoin Linton Back Road.

Turn right into Linton Back Road and follow it past the traffic derestriction signs. Be very careful because there are no footpaths or grass verges to walk on from this point.

Approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from the derestriction signs take the footpath to your left signposted “Linton $\frac{3}{4}$ ” (556478). At the time of writing, this signpost was well hidden in a tree.

Follow the footpath: you will come to the River Granta, which you can either ford or cross by a footbridge.

When you have crossed the Granta, go through the gate. Walk following the footpath ahead of you and keeping the hedgerow to your right.

Walk until you reach a stile with a hedgerow facing you (554475). Climb over the stile and turn right. You will shortly pass under the line of electricity pylons. Keep following the footpath with the wood to your left. Soon after you leave the wood you will pass a sewage farm on your left — keep walking! You will have the river behind the hedgerow on your right. To your left and about a quarter of a mile away you will see a windmill, without its sails, which has been converted into a house.

When you reach the track which leads to the converted windmill, cross the track and keep following the path with the river to your right towards the village of Hildersham.

When you reach Hildersham, climb the stile (545484) and cross the field diagonally to the far left corner. Follow the path and cul-de-sac through houses to reach the road which runs through Hildersham.

Cross the road, turn right, and walk past the Pear Tree public house towards the river bridge.

Cross the bridge and turn left to follow the footpath signposted “Abington $\frac{3}{4}$ ” (545486), keeping the river on your left. The path leads you over a footbridge crossing the river.

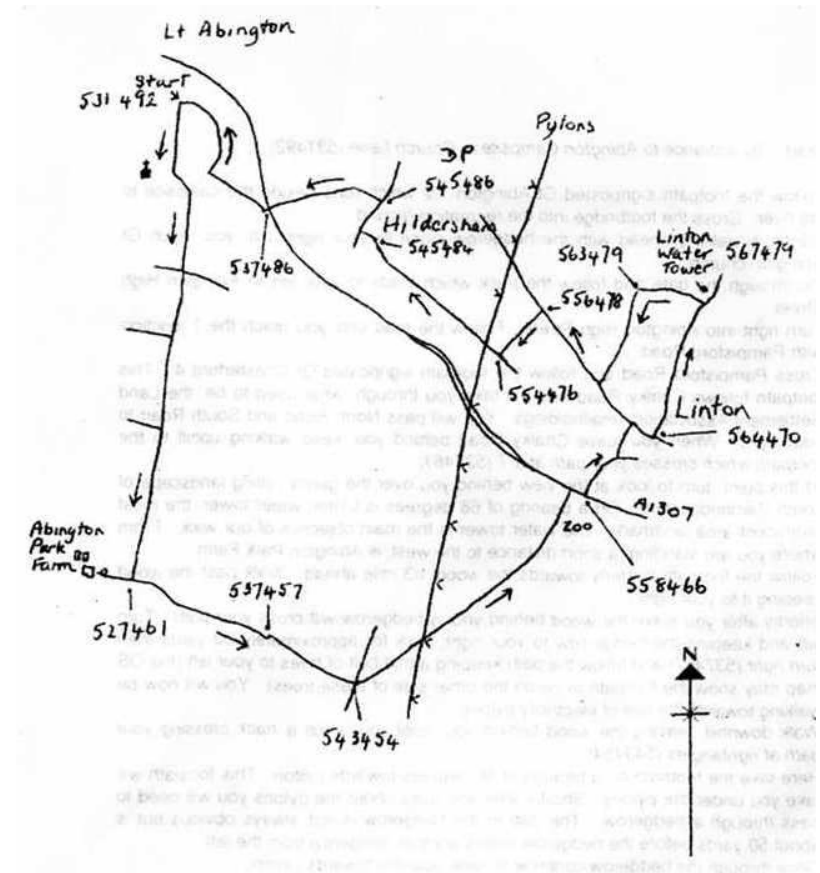
When you have crossed the river follow the way-marked path across three fields until you reach the main A1307 (537486).

Cross the A607 to take the footpath through the gates directly opposite. Walk on until you reach the road leading into Abington.

Turn right towards Abington. Walk until you reach the High Street.

Turn right and follow High Street past the Three Tuns public house and over the river until you reach the junction with Church Lane.

Follow Church Lane until you arrive at the campsite (531492).



(Not to scale.)

Walk 2: The Roman Road, Linton Water Tower, and an Unusual Stile

Type: Circular.
Distance: $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
Extra Care: Crossing A1307 (twice); Hildersham crossroads; no pavement on road from Hildersham crossroads to start of bridleway to Roman Road ($\frac{1}{4}$ mile).
Start: By the entrance to Abington Campsite on Church Lane (531492).

Turn right and follow Church Lane until you reach the junction with High Street. At the junction continue straight ahead, walking along High Street. You will cross the River Granta and pass the Three Tuns public house.

After you have passed Abington Primary School on your right, turn left into Linton Road (signposted to Linton and Haverhill). Follow Linton Road past the speed de-restriction signs until you reach West Lodge Kennels. Just past the kennels turn left to follow the public footpath signposted "Hildersham $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Almost immediately this will take you to the A1307 (537486).

Cross the A1307 to the gate opposite and follow the waymarked footpath across three fields. When you enter the third field, the footpath will lead you to a footbridge over the river (543487) in the opposite right corner.

Cross the footbridge, turn right and walk, keeping the river close to your right, until you reach the road which runs through the village of Hildersham.

Turn left and follow the road until you arrive at a crossroads. On the way you will pass Blench Lane on your right and Holy Trinity Church on your left.

At the crossroads walk straight ahead towards Balsham. Note that the road does not have a pavement from this point. Walk for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and find the bridleway on the left signposted "Roman Road $\frac{3}{4}$ " (549493). Follow the bridleway.

Walk until you meet the Roman Road. There are a few metal posts across the bridleway at this point.

Turn right and follow the Roman Road (548505). It is worth noting that the Road is in fact a narrow footpath with high hedges, mainly hawthorn, on either side. As you would expect, the Roman Road runs in a straight line.

Walk along the Roman Road. You will pass under a line of electricity pylons just before a road crosses your path.

Cross the road and continue to follow the Roman Road. As you walk along this section of the Roman Road, look over to your right. You will see Linton Water Tower and in the fields in line with the water tower you will see a crop of trees which surrounds Chilford Hall vineyard.

Keep walking and you will reach another road crossing your path. Cross this road and continue to follow the Roman Road. From here the Roman Road becomes a public byway and is much wider. Walk for approximately 150 yards from the road and look for the waymarked footpath (576491) on the right of the Roman Road.

Follow the footpath towards the water tower. As you walk along this footpath, Borley Wood will be about 200 yards to your left.

When you reach the road turn left and follow it past the entrance to Chilford Hall and join the Icknield Way uphill towards Linton water tower (567479).

Turn right after the water tower following the bridleway. Walk on and you will pass a wood close to your left. When you reach the end of the wood you have a magnificent view of south Cambridgeshire in front of you. Ahead, in the distance, you will see the hangers of the famous World War 2 airfield at Duxford, now a part of the Imperial War Museum.

Shortly after the wood the bridleway will turn left (563479). Follow it downhill until you join Linton Back Road. Turn right into Linton Back Road and follow it until you reach Symonds Lane.

Turn left into Symonds Lane and follow it round to the left. You will pass Granta Leas. Immediately after Granta Leas take the public footpath to your right. This will take you over the river and towards Linton recreation ground. Walk straight ahead.

Turn right past the pavilion, following the signposted direction Roman Road Walk; a bowling green will be on your right. Walk past the play area keeping the hedge to your left.

As you leave the recreation ground the path takes you to the side of a

clapper stile. The stile looks like part of the fence. Push down on the end away from the post.

Leave the recreation ground and follow the wide, grassy path which will lead you towards the line of electricity pylons. Before you reach the pylons you will reach a brideway signposting left (555474). This is at Lt Linton. Do not turn left but go straight ahead to find the footpath which continues on the opposite side of the brideway. Continue walking and you will pass under the line of electricity pylons. Keep following the footpath with the wood to your left. Soon after you leave the wood you will pass a sewage farm on your left—keep walking! You will have the river behind the hedgerow on your right. To your left and about a quarter of a mile away you will see a windmill without its sails which has been converted into a house.

When you reach the track which leads to the converted windmill, cross the track and keep on following the path with the river to your right towards the village of Hildersham. When you reach Hildersham climb the stile (545484) and cross the field diagonally to the far left corner. Follow the path and cul-de-sac through houses to reach the road which runs through Hildersham.

Cross the road, turn right, and walk past the Pear Tree public house towards the river bridge.

Cross the bridge and turn left to follow the footpath signposted “Abington $\frac{3}{4}$ ” (545486), keeping the river on your left. You are now retracing your steps until you reach Abington High Street. The path leads you to a footbridge crossing the river.

When you have crossed the river follow the waymarked path across three fields until you reach the road leading into Abington.

Turn right towards Abington Walk until you reach High Street.

