

MILTON KEYNES BOUNDARY WALK

The Milton Keynes Boundary Walk is approximately 60 miles long and uses existing footpaths. It does not have its own waymarks. The originator was Christopher Meredith and it was developed in conjunction with the Milton Keynes Borough Council, local groups of the Long Distance Walkers Association and Ramblers Association and with the help of local landowners. The original format was a leaflet showing the route in map form, with numbered points showing very brief descriptions. This leaflet was never updated and is no longer available.

I decided to keep the Walk alive by putting it into the form of this detailed written route description, which I hope makes it easy to follow. I have kept the numbered points from the original leaflet, in case it is ever updated and reprinted. Where numbers are missing it means that section has had to be changed from the original route, due to legal diversions. Many areas of the walk have changed considerably since the walk was first published and no doubt many more changes will be taking place due to expansion plans. Should you come across any problems or changes on route I would appreciate it if you would let me know, to enable me to keep the Walk up to date.

Whilst every care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of the route directions, I cannot accept liability for errors, omissions or for changes in the details.

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Maps

Sections of the Milton Keynes Boundary Walk are shown on the following maps.
Ordnance Survey Explorer 192, 207 and 208.
Ordnance Survey Landranger 152, 153 and 165.

Notes

The Section from the Car Park at Stony Stratford to the Iron Trunk Aqueduct is all on solid paths, but it is on the River Ouse flood plain and is liable to flooding. The River Tove between the Grand Union Canal and the Hanslope Circular Ride is also liable to flooding.

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1. From the riverside Car Park in Calverton Road, Stony Stratford follow the path down towards the River Great Ouse and round to the right. Cross the footbridge and continue on with the River on the left.

2. **(Route change from the original leaflet)** Cross the footbridge over the Mill Race and bear left to the Stony Stratford Sluice and then follow the path alongside the River. At the fork, just before the Mill like building, bear left over the footbridge and go through the gate, continuing with the River on the left. Go through the gate and continue with the river on the left. Follow the path and River round towards the Old Stratford Bridge and then on up the first slope and through the gate to the main road. Cross the road and go through the gate opposite into the Ouse Valley Park Wildlife Conservation Area. Follow the path with the River on the left.

5. Take the left fork passing under the A5 Road and continue with the River on the left and the noisy A5 on the right. Go through gate and take left fork beside the River. Over to the left you can see the Iron Trunk Aqueduct, which takes the Grand Union Canal over the River Great Ouse.

6. Ahead, at Wolverton Mill, the path bears right through a gate/cattle grid to a minor road/public footpath.

(It is worth making a diversion here by turning left to the bridge to see the Mill, River Great Ouse and the Iron Trunk Aqueduct.)

Cross the minor road/public footpath and continue on, signposted Iron Trunk Aqueduct/Old Wolverton, with wooden fence on the right. This is still the Ouse Valley Park. Cross the footbridge and go through the gate. Continue with the River on the left. Cosgrove Church can be seen on the left across the River. Go through the gate/cattle grid and continue beside the River towards the Iron Trunk Aqueduct ahead. Go through the gate/cattle grid and follow the path up the slope towards the Iron Trunk Aqueduct. Walk through the tunnel under the Grand Union Canal and turn right up the stairs to the Canal.

7. At the Canal turn right to cross the Iron Trunk Aqueduct over the River Great Ouse. You now enter Northamptonshire for the first time. Continue along the towpath. Cosgrove Leisure Park, with its lakes and holiday homes, can be seen through the trees on the right. At Cosgrove Lock No. 21 continue on beside the Canal. On the left is Cosgrove Church. You then reach Cosgrove. To get to the village and 'The Barley Mow' public house turn right down the stairs and go left through the tunnel under the Canal. The walk continues on beside the Canal.

8. At Cosgrove Bridge follow the path up to the road and turn left over the bridge. Turn right down the stairs and through the metal kissing gate and continue along the left bank of the Canal. Over to the right is the village of Castlethorpe.

9. At the next bridge go up to the road, opposite is the Navigation Inn, turn right over the bridge, then immediately right, down to the towpath. Go under the bridge and continue along the right bank of the canal. Along the way pass under Bridge No.63 and the next bridge, built in 1924. Pass under Bridge No.60, built in 1936, at Yardley Wharf, making sure that you 'Watch out for elderly ducks'. The village of Yardley Gobion is on the left. Soon after you pass under Bridge No.59 the spire of Hanslope Church becomes visible in the distance on the right. The church at Grafton Regis is ahead on the left.

