

Walk 3

Gatehouse Road/Oakington/Westwick loop

3 – 3½ miles

1. Start by the green gate on Gatehouse Road (continuation of Park Lane). Head along Gatehouse Road, across the guided busway and out of Histon.
2. Just after you cross the bridge on Gatehouse Road, turn right by the cycle path sign through an opening into a field – you'll see a sign saying 'Woodland welcome'.
3. Walk along the right side of the field, the ditch to your right and the community woods to your left, heading towards Oakington and a stand of tall trees. Follow the path as it bears left around the edge of the wood.
4. As you leave the woods to your left, pass through a gap in the hedging to the right of an ash tree. Keep going, the ditch to your right and the fields to your left, as the path meanders, leading you eventually across a wooden bridge into Mansell Woods.
5. Entering the wood, follow the path which bears left and brings you to a concrete bridge. Just across the bridge, you have a choice of going left or straight ahead.
6. Going left after the bridge takes you on a slightly longer walk, through the woods and Oakington orchard, out past Oakington Rec on your left, then left and immediately right along a short road leading to the Oakington to Cottenham road. Going straight ahead after the bridge takes you to the same road through a wooden kissing gate and past a bungalow.
7. Cross the main road and head right in the direction of Westwick. Go across the guided busway, past the station house to the end of the row of terraces on your left, then cross the road to the bridge on the other side.
8. To the left of the bridge, a sign marks the bridleway to Histon. Go through the metal gate and follow the path through the field, with Westwick Hall over on your left.
9. Go straight on at the next gate, keeping the ditch and hedging to your right, until you come to a bridge.
10. Take the path that bears right across the bridge, and follow the path as it bears left and then straight on back to Gatehouse Road.