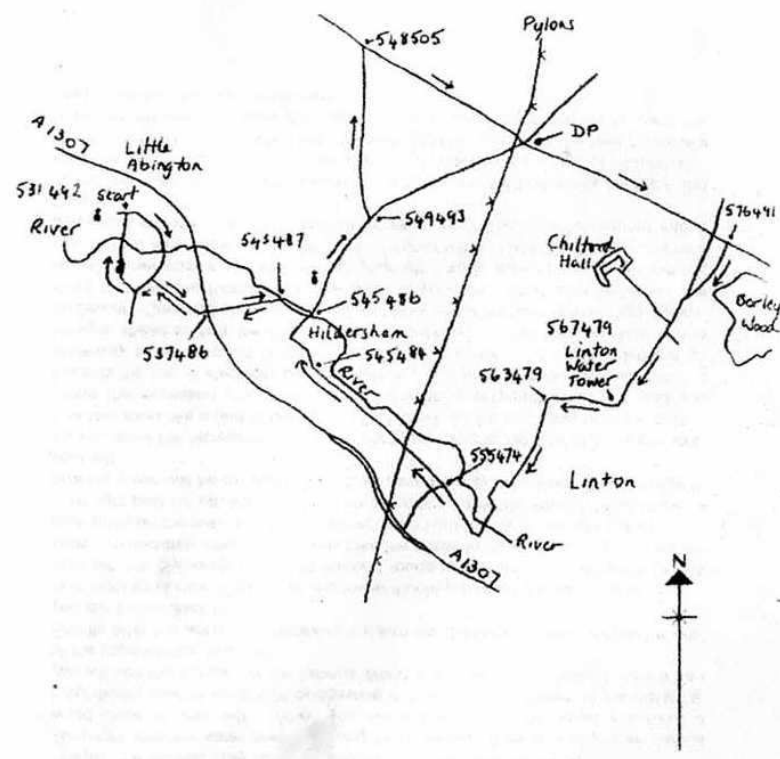
Turn left into High Street and walk for 200 yards until you reach on your right the sign to “St Mary’s Church Great Abington”, also signposted “Public Footpath to Little Abington $\frac{1}{2}$ ”.

Turn right and follow the road towards St Mary’s Church. As you approach the church, leave the road and veer to your right keeping close to the fence on your right until you reach the gate at the corner of the churchyard.

Go through the gate. Walk through the recreation ground, keeping the

hedgerow close to your left.

When you reach the corner of the recreation ground, cross the footbridge and follow the footpath which will lead you back to Church Lane and the entrance to the campsite (531492). When you are walking this last section of the footpath, you will have the campsite on your right. Please do not be tempted to climb through or over the perimeter fence, as you may cause unnecessary damage.



(Not to scale.)

Walk 3: St Mary's Church, Little Abington, and a Stile to Climb

Type: Circular.
Distance: $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.
Extra Care: Crossing Bourn Bridge Road and Church Lane
Start: By the entrance to Abington Campsite on Church Lane (531492).

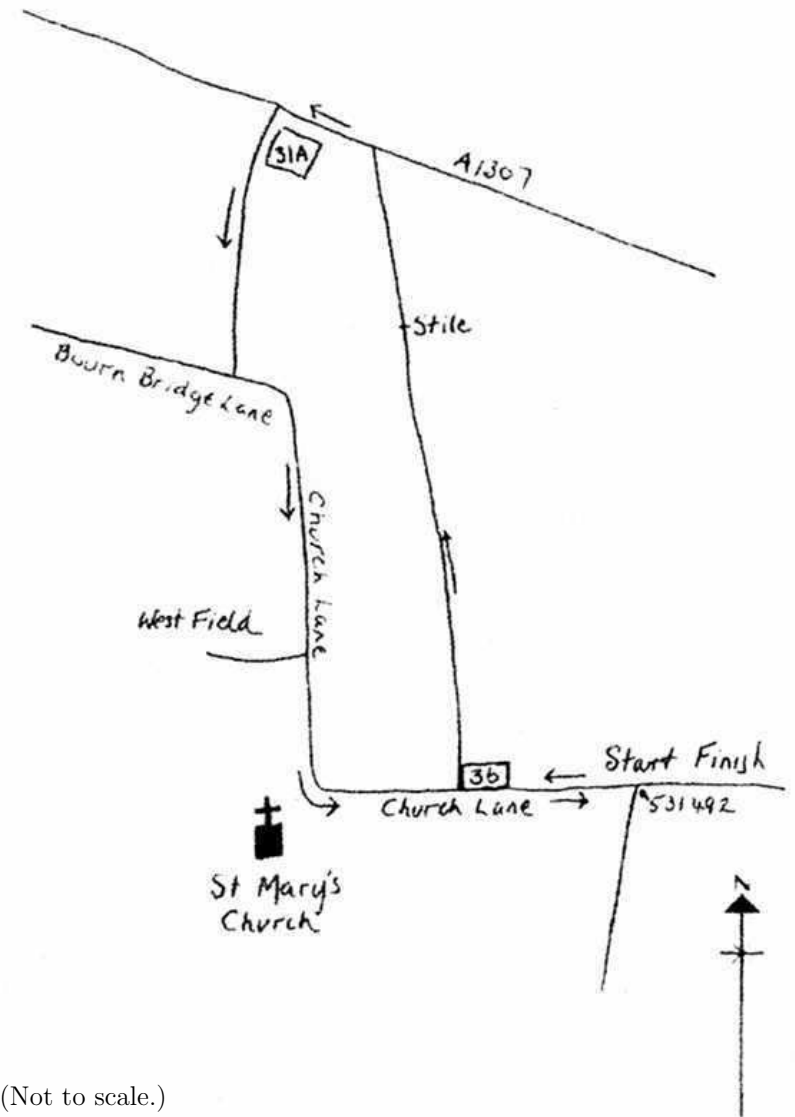
Turn left from the campsite and walk along Church Lane.

After about 100 yards you will find a thatched house, number 36, on your right.

Turn right immediately after number 36, and follow the public footpath. The footpath will lead you to an open field. Walk across the field to the far left corner where you will find a stile. Climb the stile and follow the footpath between walls and fences until you reach a road (A1307).

At the road turn left. After a few yards you will pass number 31A. Turn left immediately past number 31A and follow the footpath between fences until you reach Bourn Bridge Road. At this point cross the road as it has a pavement on the other side. Turn left and follow Bourn Bridge Road as it curves into Church Lane. You will pass West Field on your right.

At St Mary's Church follow Church Lane to the left and back to the campsite (531492)



(Not to scale.)

Walk 4: Gt Chesterford

Type: Circular.
Distance: $10\frac{1}{4}$ miles.
Extra Care: Crossing B184; walking by B184 from 509436 to 511433.
Start: By the entrance to Abington Campsite on Church Lane (531492).

Follow the footpath signposted “Gt Abington $\frac{1}{2}$ ” which runs beside the campsite to the river. Cross the footbridge into the recreation ground.

Continue walking ahead with the hedgerow close to your right until you reach Gt Abington church.

Go through the gate and follow the track which leads to your left to Abington High Street.

Turn right into Abington High Street. Follow the road until you reach the T-junction with Pampisford Road.

Cross Pampisford Road and follow the footpath signposted “Gt Chesterford $\frac{1}{4}$ ”. This footpath follows Chalky Road and will take you through what used to be the Land Settlement Association smallholdings. You will pass North Road and South Road to your right. When you leave Chalky Road behind you, keep walking uphill to the footpath which crosses your path at a T (527461).

At this point, turn to look at the view behind you over the gently rolling landscape of south Cambridgeshire. On a bearing of 68° is Linton water tower, the most prominent area landmark. From where you are standing, a short distance to the west is Abington Park Farm.

Turn right and walk towards Abington Park Farm. Approximately 100 yards after passing a terrace of houses on your right, follow the footpath to the left, keeping a hedgerow on your right. After $\frac{1}{4}$ mile follow the waymarked path to the right and after another 300 yards turn left and follow the footpath to where it meets a private road (523454). Turn right, joining the private road leading past and then away from Park Farm. You will have a line of tall poplar trees on your right.

The private road from Park Farm will become a public road. The road is little used by vehicles; nevertheless, care must be taken. There are grass verges on either side of the road. Follow the road past Dell’s Farm to the B184 (509436).

At the B184 turn left and walk towards Gt Chesterford. The B184 is a busy road. There is no pavement for the first $\frac{1}{4}$ mile until you meet the junction with Jackson’s Lane on your right. There is, however, a grass verge which must be used.

Cross Jackson’s Lane and walk until you reach the next road junction (513430) which points into Gt Chesterford. Our walk does not go through Gt Chesterford, so now is the time to make a diversion into the village if you want to explore or seek refreshment.

Continue with the walk by turning left from the B184, following the Icknield Way Riders Route also signposted Cow Lane Only and ECC Highways Chipping Bay. You will now be walking on another quiet road. Once again there are grass verges on either side which must be used to avoid traffic.