10. Pass under the next bridge, No.58, the number is on the other side, and turn immediately right, up beside the bridge and then left along the field edge, with the hedge on the left. Cross the stile in the corner, to the left of the wooden gate, and continue straight ahead to the footbridge. Cross the footbridge over the River Tove, cross the next field and footbridge, then head diagonally right (80 degrees) and cross a third footbridge and stile. Turn left and follow the field edge and fence to the corner of the field. Cross the stile and footbridge and continue along the left field edge. Cross the stile and go through the gate.

11. Turn left and continue with the hedge on the left along the wide grass track, which is part of the Hanslope Circular Ride. Go through the gate, with the white cottage on the right, and diagonally across the small field and through the gate down to the road.

12. Turn left along the road and, just past the farm on the left, turn right on to the public footpath and through the field gate. Continue along the middle of the field and through the field gate. Go through the tunnel under the railway, through the left field gate and continue ahead with the fence and ditch on the left. Cross the stile (**broken. Reported to Milton Keynes Council Rights of Way on 4th January 2007**) in the corner ahead, next to the field gate and then head diagonally right (90 degrees) across the field to the double metal gates.

13. Cross the stile to the right of the metal gates (**there is barbed wire obstructing the footpath across the field. Reported to Milton Keynes Council Rights of Way on 4th January 2007**) and head diagonally right (140 degrees) across the field. Cross the stile on to the bridleway and turn left along the track. Ignore the footpath and footbridge on the right. As the bridleway enters the field continue along the right edge with the ditch and hedge on the right. At the end of the field continue on with hedges on both sides to the main road. Long Street is to the right.

14. At the main road turn left. After approximately 150 yards turn right on to the public footpath. Carry straight on past the farm on the right and across the field to the marker post to the left of the hedge ahead. Follow the right field edge with the ditch and hedge on the right. Go through the gap in the field corner, cross footbridge and turn right. Follow the field edge to the corner and then turn left and continue with the ditch and hedge on the right to the field corner ahead. The noise you have been hearing for a while now is the M1 Motorway, which you are nearing. Cross the stile and continue ahead. Go through the double gates to the main road.

15. **(Route change from the original leaflet, as previous route no longer exists)** Turn left along the road. Pass over the Motorway and farm track, and then turn immediately right on to a public bridleway and follow it round beside the field fence on the left. At the open field turn left, once again with the field fence on the left. Pass the house, stables and large barn on the left.

16. **(Route change from the original leaflet, as the previous route no longer exists)** Pass beside the red metal barrier and turn right along the farm road. Take the right fork past the farm. When you reach the silos on the left, and the fence on the right finishes, turn right and walk along the field edge with the ditch and hedge on the left.

17. Turn left over the footbridge and follow the path across the field to Salcey Forest.

(To get to the car park ignore the bridleway on the right and continue straight on, following the Midshires Way and Swans Way signs. At the Forest Track take the right fork, which eventually leads past the red barrier into the car park)

18. Cross the footbridge and turn right along the bridleway. Ignore the public bridleway on the right and the green banded marker post on the track to the left and keep to the bridleway straight ahead.

19. Leave the Forest by the bridleway and blue circular walk signs and continue along the left edge of the field, with the ditch on the left. Pass under the power cables.

20. At the waymarker post, at the crossroads of paths, turn right across the field to the gap in the hedge and waymarker post, to the left of the large tree. Cross the footbridge and continue along the right field edge, with the hedge on the right. When the hedge finishes continue straight on across the field.

21. Cross the stile and turn left to follow the left field edge and fence(there is no arrow pointing in that direction, but it is correct). Cross the stile to the right of the metal gate and cross the field diagonally to the field gate on the right of the house ahead.

22. Go through the gate and follow the drive downhill for about 100 yards, then turn right through the gate on to the public bridleway. Head towards the power cable pole and continue with the stream on the left. Cross the grass track over the stream up to the two gates and the main road. Go through the gate on the right.

23. Turn left up the road for about 120 yards, then turn right on to the public footpath and farm road, opposite Eakley House. Follow it round past the house on the right and turn right through the green farm gates. Addersey Farm is on the right.