Follow the road for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. You will pass Lt Paddocks Kennels and Cattery on your right. Just past the kennels there is a road junction. Walk straight ahead.

the public road will turn into a private road at the entrance to Crave Hall Farm. Follow the private road and public bridleway past Crave Hall Farm to the gate where the made-up road ends.

Go through the gate and follow the bridleway, walking with hedgerows on either side until you reach a wood (537445). Here, there is a waymark indicating either left or straight ahead. Follow the waymarked Icknield Way straight ahead; this will lead you through a wood. As you emerge from the wood you will have a tall hedgerow immediately on your left and you will be walking parallel to a line of electricity pylons about $\frac{1}{3}$ mile to your right.

Walk on now between open fields towards a copse ahead of you. Follow the path into the copse. The path will twist left, right, and left past ruined farm buildings. As you leave the ruins turn right and follow the broad path, walking downhill between hedgerows. When you leave the hedgerows, ahead to your right you will see Linton water tower.

After about 200 yards, you will notice a waymark indicating a path to your left. Ignore this and keep walking downhill for a further 300 yards. You will arrive at a junction of paths (543454).

The alternatives are left, straight ahead, and diagonally across the field to your right towards Linton and the water tower. Take the first alternative, to the left, uphill and turning your back on the line of electricity pylons.

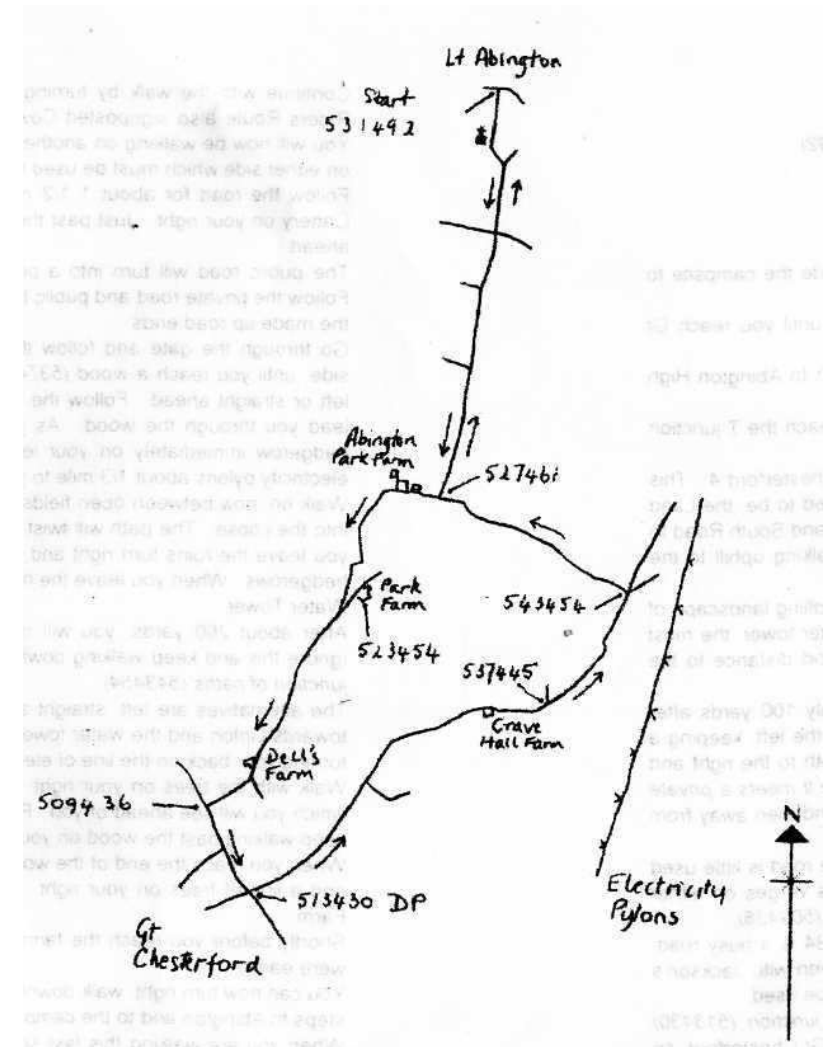
Walk with the trees on your right. Walk until you reach the right-hand end of the wood which you will see ahead of you. Follow the path left for 50 yards, turn right, and keep walking past the wood on your left.

When you reach the end of the wood., follow the path straight ahead, keeping a ditch and a line of trees on your right. You will now be walking towards Abington Park Farm.

Shortly before you reach the farm you will arrive at the point (527461) where you were earlier.

You can now turn right. Walk downhill and, enjoying the view before you, retrace your steps to Abington and to the campsite (531492).

When you are walking this last section of the footpath, you will have the campsite on your right. Please do not be tempted to climb through or over the perimeter fence as you may cause unnecessary damage.



(Not to scale.)

Walk 5: The Roman Road, Wandlebury, and Babraham Hall

Type: Circular.
Distance: 8 miles (plus $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles to include Wandlebury).
Extra Care: Crossing the A1307 (twice)
Start: By the entrance to Abington Campsite on Church Lane (531492).

Follow Church Lane to the left towards St Mary's Church, Lt Abington. When you reach the church, follow Church Lane as it bears right. Walk on; you will pass the entrance to West Field to your left. When Church Lane bears left it runs into Bourn Bridge Road. At this point (529495), cross Bourn Bridge Road and follow the footpath opposite between fences to the A1307.

At the A1307, turn left and follow the road (there is a pavement), leaving Abington until you reach the signs left to Fourwentways Services. Follow the signs until you reach the Fourwentways service station. Turn left at the service station and follow the old A11 road. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Fourwentways follow the footpath to your right (521497). Ahead of you, you will see a footbridge which crosses the A11. Cross the footbridge and continue walking straight ahead. Follow the footpath for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. It will become a concrete roadway which will take you through the buildings of Home Farm to Babraham (512502).

Turn right into the road which runs through Babraham and follow it, past the George public house on your right, to the A1307.

Cross the A1307 and follow the road opposite, signposted to Worsted Lodge. This road is lightly used by vehicles. It does not have a pavement and when necessary safety must be sought on the grass verges.

1 mile from the A1307 you will reach a 'T' junction. Turn left and follow the road as it curves right, until you reach Mount Farm (528519).

At Mount Farm, turn left through the upright metal posts, and begin walking along the Roman Road.

After $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles you will reach a wood on your left. At this point a public byway (512532) is signposted to the left. The walk takes this byway. It is, however, worthwhile continuing walking along the Roman Road to explore

Wandlebury. Wandlebury is signposted as a public footpath to Wandlebury and Cambridge (505536) and will be on your left after a further $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Wandlebury Ring is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the Roman Road.

If you have explored Wandlebury, return to the waymarked byway (512532) and follow it towards the A1307 about 1 mile ahead. The byway you are following has to begin with the wood surrounding Copley Hill on your right. The byway is wide, runs gently downhill, and offers magnificent views.

At the A1307, turn right, walk for 100 yards, and cross the road to follow the footpath signposted to the left (502520). Note that there is no pavement to the A1307. There are, however, wide verges on which to walk.

Follow the footpath. After $\frac{3}{4}$ mile you will reach the River Granta. Cross the river and follow the footpath straight ahead. A few yards from the river the footpath will take you over a stile. Continue to follow the footpath, through a plantation of trees straight ahead to the next stile (498512). Climb this stile and turn immediately left, following the waymark.

Keep walking with the fence on your left. You will pass a wood on your left. When the wood leaves the footpath, you will find reverse signposting to Stapleford along the path which you have been following.

Follow the signposts (in the opposite direction to Stapleford) and walk until a private road crosses the path. Cross the road and continue to follow the footpath. You will shortly have the river on your left. On the other side of the river are the buildings of the Babraham Institute.