24. Go through the double wooden gates on the left * and diagonally right across the paddock. Cross the stile and continue across the next paddock to the stile in the left corner. Cross the stile. (*If you have a problem with horses continue on past the double wooden gates, passing the house on the right, to the end of the equestrian arena and turn left. Follow the wooden fences on the left to the stile in the corner).

25. From the stile go through the kissing gate opposite and then through the kissing gate ahead on the left. Cross the footbridge and head diagonally right across the field to the telegraph pole. Turn left, with the ditch on the right, and cross the footbridge. Pass the waymark and follow the line of telegraph poles up the hill, keeping to the left of them. Go through the gap in the hedge, by the waymark, and turn immediately left to go through the gap in the corner to the waymark. Turn right along the right field edge with the hedge on the right. Cross the stile to the right of the metal field gate and head towards the left of the brick barn with the arrow slits.

26. Go through the metal gate, passing through the farm, and continue up the farm track. On the right through the gap you can see the Snowdome in Central Milton Keynes. At the waymark sign, just before the brow of the hill, turn right to the corner of the Spinney, passing the ditch on the right. Go through the gap in the Spinney to the waymark post. If you look diagonally right (south) you will get a better sighting of the Snowdome, a constant landmark for much of the walk. To the left of it, in the distance you can see the Brickhills. Head diagonally left (90 degrees) across the field to the waymark post in the hedge, then turn right along the field edge with the hedge on the left.

27. In the field corner go through the gap in the fence ahead, with the waymark post, and cross the stile. Continue straight on with the hedge on the left. When the hedge bears to the left continue straight on across the field towards the left hand corner of the hedge ahead (160 degrees). Ravenstone Church can be seen on the left. Cross the stream and go through the gate. Turn left and follow the fence on the left, heading for the right end of the hedge ahead. Cross the stile and go down the right side of the children's play area to the road. This is Ravenstone.

28. Turn right along the road, passing the The Old Forge on the right and the telephone box on the left. Note the old Brooke Bond Tea sign on the left side of the thatched Mills Cottage. Turn left up the public footpath beside Fig Cottage, opposite the road signposted to Stoke Goldington. Cross the stile and continue up the field with the hedge on the left to the telegraph pole in the hedge. If you look back you will see the spire of Hanslope Church on the horizon. Just past the telegraph pole, at the the waymark sign and gate, turn left along the field edge with the fence on the left. Cross the stile to the left of the red metal gate and head diagonally right towards the metal gate in the hedge, with brown brick houses behind it. Go through the gate and cross the road.

29. Follow the public footpath up to the right of the houses opposite, through the parking area to the field. Cross the field ahead (70 degrees) to the waymark post in the hedge. Cross the footbridge, then continue ahead along the edge of the field with the hedge on the left for 150 yards, to the waymark post, then head diagonally right (90 degrees) to the tree on the left of the big tree. Cross the stile and continue ahead in the same direction. Cross the stile on the right, cross the plank footbridge and continue along the left field edge with the hedge on the left. Go through the gap in the hedge in the corner and cross the stile. Continue straight ahead and at the row of fence posts on the left turn left to the gap in the hedge and cross the plank footbridge and stile. Head diagonally right (100 degrees) across the field, passing the stables on the left. Cross the stile, to the left of the metal gate, to the road. Turn right down the road into Weston Underwood.

30. At the cross roads with the High Street cross the road and turn left. Pass under the archway in the wall and continue along the cobbled path, passing Clock House on the right. Cross back over the road and continue along it, with the tall fir trees on the left. At the end of the tree turn left up the farm road, still with the trees on the left and wooden fence and then the house on the right. Continue on up the road. Across the field on the left you can see the Alcove Folly. Cross the small river and follow the bridleway/track uphill towards Hungary Hall Farm.

31. At the track crossroads, where the old disused railway track crosses, just inside the wood, continue on ahead. At the other side of the wood, at the Nissen Hut on the left, turn left and follow the left field edge downhill with the wood on the left. Turn left over the plank footbridge and stile. Turn left and follow the field edge with the wood and stream on the left, and then the hedge and stream on the left.