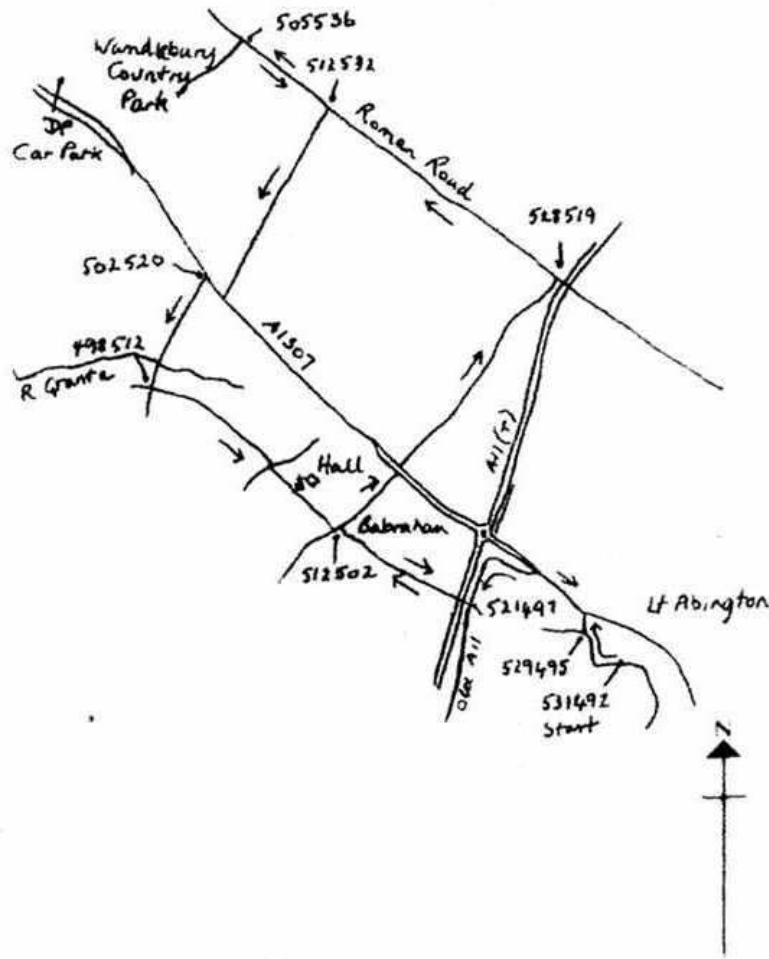
Continue to follow the footpath by the river. At Babraham Church the footpath will lead into a road. Follow the road. On your left you will see the splendid façade of Babraham Hall. At this point also look to your right to see the avenue of trees leading away from the Hall.

The road will bear to the right. Do not follow it round, but walk straight ahead, through the gap between fences to join the road that leads through Babraham. Turn left and follow the road. After 50 yards you will find a footpath signposted "Abington $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles". This footpath will take you back through Home Farm. Now retrace your steps to the campsite (531492).

N.B. You are advised not to take the alternative route from the old A11 back to Abington along Bourn Bridge Road. Bourn Bridge Road is fairly busy and narrow, and has no pavement.

Walk 6: Willingham Green, Balsham, Linton, and Abington

Type: Linear.
 Distance: $10\frac{3}{4}$ miles.
 Extra Care: Crossing A1307.
 Start: Willingham Green (622537).



(Not to scale.)

Take the public bridleway signposted “Icknield Way Riders Route” leading from the left of the road. After $\frac{1}{2}$ mile you will pass large barns on your right; these are shown as Crick’s Farm on the Ordnance Survey map. After a further $\frac{3}{4}$ mile a road will cross your path (604548). Take this road to the left following the Icknield Way sign and walk for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, after which the road will turn to the left. Do not follow the road to the left: instead, turn right (603544), following the public byway, also signposted “Icknield Way”.

After 300 yards, you will pass the Cambridge Water Company buildings on your right. Shortly after the buildings, the byway will lead you to the left. There is a ford at this point (601545). The ford was dry at the time of writing.

Continue to follow the bridleway. After $\frac{1}{2}$ mile you will cross a minor road and after a further $\frac{1}{2}$ mile you will cross another minor road at Green End Farm (595531).

Continue to follow the Icknield Way straight ahead until you reach Balsham. As you enter Balsham the track will become a metalled road. Follow the road past the speed restriction signs, until you arrive at the main road (580508) running through Balsham. At the main road, turn left and follow the road through Balsham.

When you reach the round shelter surmounted by a weather-vane, follow the road as it curves right but do not continue to follow it as it curves left. Instead walk into Wood Hall Lane (586507).

$\frac{1}{2}$ mile along Wood Hall Lane you will pass Wood Hall Farm. Continue to follow the bridleway. Balsham Water Tower and Balsham Wood will be about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to your right.

Walk until the Roman Road crosses your path (584488). Turn right and follow the Roman Road. You will be walking between hedgerows. After

you have followed the Roman Road for about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile look for the waymark indicating a footpath to your left (576491) leading towards the Linton Water Tower, which you will see clearly on the horizon. If you miss the footpath, you can follow the road, which you will reach soon afterwards, towards Linton Water Tower.

Follow the footpath towards the water tower. As you walk along this footpath, Borley Wood will be about 200 yards to your left.

When you reach the road, turn left and follow it past the entrance to Chilford Hall and join the Ickniel Way uphill towards Linton Water Tower (567479).

Turn right after the water tower, following the bridleway. Follow the bridleway westerly. You will have the water tower on your right.

Walk on and you will pass a wood close to your left. When you reach the end of the wood you have another magnificent view of south Cambridgeshire in front of you. Ahead, in the distance, you will see the hangers of the famous World War 2 airfield at Duxford, now a part of the Imperial War Museum.

Shortly after the wood, the bridleway will turn left (563479). Follow it downhill until you join Linton Back Road.

Turn right into Linton Back Road and follow it past the traffic speed derestriction signs. Be very careful because there are no footpaths or grass verges to walk from this point.

Approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the derestriction signs, take the footpath to your left signposted “Linton $\frac{3}{4}$ ” (556478). At the time of writing, this signpost was hidden in a tree.

Follow the footpath. you will come to the River Granta, which you can either ford or cross by a footbridge.

When you have crossed the Granta, go through the gate. Walk following the footpath ahead of you and keeping the hedgerow to your right.

Walk until you reach a stile with a hedgerow facing you (554476). Climb over the stile and turn right. You will shortly pass under a line of electricity pylons. Keep following the footpath with the wood to your left. Soon after the wood you will pass a sewage farm on your left—keep walking! You will have the river behind the hedgerow on your right. To your left and about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away you will see a windmill, without its sails, which has been converted into a house.

When you reach the track which leads to the converted windmill, cross the track and keep following the path, with the river to your right, towards the village of Hildersham.

When you reach Hildersham, climb the stile (545484) and cross the filed diagonally to the far left-hand corner. Follow the path and cul-de-sac through houses to reach the road which runs through Hildersham.

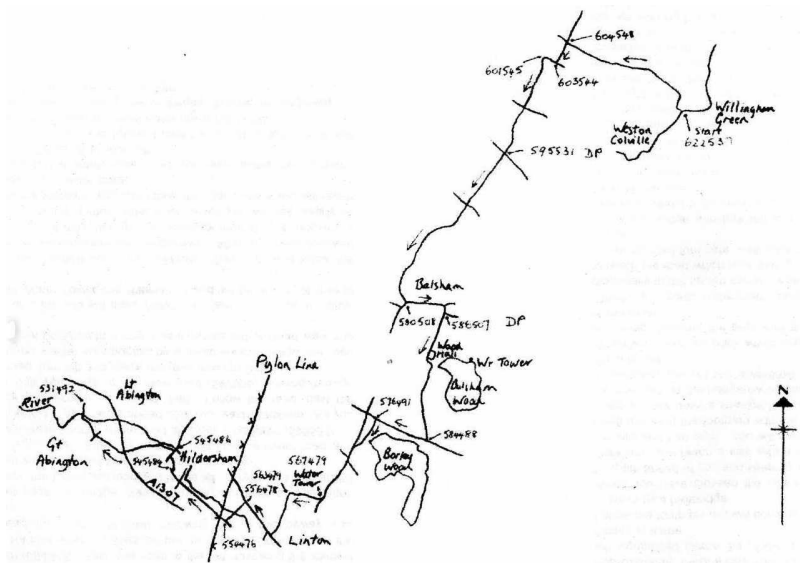
Cross the road, turn right, and walk past the Pear Tree public house towards the river bridge.

Cross the bridge and turn left to follow the footpath signposted “Abington $\frac{3}{4}$ ” (545486), keeping the river on your left. The path leads you to a footbridge crossing the river.

When you have crossed the river, follow the waymarked path across three fields until you reach the main A1307 (537486). Cross the A604 to take the footpath through the gate directly opposite. Walk on until you reach the road leading into Abington.

Turn right towards Abington. Walk until you reach High Street.

Turn right and follow High Street. At the Three Tuns public house cross the road and follow the footpath which runs to the right of the school. Follow the path into the recreation ground. When you reach the far right corner of the recreation ground, cross the footbridge and follow the footpath which will lead you back to Church Lane and the entrance to the campsite (531492). When you are walking this last section of the footpath, you will have the campsite on your right. Please do not be tempted to climb through or over the perimeter fence, as you may cause unnecessary damage.



(Not to scale.)

Walk 7: The Land Settlement

Type: Circular.
 Distance: $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 miles.
 Extra Care: Pampisford Road—no pavement for 250 yards.
 Start: By the entrance to Abington Campsite on Church Lane (531492).

Turn right and follow Church Lane until you reach the junction with High Street. At the junction continue straight ahead, walking along High Street. You will cross the River Granta and pass the Three Tuns public house. Follow High Street towards Pampisford until you reach the T junction with Pampisford Road (531481).

Cross Pampisford Road and follow the footpath signposted Gt Chesterford 4. This footpath leads into and follows Chalky Road. It will take you into what used to be the Land Settlement Association smallholdings.

From the map you will see that the Land Settlement estate consists of roads and paths forming a figure of eight. The public only has right of way on foot over these roads and paths. They are narrow and do carry occasional traffic. Chalky Road, North Road, and South Road are made-up roads. The footpaths between North Road and South Road are not made up.

The middle footpath is found between numbers 44 and 45 on North Road almost opposite the estate entry road leading to Pampisford Road and between numbers 37 and 38 on South Road. The western footpath is found by number 49 on North Road and east of number 32 on South Road.

you are advised not to venture on the old A11 to the extreme west of the estate.

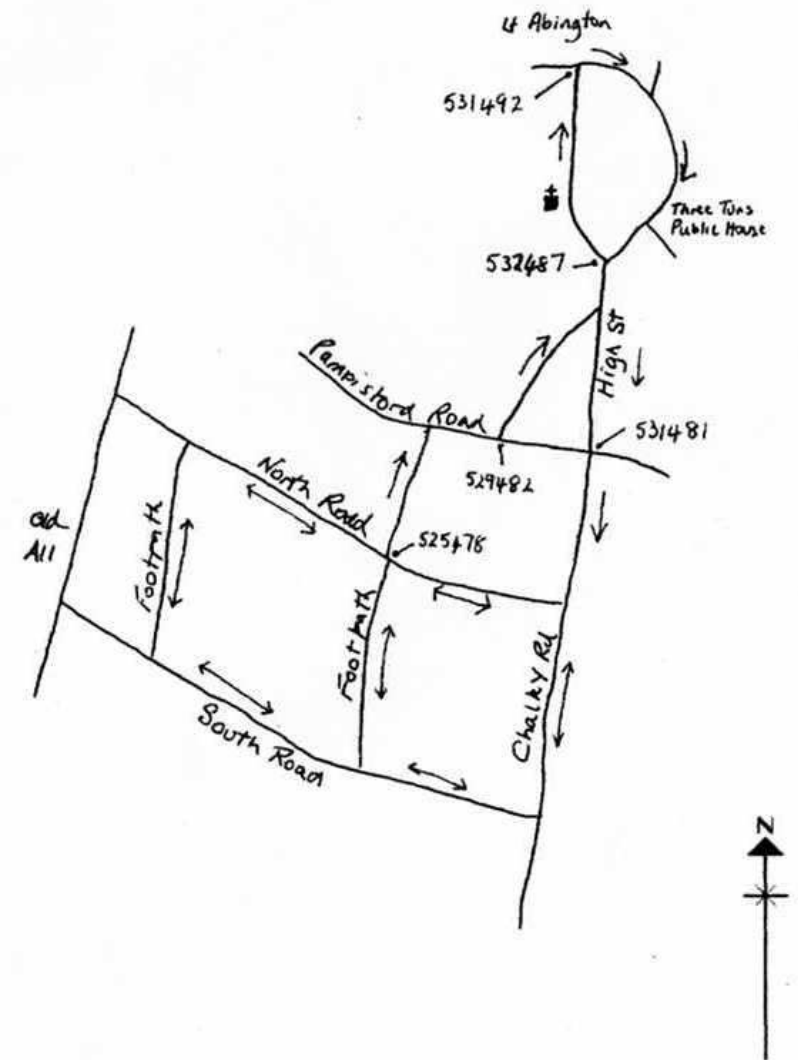
When leaving the Land Settlement estate, you can vary your route back to the campsite by following the continuation of the middle footpath, across North Road (525478) to Pampisford Road. At Pampisford Road, turn right and follow the road for 250 yards until you find the public footpath on your left (529482). Follow the footpath through to High Street.

Follow High Street for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and find the sign to your left to “St Mary’s Church Gt Abington” (532487), also signposted “Public Footpath to Lt Abington $\frac{1}{2}$ ”. Turn left and follow the road towards St Mary’s Church. As you approach the church, leave the road and veer to your right, keeping

close to the fence on your right until you reach the gate at the corner of the churchyard.

Go through the gate, and walk through the recreation ground, keeping the hedgerow close to your left.

When you reach the corner of the recreation ground, cross the footbridge and follow the footpath which will lead you back to Church Lane and the entrance to the campsite (531492). When you are walking this last section of footpath, you will have the campsite on your right. Please do not be tempted to climb through or over the perimeter fence, as you may cause unnecessary damage.



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Walk 8: Horseheath (Cardinal's Green) and Hadstock

Type: Linear.
Distance: 10 miles.
Extra Care: Hadstock Road bend (557451)—blind turn to right.
Start: Cardinal's Green (615465).

Follow the public bridleway in a westerly direction. The bridleway is signposted "Bartlow 2 miles". Initially, the bridleway is narrow and between hedgerows.

After you have walked for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile you will leave a wood behind on your right. At this point be careful; the farm track on which you will find yourself is obvious and leads uphill. There are a few pines to the right of the track at the crest of the hill. Do not follow the track up the hill. Instead, look to your left for the continuation of the bridleway. This leads away on a bearing of 253° .

Follow the bridleway. To begin with, you will have a hedgerow on your left. After you have walked for a little over a mile, you will reach a road (597452). Turn left and follow the road. Keep on the wide grass verge to the left of the road. After you have followed the road for 200 yards, turn right (599451) and follow the narrow road which will take you past Westoe Farm on your left.

After you have been walking on this road for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, you will pass a barn on your right. Follow the road round to the right by the barn. The road now becomes a track. Follow the track as it winds right again and then left past a wood on your left. 200 yards after you leave the wood on your left, the track will turn sharply right (594441). Do not follow the track to the right; instead walk straight ahead, keeping a hedgerow on your left.

Continue to follow the bridleway. As you approach some woods, the bridleway will be divided by a hedgerow and trees. Follow the right fork, keeping the hedge and trees on your left.

Walk on into the wood and you will find yourself at the junction of five tracks (591435). You must follow the bridleway which leads away from the junction on a bearing of 251° .

When you have walked $\frac{1}{3}$ mile from the junction, you will reach a 'T'

junction with another track. Turn right and follow the track to the road (584432).

When you reach the road, cross and follow the road to the left opposite. You will have a sewage treatment plant on your left. After a short while, you will cross the river Bourn—just a trickle at this point. Follow the road. You will cross a bridge which, once, crossed a railway. 150 yards after the bridge you will pass a wood on your left.

Immediately after the wood, turn left (580437) and follow the signposted bridleway. You will be walking uphill with the wood on your left. Keep following the bridleway until you reach a 'T' junction at Bowers (567431). Turn right, keeping the brick wall on your left and walk until you reach the road junction.

At the junction, the Ordnance Survey map shows the footpath which you need to follow as being directly opposite. The footpath seems to have been diverted. To find it, turn left and walk along the road for about 100 yards until you have passed the buildings on your right. At the time of writing, the footpath was accessed by a wire mesh gate and led into a chicken farm. Follow the footpath straight ahead to the left-hand edge of the wood, 300 yards away. Walk past the wood, keeping it on your right.

When you reach the end of the wood (565435), the footpath will lead you straight ahead across open fields. At this point, if the footpath is not clear, it is worthwhile following a compass bearing on 346° .

You will need to follow the footpath across fields for just over 1 mile towards Hadstock. As you approach Hadstock, you will converge with a line of poles carrying low level electricity power lines. The pole at the point of convergence has a footpath arrow directing you ahead. Walk ahead to the left of the pole, keeping the ditch on your right.

You will soon see the tower of Hadstock Church (558447) among trees ahead of you to the left. Make your way to the stile in the corner of the field directly behind the church tower.

Climb the stile, and walk through the churchyard to the road on the far side. (Do not follow the path in the churchyard leading away to your right.) As you leave the churchyard, you should have a pond on your right.

Turn right and follow the road until you reach a junction. At the junction turn left, following the signs to Cambridge and Linton. You will pass the King's Head public house on your left.

Walk on until the road bends to the right (558451). Do not follow the road round; instead, follow the public footpath straight ahead, to begin with keeping a ditch on your right. Follow the footpath towards a line of electricity pylons. $\frac{1}{3}$ mile before the pylons, the Icknield Way will cross your path. At this point, go through the gap in the hedge and on to the Icknield Way. Turn left. After a few yards, turn right and follow your original line of travel towards the electricity pylons.

As you reach the pylons you will pass through a hedge. From here, follow the footpath diagonally across the field on a bearing of 240° to the point, approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ mile away, where your footpath meets a bridleway (543454) running downhill towards the A1307 about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles away. Do not follow the bridleway to the A1307 but cross it and follow the footpath on the other side. You will be walking uphill with a hedgerow on your right and the line of electricity pylons will be behind you.

Walk with the trees on your right. Walk until you reach the right-hand end of the wood which you will see ahead of you. Follow the path left for 50 yards, turn right, and keep walking past the wood on your left.

When you reach the end of the wood, follow the path straight ahead keeping a ditch and a line of trees on your right. You will now be walking towards Abington Park Farm.

300 yards before you reach the farm, turn right (527461) and follow the farm road downhill towards Abington.