32. Cross track and continue on along field edge towards the wood ahead. Ignore plank footbridge on the left and continue on the track into the wood with the stream on the left. At the wider track coming in from the right, turn right up it. At T-Junction of paths bear left. Ignore the track off to the right. At the crossing of paths turn left and cross the field with the farmhouse on the left. At the farm track turn right, walking with the forest on the left. At the forest road turn right.

33. Just before the bend turn right and follow the farm track round to the left. Stay on the farm track. Follow the farm track round to the left to the farm. **There is a problem here at the moment as a wooden fence has been built across the footpath. Reported to Milton Keynes Council Rights of Way on 13th April 2006. The only way round is to turn right before the buildings and follow the track round to the concrete road**

34. Take the second turning right before the farmhouse, with red brick building on the right. Go through the gates on to the concrete road and continue along it.

35. At the main road turn left and over the brow of the hill turn right over the stile on to the public footpath/farm track. Go through the green farm gates and continue on towards the farm. Go through the metal gates into the farmyard.

36. Turn left through the green metal gates and continue uphill along the track.

37. Continue straight on with the wood on the right, then the hedge on the right. Look back here and scan the horizon to see Olney Church, the mast on the Brickhills, The Snowdome and Hanslope Church. At the hedge ahead turn left and walk with the hedge on the right. At the end of the hedge, by the waymark post, turn right over the ditch and continue ahead. Go through the gap in the hedge and follow the public footpath sign round to the left and immediately right, with the hedge on the left. Go through the wide gap in the left of the hedge and walk along the right field edge with the hedge on the right. Go through the gap in the hedge ahead and over the plank footbridge.

38. Turn right along the field edge with the hedge on the right. Go through the gap and continue ahead along the field edge. Go through the gap in the hedge to the main road. Turn left and immediately turn right along the bridleway through the wooden gate, past the houses on the left. Go round the metal gate and ahead along the grass track through the woods.

39. Pass the hide and continue straight on. Leave the wood through the gap in the wire fence and continue straight ahead across the field.

40. Continue on up the left edge of the next field with the hedge on the left, towards the pylon. When the hedge bears left, continue straight on across the field with the pylon on the left. Pass under the power cables and cross the wooden footbridge with the handrails. Continue straight on. Go through the wooden gate and head diagonally right (20 degrees) towards the wood.

41. At the hedge, don't go through the gate, turn right down the field edge with the hedge on the left. Go through the kissing gate and straight on, passing across the farm track, to the right hand end of the hedge ahead to the finger post. Continue straight on across the next field. Go through the gap in the hedge and turn left along the field edge with the hedge on the left. Go through the gap to the right of the metal gate.

42. Cross the road and turn right, then immediately left over the stile on to the public footpath. Cross the stile beside the water tank and phone mast and continue straight on. Cross the stile and continue straight on to the waymark post. Turn right along the field edge with the farm on the right. At the end of the farm turn left and follow the waymark posts with the ditch on the right.

43. Cross the handrailed footbridge and turn right along the field edge with the hedge and ditch on the right. Cross the handrailed footbridge and turn right along the field with the ditch on the right. At the waymark post turn left across the field to another waymark post. Turn left and walk with the ditch on the right. At the corner of the wood continue straight on with the wood on the right and wire fence on the left. Continue on the path into the wood.

44. At the end of the wood continue straight on and then turn immediately right over the ditch and continue along the right field edge with the wood on the right. At the end of the wood turn right through the gap over the ditch and turn left at the waymark post along the left field edge. Continue on this track across two fields. When it meets the junction of four tracks take the first right, past the rubble and rusting farm machinery. Stay on this track as it weaves round to the left, right and left. Continue along it with the wood on the right and then a ditch and hedge. At the corner, where the track bears left towards the farm, cross the stile, with the public footpath waymark, to the right of the metal gate. Continue straight on with the barbed wire fence and ditch on the right. Continue on along the field with the ditch on the right. Cross the stile and continue along the field edge. In the field corner cross the plank footbridge to the main road. Turn right along the road, past Southfields Farm Cottage on the left and Tollgate Cottage on the right. There is an old Beds/Bucks County Boundary marker post opposite Tollgate Cottage.

47. At the right hand bend in the road, with Snelson on the left, go straight on through the metal gate on to the green lane public bridleway, with trees on both sides. Cross the farm track and continue straight on along the left field edge with the hedge on the left across three fields and then continue uphill on the farm track. Turvey House can be seen on the left and to the right of it the spire of Turvey Church. Go through the farmyard and take the left fork to the main road (A422).