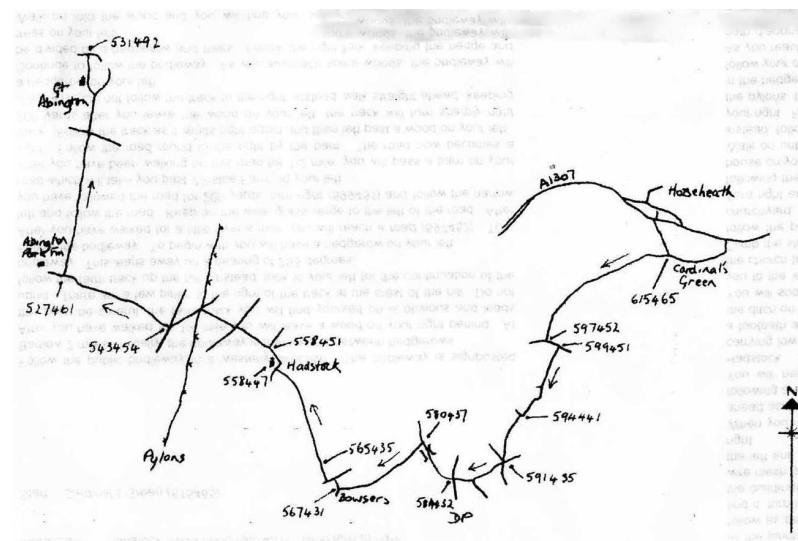
Walk downhill, enjoying the view before you, to Abington. When you reach the road cross and follow High Street opposite. Walk along High Street for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and find the sign on your left to "St Mary's Church Gt Abington", also signposted "Public Footpath to Lt Abington $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Turn left and follow the road towards St Mary's Church. As you approach the church, leave the road and veer to your right, keeping close to the fence on your right until you reach the gate at the corner of the churchyard.

Go through the gate, and walk through the recreation ground, keeping the hedgerow close to your left.

When you reach the corner of the recreation ground, cross the footbridge and follow the footpath which will lead you back to Church Lane and the entrance to the campsite (531492). When you are walking this last section of footpath, you will have the campsite on your right. Please do not be tempted to climb through or over the perimeter fence, as you may cause

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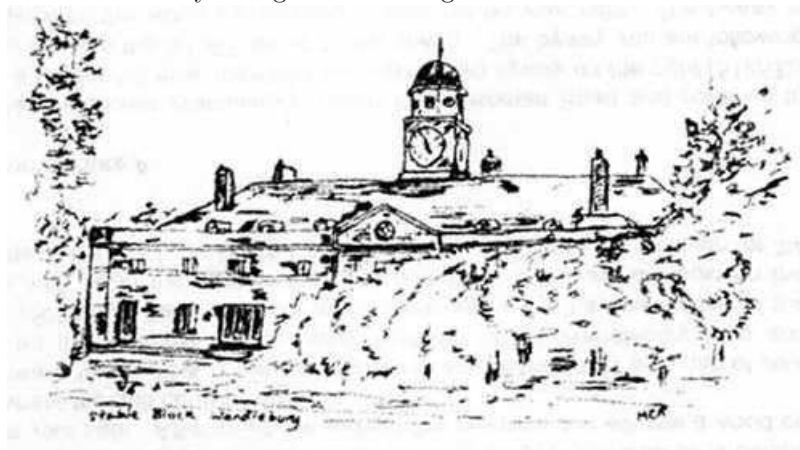
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Walk 9: The Roman Road, Wandlebury

Type:	Linear.
Distance:	Route A 6 miles. Route B 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles. (Both routes— add 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles if you visit Wandlebury.)
Extra Care:	Route A Crossing A1307. Route B Crossing A1307; no pavement on road from bridleway to crossroads at Hildersham ($\frac{1}{4}$ mile).
Start:	Grid reference 493547.

Follow the signpost “Public Byway Roman Road”. After 100 yards, the path will turn left and you will be following the Roman Road. For most of the Roman Road, the ‘road’ is a narrow path between hedges and/or trees. As you would expect, the Roman Road is straight and therefore easy to follow.

For about the first mile of the Roman Road, the Gog Magog Golf Course is behind the trees on your right. After you have walked this distance you will see a wood on your right where the golf course ends.



When you reach this point, if you would like to visit Wandlebury as part of your walk, look for the signpost for the public footpath to Wandlebury Ring and Cambridge (505536). Take care not to miss this sign as it may

be hidden in the trees. The sign is on the right of the road and there is a waymark post on the opposite side of the road. To reach the Wandlebury ring, follow the footpath for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

Continuation—Route A

After you have explored Wandlebury, return to the Roman Road and continue to follow it for a further $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, then find a waymarked byway on the right (512532) and follow it towards the A1307 about 1 mile ahead. The byway you are following has, to begin with, the wood surrounding Copely Hill on your right. The byway is wide, runs gently downhill, and offers magnificent views.

At the A1307, turn right and walk for 100 yards and cross the road to follow the footpath signposted to the left (502520). Note that there is no pavement to the A1307. There are, however, wide verges to walk on.

Follow the footpath. After $\frac{3}{4}$ mile on the footpath you will reach the River Granta. Cross the river and follow the footpath straight ahead. A few yards from the river the footpath will take you over a stile. Continue to follow the footpath, through a plantation of trees, straight ahead to the next stile (498512). Climb this stile and turn immediately left, following the waymark.

Keep walking with the fence on your left. You will pass a wood on your left. When the wood leaves the footpath, you will find a reverse signposting to Stapleford along the path which you have been following.

Follow the signposts (in the opposite direction to Stapleford) and walk until a private road crosses the path. Cross the road and continue to follow the footpath. You will shortly have the river on your left. On the other side of the river are the buildings of the Babraham Institute.

Continue to follow the footpath by the river. At Babraham Church the footpath will lead into a road. Follow the road. On your left you will see the splendid façade of Babraham Hall. At this point also look to your right to see the avenue of trees leading away from the Hall.

The road will bear to the right. Do not follow it round, but walk straight ahead, through the gap between fences to join the road that leads through Babraham. Turn left and follow the road. After 50 yards you will find a footpath signposted “Abington 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles”. This footpath will take you

through Home Farm. Follow the footpath for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. You will reach a footbridge crossing the A11.

Cross the footbridge and follow the footbridge across the field to the old A11. Cross the old A11, turn left and walk towards the Fourwentways petrol station. Turn right at Fourwentways and follow the road to the A1307. Turn right at the A1307 and follow it into Abington.

Look for number 31A on your right. Turn right immediately before number 31A and follow the footpath between fences until you reach Bourn Bridge Road. At this point, cross the road as it has a pavement on the other side. Turn left and follow Bourn Bridge Road round to the right towards St Mary's Church, Lt Abington. You will pass West Field on your right.

At St Mary's Church, follow the road round to the left into Church Lane.

Follow Church Lane back to the campsite (531492).

N.B. You are advised not to take the alternative route from the old A11 back to Abington along Bourn Bridge Road. Bourn Bridge Road is fairly busy and narrow, and has no pavement.

Continuation—Route B

After you have explored Wandlebury, return to the Roman Road and continue to follow it. After a further $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles you will reach the A11 at Mount Farm (528519). On the other side of the A11 is Worsted Lodge. The A11 is crossed by bridge.

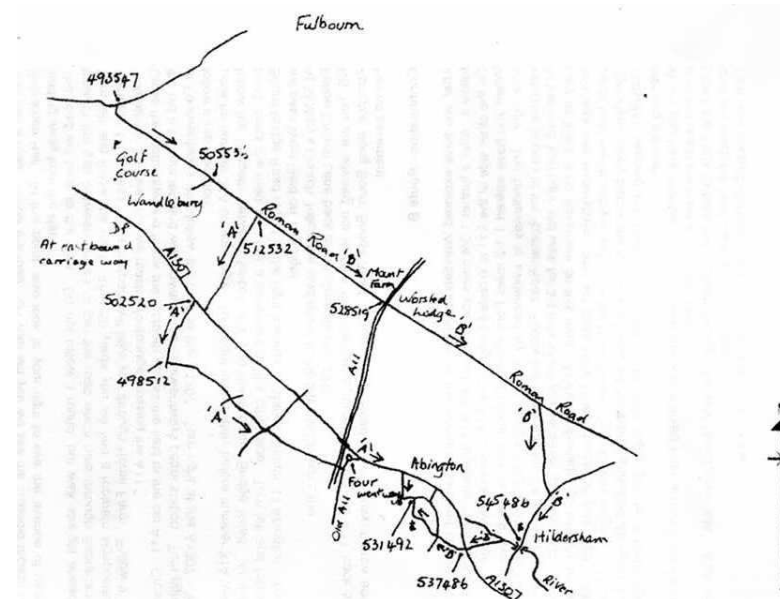
When you have walked $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Worsted Lodge, look for the bridleway on your right. The bridleway is evidenced by a few upright metal posts to prevent vehicular access to the Roman Road. Follow the bridleway for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, after which you will arrive at a crossroads. Take care as there is no pavement on this road. At the crossroads, go straight ahead and walk into Hildersham. You will pass Holy Trinity Church on your right. 200 yards from the church you will reach the River Bourn. Do not cross the river but turn right immediately before the bridge and follow the footpath signposted "Abington $\frac{3}{4}$ " (545486), keeping the river on your left. The path leads you to a footbridge crossing the river.