48. Turn left along the road eventually crossing the stone bridge over the River Great Ouse out of Buckinghamshire into Turvey, Bedfordshire. Pass the old mill on the right and Ye Three Fyshes public house. Note the Flood Mark Stones on the pub wall. Continue along the road and just pass the Turvey sign turn right along Newton Lane.

49. Immediately after passing Nells Well on the right, turn left through the metal gate on to the track, past the garages and on to the green lane. Cross the stile to the left of the gate and continue straight ahead across the field. Cross the stile and follow the field edge and fence round to the right. Cross the stile to the right of the gate and continue along the right field edge, with the new plantation on the right, across two fields.

50. Cross the plank footbridge in the field corner and turn left along the road. Cross the bridge over the disused railway. When the road bears left, at what is now called Church's Cottage, used to be Keepers Cottage, continue straight on downhill, with the wood on the right, to the gap in the hedge and waymark post.

51. Follow the path uphill to the gap between the wood and the hedge and continue on with the wood on the right. At the field corner turn left and walk with the hedge on the right. At the corner turn right and continue with the hedge on the right. At the field corner continue on the tarmac track. When the tarmac tracks turns left continue straight on towards the white house.

52. At the main road turn left and left again before the white house 'Gorwelle'. Continue following the road, passing the stone Dovecote, now a residence, on the left and further on Dovecote Farm, on the right. Cross the main road, the A422, on to the old disused road and turn left. Go through the metal gate and turn right on to the road in to Astwood. Pass the Church of St. Peter and The Old Swan public house on the right. Turn right along the road signposted to Cranfield.

53. Opposite the last house on the left, before leaving the village, turn right through the wooden gate on to the public bridleway. Head diagonally left (220 degrees) across the field to the far end of the hedge on the left. Turn left at the waymark post and head diagonally left (180 degrees) across the field to the waymark post. Cross the farm track and then head diagonally right (200 degrees) across the field towards the waymark post and the gap in the copse. At the other side of the copse, at the waymark post, head diagonally right (230 degrees) across the field to the waymark post. Go through the wood to the waymark post and turn left along the edge of the wood, with the hedge on the right. At the waymark post follow the hedge round to the right. At the waymark post in the hedge head diagonally left (210 degrees) to the marker post to the left of the tree. At the waymark post turn left down the left field edge, with the hedge on the left. At the waymark post in the hedge head diagonally right (180 degrees) across the field to the waymark post. Go through the gap in the hedge and head straight across the field to the waymark post. Go through the gap in the hedge and follow the path across the field towards the tall trees in the far right corner. Go through the wooden gate, cross the footbridge and continue through the garden. Go through the wooden gate and continue across the field and cross the footbridge to the road.

54. Turn right along the road passing East End House and cottages on the left. Turn left on to the public bridleway beside the cottages. At the end go through the wooden gate and continue down the left side of the field. Follow the fence across the back of the farm. Go through the wooden gate and follow the path through the wood. Cross the footbridge and continue up to the road, passing Ringtail Farm entrance on the left.

55. Turn right along the road and take the first road on the left.

56. Follow it to Murtlands Farm , then continue straight ahead on the green lane.

57. At the road junction, with the Beds/Bucks County Boundary post on the right, continue straight on along the road, with the buildings of Cranfield Airfield on the left.

58. As the road begins to descend, take the public footpath on the right and cross the footbridge. The Snowdome can be seen on the horizon on the left. Continue ahead across the field (280 degrees) towards the left edge of the wood. Go through the gap beside the wood and head diagonally right (260 degrees) across the field to the far right hand corner. Cross the stile and continue along the right edge of the field, with the fence and hedge on the right.

59. At the metal and wooden gates on the right, at the corner of the wood, bear left (210 degrees) across the field, following the waymark posts, with the trees and ditch on the left, to the stile. Cross the stile and the footbridge to the main road. Turn left along the road.

60. Just before the road signposted Wharley End and Cranfield University, turn right beside the metal gate on to the public bridleway and walk along the right edge of the field, with the hedge on the right, across three fields.

61. Turn left at the waymark post hidden in the right hedge before the buildings at Broughton Grounds and walk with the ditch and hedge on the left. At the field corner, at the waymark post, turn left and walk with the ditch and hedge on the right. At the waymark post, at the gap in the hedge, turn right over the ditch and continue along the left edge of the field, with the hedge on the left, across two fields.

62. At the waymark post turn right and walk down the field edge with the wood/spinney on the left. The Snowdome and the theatre in Central Milton Keynes can be seen on the horizon on the right and straight ahead is the mast on the Brickhills. In the corner of the field, at the waymark post, go through the gap. Continue along the right edge of the field, with the ditch and hedge on the right. Cross over the stream and continue straight on between the hedgerows. When the hedge on the right finishes, turn left through the metal gate. Follow the fence and hedge on the right to the end and turn right, past the waymark post and through the metal gate ahead. Walk with the wire fence, ditch and hedge on the right. Go through the metal gate, beside the house on the right, to the main road. Turn left along the road past Mill Farm on the right. Turn right along Brittens Lane and follow the road round past The Court on the right. At Wavendon Road turn right, passing the Salford village sign on the right. Follow the road round past The Red Lion Hotel and on over the M1 motorway. Turn right along Lower End Road.

63. Turn left along Wavendon House Drive. Continue on along the drive passing the cottages on the left and the house on the right. When the gravel drive bears right continue across the grass, with the lake on the left, towards the wooden fence and gate in the top right corner. Cross the stile to the right of the gate.

64. Cross the golf course between the trees to the fence on the right, avoiding the green on the left. **Watch out for flying golf balls.** Cross the first stile in the fence and turn left to the big tree to the left of the pond. Cross the stile, just past the telegraph post on the left, back on to the golf course. Head diagonally right, to the right of the hut, to the track. Turn left along the track past the 15th Tee and the toilet on the left. Cross the stream and at the T-Junction turn right and cross the stream. Turn immediately left and leave the golf course over the waymarked stile. Continue up the left side of the field with the ditch and hedge on the left. Continue along the tarmac path along the left field edge with the fence and hedge on the left. Pass to the left of the wooden gate. Turn left to the road. Turn right along the road, passing Deethe Farm on the right, in to Woburn Sands.

65. Just after Vandyke Close on the left, turn left on to the public footpath between the houses. Follow the road ahead and at No.55, on the right, continue on between the houses. Go through the kissing gate and continue across the field towards the railway. Cross the stream and continue with the hedge and railway on the right. Turn right over the ladder stile.

66. Cross the railway and a second ladder stile. Continue up the field with the hedge on the right and through the kissing gate beside the electricity pole, on to the golf course. Turn left along the track.

67. Just past the cottages on the left and metal buildings on the right, take the right fork, ignoring the waymarks to the left. Continue past the waymark post and gorse bushes on the right. Keep straight on. Take the left fork through the woodland. Cross the track and continue straight on uphill, with the clubhouse up on the left, to the road.

68. Turn left along the road, passing the Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands Golf Club entrance on the left. Turn immediately right on to the public footpath between the wall and the fence.

69. Cross the road and continue along the public footpath opposite, between the house and fence. Continue with the wooden fence on the right and wire fence and woods on the left.

70. At the main road turn left in to Woburn Sands. Cross the road and go along Hardwick Road opposite, between The Swan and the Upper Crust Bakers. Follow the road round passing the Library on the right. On the bend turn left up Woodland Way. At the end go through the wooden kissing gate and continue uphill between the wire fences.

71. Go through the wooden kissing gate in to the woods and bear left along the edge of the wood.

72. At the junction of paths continue straight uphill on the sandy track. At the waymark post, on the right, bear right, ignoring the track off to the right, and continue along the track with the wire fence on the right.

74. At the cross tracks, with the wooden barrier on the right, turn left uphill on the wide sandy track. Pass the track on the left and at the cross tracks, by the fenced in fir trees, with the 'Replanted 1951' sign on the left, turn right and continue with the fence on the left. At the waymark post, at the bridleway T-junction, turn left and continue downhill with the golf course on the right. At the very wide sandy track turn right to the road. Turn left along the road and at the bend, by public footpath finger post, cross the stile on the right and continue up the right edge of the field, with the wood on the right. At the waymark post at the top turn left along the track and follow it round to the right, with the golf course on the right. At the waymarked junction of public footpaths turn right on to the wooden chippings track and follow it downhill across the golf course. At the waymark post bear right on to the track downhill, ignoring the concrete path on the right. Follow the track round past the waymark post on the right. Cross the dirt track and continue straight ahead. Cross the stile to the road.