When you have crossed the river, follow the waymarked path across

three fields until you reach the main A1307 (537486). Cross the A604 to take the footpath through the gate directly opposite. Walk on until you reach the road leading into Abington.

Turn right towards Abington. Walk until you reach High Street.

Turn right and follow High Street. At the Three Tuns public house cross the road and follow the footpath which runs to the right of the school. Follow the path into the recreation ground. When you reach the far right corner of the recreation ground, cross the footbridge and follow the footpath which will lead you back to Church Lane and the entrance to the campsite (531492). When you are walking this last section of the footpath, you will have the campsite on your right. Please do not be tempted to climb through or over the perimeter fence, as you may cause unnecessary damage.



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Walk 10: Audley End and Great Chesterford

Type: Linear.

Distance: $10\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Extra Care: This walk involves quite a lot of road walking. Most of this is over narrow, lightly-used roads which have grass verges to which you can retreat to avoid traffic. Extra care is needed, however, at:

Audley End (514365)—no pavement or verges to road.

Catmere End (489395) to (491406)—no pavement or verges to part of road.

Gt Chesterford—some streets do not have a pavement.

B184 (511433) to (509436)—busy road with verges but no pavement.

Start: Audley End Station (516363).

Leave the station and walk towards the ‘T’ junction. At the junction, turn left. After a short distance you will cross the railway by bridge. Walk ahead along Royston Road. 300 yards from the bridge the road will turn sharply to the left. Do not follow the road; instead, turn right to follow the signposted public footpath.

To begin with, the footpath will take you uphill. When you reach the top of the rise you will see a wood ahead of you. Follow the footpath to the left-hand end of the wood. You will have a line of electricity pylons about 500 yards parallel to your left.

When you reach the wood, turn left. The footpath will take you over the M11 and under the line of pylons. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the M11 you will reach a narrow road (499374). Turn right and follow this road for 1 mile to Littlebury Green.

When you reach Littlebury Green turn left (495386) and follow the road through Littlebury Green. You will pass Howe Hall on your right. You will be walking uphill. As you reach the top of the hill, take the public byway (492386) signposted to your right and follow it through to Catmere End.

At Catmere End, turn left and follow the road for 400 yards, until you reach a junction. At the junction (489395) turn right to Strethall and Ickleton. Follow this road. Ignore the junction to Strethall Church and walk on to the next cross-roads.

Go straight over at the cross-roads towards Ickleton and the Icknield Way. 250 yards from the cross-roads you will find a public bridleway (491406) also signposted “Icknield Way”. Take this bridleway. It will lead you across an open field on a bearing of 42° towards a hedgerow in the far corner. When you reach the hedgerow, follow the waymarked Icknield Way on a narrow path running between hedgerows. The path will take you to a bridge where you re-cross the M11. On the far side of the M11, turn left and walk parallel to the M11 for about 100 yards until you reach the hedgerows on your right. Turn right, walk between the hedgerows, and follow the path to the railway level crossing.

Cross the railway and follow the road to the right towards Gt Chesterford. 200 yards from the level crossing turn left to follow the B1383 along Newmarket Road towards Cambridge. Walk along the B1383 for 300 yards to find Church Street on your right. Follow Church Street until you reach School Street on your left. Follow School Street, cross Carmen Street, and join Jacksons Lane (not named at this point) through to the B184.

Turn left at the B184 (511433) and, keeping to the verges, follow it for 250 yards and look for the road on the right signposted “Park Road” (509436).

Follow Park Road. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile along the Park Road you will pass Dell’s Farm on your left and after a further mile you will pass Park Farm on your right. 100 yards past Park Farm, look for a waymarker indicating a footpath to the left (523454). The waymarker is about 300 yards before the communications aerial.

Follow the footpath. After 300 yards the path will turn right and then, after a further 200 yards, left. Continue to follow the path to the next farm, which is Abington Park Farm. There turn right and walk on the concrete road for 300 yards. Then turn left, turn right (527461) and follow the farm road downhill towards Abington.

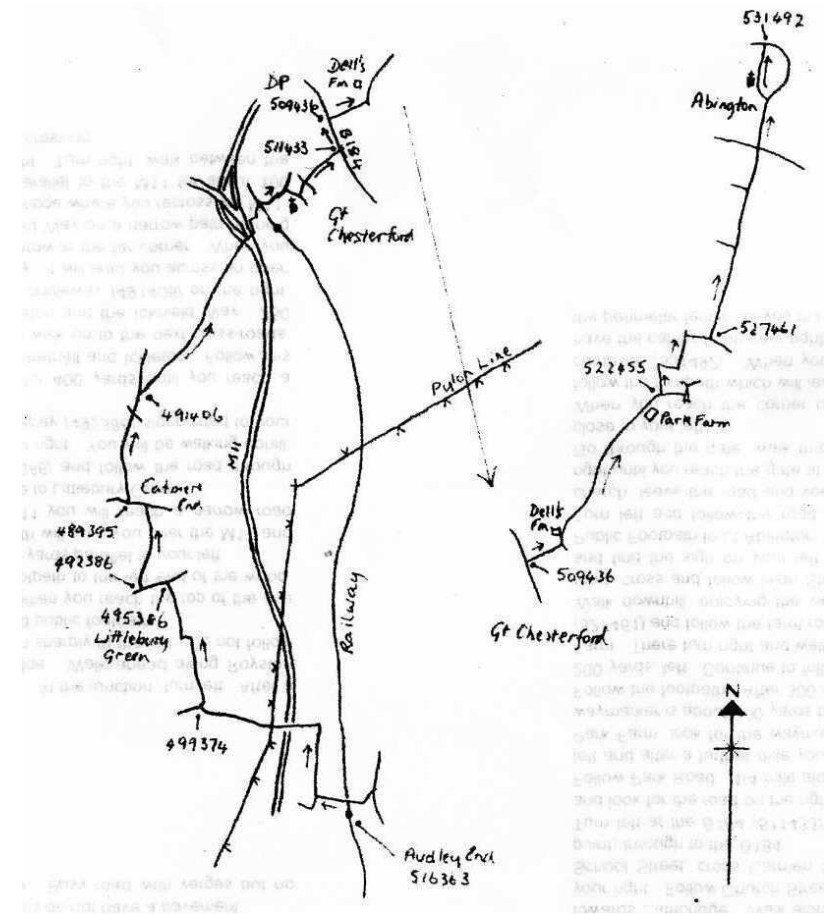
Walk downhill, enjoying the view before you, to Abington. When you reach the road cross and follow High Street opposite. Walk along High Street for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and find the sign on your left to “St Mary’s Church Gt Abington”, also signposted “Public Footpath to Lt Abington $\frac{1}{2}$ ”.

Turn left and follow the road towards St Mary’s Church. As you approach the church, leave the road and veer to your right, keeping close to the fence on your right until you reach the gate at the corner of the

churchyard.

Go through the gate, and walk through the recreation ground, keeping the hedgerow close to your left.

When you reach the corner of the recreation ground, cross the footbridge and follow the footpath which will lead you back to Church Lane and the entrance to the campsite (531492). When you are walking this last section of footpath, you will have the campsite on your right. Please do not be tempted to climb through or over the perimeter fence, as you may cause unnecessary damage.



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Walk 11: Little Linton Farm Grain Store

Type: Linear.

Distance: $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Extra Care: N/A.

Start: Little Linton Farm Grain Store A1307 (552470).

Follow the public bridleway past the grain store, under the line of electricity pylons and uphill for $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles. you will arrive at a junction of paths (543454). Turn right and walk uphill, turning your back on the line of electricity pylons.

Walk with the trees on your right. Walk until you reach the right-hand end of the wood which you will see ahead of you. Follow the path for 50 yards, turn right, and keep on walking past the wood on your left.

When you reach the end of the wood, follow the path straight ahead, keeping a ditch and a line of trees on your right. You will now be walking towards Abington Park Farm.