78. Turn right along the road and immediately bear left on to the track. Pass to the left of the metal gate and continue for 35yds, then take the left fork, by the waymark post. Continue uphill with the fence on the right. At the cross paths, with the waymark post, continue straight on. At the waymark post continue straight on along the Greensand Ridge Walk (GRW).

79. Go through the wooden gate, to the left of the metal gate, and turn right along the road, still on the GRW. After 140 yds, at the GRW fingerpost turn right on to the footpath across the field. Go through the gap in the hedge and cross the plank footbridge. Bear right across the field. Go down the stairs and carefully cross the very busy A5 road. Turn right along the pavement and then left up the stairs, at the GRW and public footpath fingerpost. Cross the stile and continue straight on along the left edge of the field. Cross the stile and continue along the field edge, with the fence and ditch on the left. Cross footbridge and stile. Head diagonally right (270 degrees) towards the farm. Go through the kissing gate to the left of the metal gate in to the farm and continue with the fence on the right. Go through the kissing gate in the corner and continue downhill beside the fences. At the bottom turn left along the field edge, with the hedge on the right.

80. Just before the field corner turn right over the stile, waymarked Leighton Buzzard Ramblers Millenium Walk, with the wooden gate on the left. Walk up left field edge with the fence on the left. Continue along the next field and, at the waymark post, turn left over two stiles. Bear diagonally right (250 degrees) across the field. Cross the stile and head diagonally left (250 degrees) across the field. Cross the stile to the left of the metal gate and follow the grass track between the fences. Go through the metal gate and continue straight on uphill, with the hedge on the left. Go through the wooden gate and continue on uphill, passing the stables on the right. Go through the wooden gate and immediately cross the stile on the right. Continue along the right edge of the field, with the fence on the right.

Cross the stile in the corner and turn left up the field edge, with the hedge on the left. Cross the stile in the corner and continue along the path between the fences, with the school on the right. Cross the road and continue on down Rotten Row opposite. At the T-junction turn right along the road.

84. Turn left down the road in front of the Church of St.Mary The Virgin and the war memorial. Turn right through the wooden gate next to the metal gate, on to the grass track public footpath. Cross the stile and continue down the right edge of the field, with the fence and then the wall on the right. Cross the stile to the left of the metal gate, then another stile and continue downhill with the wall on the right. At the end of the wall turn right along the grass track, with the wood on the right and Jubilee Wood Planted 2002 on the left, to the field corner. Head diagonally left (290 degrees) towards the gate in the far field corner, in front of the farm. Go through the metal gate to the road. Turn left along the road, crossing the River Ouzel on the way. Just before the bridge over the Grand Union Canal turn left down the stairs and through the gate to the towpath. Turn right under bridge No. 102 and continue along the towpath, with the canal on the left. Pass Willowbridge Marina on the left.

85. Pass under the road bridge and at the other side of bridge No.99 turn right up to the bridge and turn right over it. Cross the main road and take the bridleway to the left of Lomond Drive, between the trees and bushes.

86. At the railway turn right and continue with the metal fence on the left and the houses on the right. Go through the wooden gate to the road and turn left over the bridge. Turn right along the drive of Slad Farm, passing the farm buildings on the right.

87. Pass the cottage on the left and continue straight ahead across the field. Go through the gap (waymark post broken) and turn left along the field edge, with the ditch and hedge on the left. Go through the broken metal gate on to the lane and turn right along it.

88. Cross the stile to the left of the double green gates and follow the track in to the woods. Cross the railed footbridge and waymarked stile ahead, in to fenced woodland. Follow the path diagonally right. Cross the waymarked stile in to the field. Head diagonally right (280 degrees) across the field. Cross the waymarked stile and turn left along the field edge, with the fence and hedge on the left. Newton Longville can be seen ahead. Cross the waymarked stile in the field corner. Pass under the power cables and go through the gap in the hedge. Continue across the field to the tree to the right of the gate. Cross the waymarked stile and footbridge and continue towards the garage beside the sixth house from the left. Cross the stile and turn right along the path, between the houses, to the road. Turn left along the road. Turn right up Whaddon Road, passing the Newton Longville sign and the Thai restaurant on the right and the church on the left.

89. Just before The Crooked Billet public house, on the left, turn right on to the public footpath, with houses on the right and ditch on the left. Cross the stile to the right of the metal gate and continue along the left edge of the field. Cross the stile to the left of the metal gate and continue straight ahead. Cross the stile and continue with the wooden fence and building on the right. Cross the stile and handrailed footbridge and continue ahead up the left edge of the field. Cross the stile and pass under the railway bridge. Continue up the left edge of the field, with the hedge and ditch on the left.

90. Go through the metal gate and turn left along the track. This is Weasel Lane, which is part of the Sustrans cycle route 51. On the horizon to the left Mursley Water Tower can be seen. At the road turn right, passing The Leys House on the right and further along on the left Bletchley Leys Farm and Leys Grounds Farm.

91. Just before the roundabout turn left and follow the road/public bridleway round past the buildings on the left. After 75yds turn right on to the public bridleway and through the underpass. Cross the redway and continue uphill on the bridleway. Go through the gap and continue with the hedge on the right and the fence on the left. Pass Tattenhoe Bare Farm buildings, on the right, to the road. Continue straight on up the road, passing The Borough and New City of Milton Keynes sign on the left.

92. When the road bears right continue straight on along the bridleway. Continue straight ahead passing the North Bucks Way (NBW)/Midshires Way waymarks on the left and the Swans Way fingerpost on the right. The white building of Whaddon Hall can be seen on the hill to the left. Go through the gateway, waymarked Swans Way, and continue along the left side of the field, with the fence on the left. Go through the wooden gate and continue in the same direction. The odd shaped building of Woodhill Prison can be seen on the right. Go through the gateway ahead and continue straight on with woods on both sides. At the opening, with the Swans Way/North Bucks Way fingerpost, continue straight on along the NBW. At the tarmac path, on the right, turn left over the waymarked stile and footbridge. Cross the field straight ahead to the far right corner of the wood. Go through the gap and follow the waymark posts along the edge of the wood on the left and then straight on to the waymark posts and cross the footbridge ahead. Turn left and walk along the field edge, with the ditch on the left.

93. At the end of the field turn left along the concrete road and follow it round to the main road. Turn right along the road.

94. Just after the right hand bend, after passing over the stream and under the power cables, turn left on to the public footpath over the footbridge and stile. Head diagonally right (330 degrees) across the field towards the end of the hedge on the right. Cross the stile to the right of the metal gate. Cross the field diagonally right (340 degrees) to the far right field corner. Cross the footbridge and continue along the right edge of the field, with the ditch and hedge on the right.

95. Cross the stile and continue straight ahead towards the pylon, with the hedge on the right. Go through the gap and continue straight ahead to cross the railed footbridge. Follow the right edge of the field, with the hedge on the right. Go through the metal gate and continue straight ahead. Pass under the power cables and go through the metal gate. Continue up the left edge of the field, with the hedge on the left, passing under more power cables along the way. Go through the gap and continue in the same direction. At the waymark post in the field corner turn right along the field edge, with the hedge on the left. At the waymark post turn left and cross the stile between the wooden gate on the left and the drystone wall on the right. Head diagonally right (330 degrees) across the field to the end of the tree line on the right. Cross the footbridge and stile to the left of the metal gate and continue along the right edge of the field, with the ditch and hedge on the right. The church at Lower Weald can be seen on the right. At the waymark post in the field corner, at the T-junction, turn left for 50 yds. Turn right over the waymarked stile to the left of the metal gate and continue along the field edge, with the hedge on the left, for two fields, crossing the stile in between. At the field corner, with the stile on the left, turn right along the field edge, with the fence and hedge on the left. In the field corner cross the waymarked stile and continue straight ahead and to the left of the tennis court. Cross the stile and continue straight ahead, with the wall on the right. At the end of the wall head diagonally left to the fingerpost and then on towards the right of the two wooden electricity poles (360 degrees). Cross the stile to the road. Turn right along the road and follow it round to the left. At the end of the fence on the left, at the fingerpost, turn left through the gap on to the public footpath. Follow it round to the left and down to the River Ouse to the car park and the finish.

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