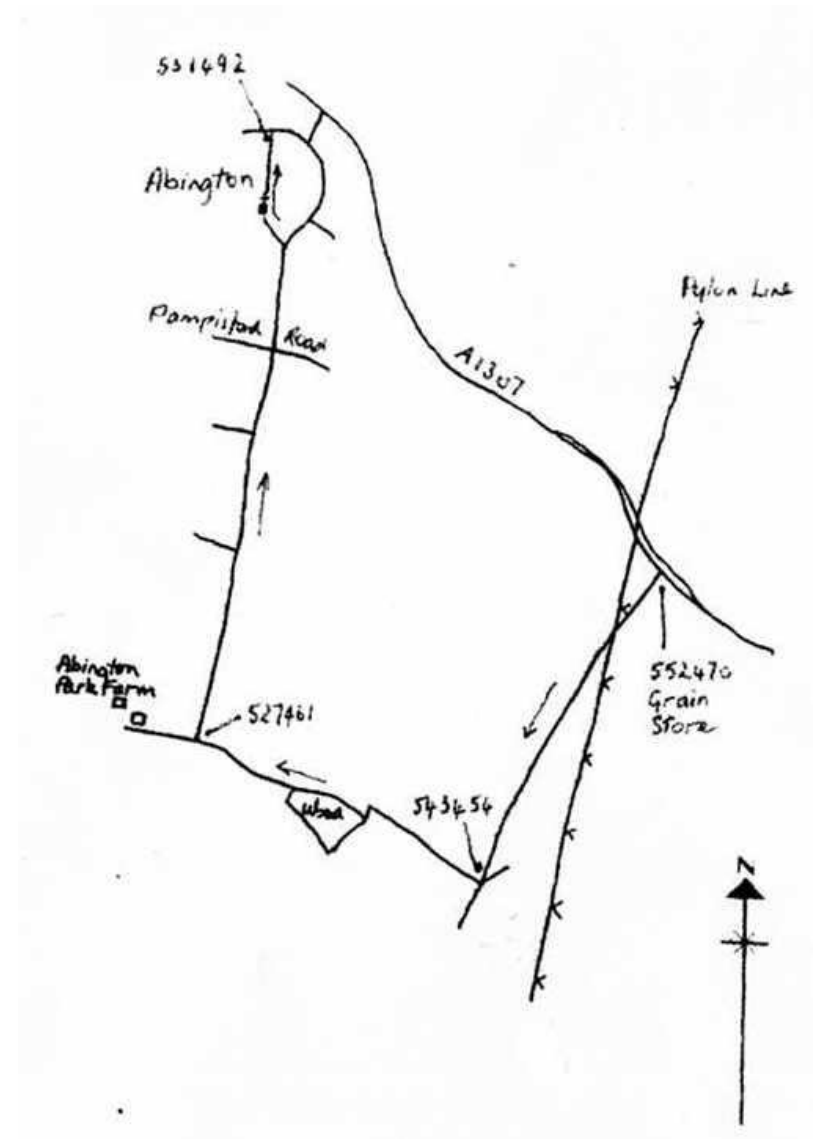
300 yards before you reach the farm, turn right (527461) and follow the farm road downhill towards Abington.

Walk downhill to Abington. When you reach the road cross and follow High Street opposite. Walk along High Street for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and find the sign on your left to "St Mary's Church Gt Abington", also signposted "Public Footpath to Lt Abington $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Turn left and follow the road towards St Mary's Church. As you approach the church, leave the road and veer to your right keeping close to the fence on your right until you reach the gate at the corner of the churchyard.

Go through the gate. Walk through the recreation ground, keeping the hedgerow close to your left.

When you reach the corner of the recreation ground, cross the footbridge and follow the footpath which will lead you back to Church Lane and the entrance to the campsite (531492). When you are walking this last section of the footpath, you will have the campsite on your right. Please do not be tempted to climb through or over the perimeter fence, as you may cause unnecessary damage.



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Walk 12: Stapleford and Babraham

Type: Linear.
Distance: 4 miles (both routes).
Extra Care: Continuation B: no pavement to river bridge at Babraham.
Start: Bury Farm, Stapleford (476516), junction Haverhill Road and Bury Road.

Follow the public footpath sign to “Babraham 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ” and “Sawston 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ” through Bury Farm. Follow the unmade road ahead. After $\frac{3}{4}$ mile you will pass a barn on your left. Carry on past the barn.

The unmade road will become a single path. You will be walking with a fence on your right. Walk until you reach a stile in the fence.

Climb the stile and follow the public footpath sign towards the bridge over the river.

Cross the bridge and follow the unmade road ahead of you. 250 yards after the bridge you will find a stile in the fence on your left (496513). *At this point you can choose to follow route A or B; to follow route B, skip the next section.*

Continuation—Route A

Ignore the stile and keep following the unmade road. After a further $\frac{3}{4}$ from the stile the road will take you to the road leading into Babraham. 200 yards before you reach the road, look to your left to see Babraham Hall between a broad avenue of trees.

At the road, turn left and walk towards Babraham. You will cross the river—be careful as this road is quite busy and there is no pavement to the bridge. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile after the bridge you will find a footpath signposted “Abington 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles”. This footpath will take you through Home Farm. *[Skip the next section of instructions and continue from Home Farm.]*

Continuation—Route B

Leave the road and climb the stile. Continue to follow the footpath, through a plantation of trees, straight ahead to the next stile (498512). Pass this stile. Keep walking ahead with the fence on your left. You will pass a wood on your left. When the wood leaves the footpath, you will find a signpost to Stapleford along the path which you have been following.

Follow the signposts (in the opposite direction to Stapleford) and walk until a private road crosses the path. Cross the road and continue to follow the footpath. You will shortly have the river on your left. On the other side of the river are the buildings of the Babraham Institute.

Continue to follow the footpath by the river. At Babraham Church the footpath will lead into a road. Follow the road. To your left you will see the splendid façade of Babraham Hall. At this point, also look to your right to see the avenue of trees leading away from the Hall.

The road will bear to the right. Do not follow it round, but walk straight ahead through the gap between the fences to join the road which runs through Babraham. Turn left and follow the road. After 50 yards you will find a footpath signposted “Abington 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles. This footpath will take you through Home Farm.

Continuation from Home Farm—Routes A and B

Follow the footpath for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. You will reach a footbridge crossing the A11.

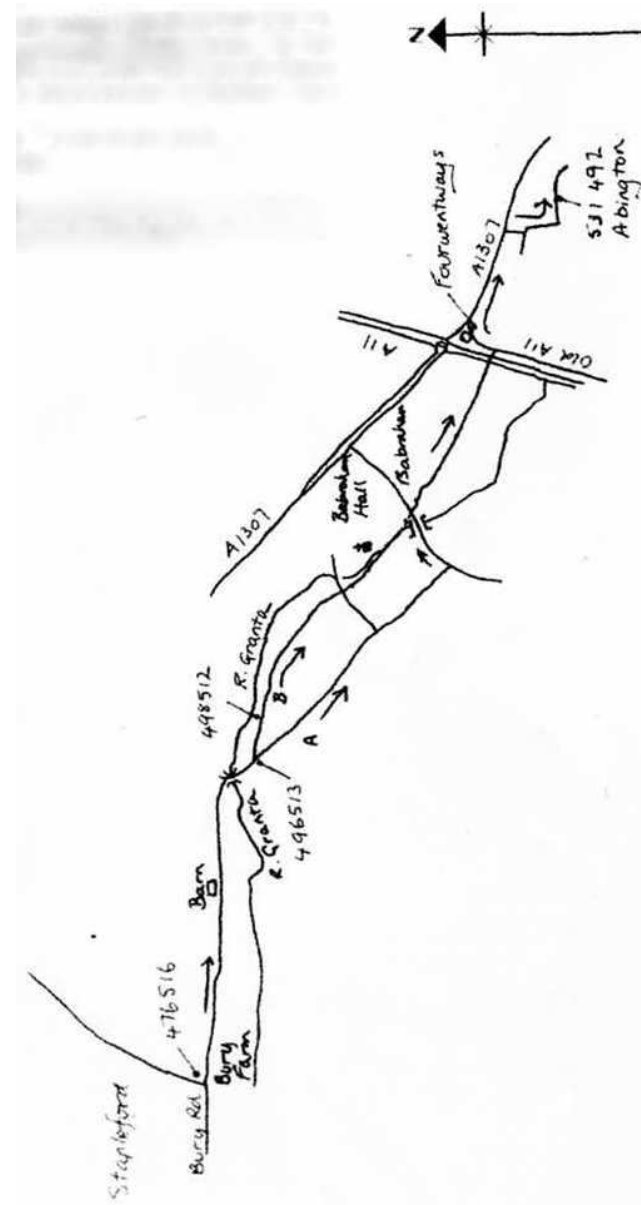
Cross the footbridge and follow the footpath across the field on the other side to the old A11. Cross the old A11, turn left, and walk towards the Fourwentways and follow the road to the A1307. Turn right at the A1307 and follow it into Abington.

Look for number 31A on the right. Turn right immediately before number 31A and follow the footpath between fences until you reach Bourn Bridge Road. At this point, cross the road as it has a footpath on the other side. Turn left and follow Bourn Bridge Road round to the right towards St Mary’s Church, Lt Abington. You will pass West Field on your right.

At St Mary's Church, follow the road round to the left into Church Lane.

Follow Church Lane back to the campsite (531492).

N.B. You are advised not to take the alternative route from the old A11 back to Abington along Bourn Bridge Road. Bourn Bridge Road is fairly busy and narrow, and has no pavement.



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