

HINCHINGBROOKE PARK WALKS

WALKS KEY



Green walks are accessible for push chairs and wheelchairs. Unless found in the Short Walks section, walks last approximately 60 minutes.



Moderate walks last 30 to 60 minutes over 2 to 3 miles. Mixture of pathways and grass tracks. May include stiles or kissing gates. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.



Moderate walks with the option of a shorter easier route if desired. Mixture of pathways and grass tracks. May include stiles or kissing gates. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.



Advanced walks last 60 to 90 minutes over 3 to 4 miles. Mixture of pathways and grass tracks. May include stiles or kissing gates. Not suitable for new walkers, wheelchairs or buggies.



Advanced walks with the option of a short/moderate route if desired. Mixture of pathways and grass tracks. May include stiles or kissing gates. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.

Hinchingbrooke Circular

Meeting Point: Hinchingbrooke Country Park Information Centre

Time: 90 mins

Grade: Red/Advanced

Significant hazards to be aware of: Livestock, flooding, cars, overgrown branches.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Start off up the hill past the car park to the roundabout. Keep to the left down the hill, cross the road just before the school and continue past the school until you see a 'Public Bridleway' on the right-hand side of the road.	
2.	Go along the pathway to the right of the Bridleway through the trees. Follow the path through the trees until you reach a crossing tarmac path; turn left through a kissing gate into a field. (safer to follow the bridleway in the summer)	Muddy overgrown & uneven.
3.	Cross the field and go under the A14 into another field, cross this field and go under the Railway. At the far side of the Railway turn right on to the new road at junction with A141.	Livestock
4.	Turn right and cross the road at the traffic lights to get to the far side of the road heading towards Huntingdon. Turn into the Station car park and walk towards a kissing gate at the far-left hand corner of the car park.	Cars
5.	Follow the tarmac path across Castle Hill Common to another kissing gate onto The Walks, don't go through this but head towards the kissing gate at the far-right hand corner of the field and there turn right and head back under the A14.	Livestock
6.	Go onto Port Holme Meadow and turn right, follow the path to the kissing gate leading onto Bromholme Lane.	Flooding
7.	Go along the lane to the end and there cross the road onto the footpath leading through the Caravan Park and then across the Golf Course and out onto the A141.	
8.	Turn left and walk along the grass verge until you reach the Traffic Islands and there cross the road, go into the field ahead of you.	
9.	Follow the path keeping to the left of the fields until you reach the gate into Hinchingbrooke Country Park.	Gateway freq. Flooded.

10.	<p>Keep going straight ahead along the gravel path between the lakes, across the river and then up the slope returning to the Information Centre.</p> <p>Alternative Route</p> <p>Shortcut – Come up Bromholme lane to A141 – turn right across the road, to go into the park at Nuns bridge, walk down Chestnut Avenue & back to the centre.</p>	<p>Can be flooded in winter.</p>
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Hinchingbrooke Ramble

Meeting Point: Hinchingbrooke Country Park Information Centre

Time: 1 hour 5 minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Muddy roots, busy roads, very wet in winter, livestock.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Starting at the cafe, go straight ahead down the slope.	
2.	At the bike storage cabin/bee keeping cabin, turn left. Follow the path to the river, turn left and go along Chestnut Walk until you reach the Ornamental Pond.	
3.	Turn left and left again at the junction. (You now have the school grounds on your right).	
4.	About halfway along bear right and follow the narrow path through the woods until you reach the main path. (Don't worry if you miss it, just go along to the end of the main path and turn right).	Muddy roots
5.	Exit the park through the gate on your right, past the pond on your left and through the gate onto Dartmoor Drive.	
6.	When you get to the first green area on your right, turn right and follow path past the big oak tree and children's playground to Snowdonia Way.	
7.	Turn left and go up to the main road, cross when safe and walk towards the Police Headquarters.	Busy road
8.	Turn left down the public footpath labelled Stukeley Meadows opposite the school, until you reach the common at the end. (Cycle path as well).	
9.	Go through the gate and follow the path to the next gate.	
10.	Turn left before the gate and follow the grass footpath (A14 on your right).	Can be very wet Cows
11.	Go through the gate at the other end of the field and turn left up the slope. BEFORE you get to the road turn right down the grassy path, and follow this to the end T junction, crossing one road, with industrial estate and children's nursery school and eventually Marriott Hotel on right.	Very muddy in winter

12.	Turn left towards the houses and at the playground turn right and follow the metalled path until you have a green area and the park in front of you. (Cycle path as well)	
13.	Continue left along the path in front of the houses on the Glades and then enter the park through the gate on your right (this gate is at the far end of Bob's Walk).	Muddy around gate, wet in winter
14.	Turn right and follow the path down the slope to the end of the woodland, turn left and follow the path back to the Cafe.	

Lakeland walk – Hinchingsbrooke Park

Meeting Point: Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Visitors centre. Pay carpark.

Time: 60 minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant Hazards to be aware of: Can be wet and muddy after prolonged rain. Tree roots.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1	With the door of the café behind you, turn right and follow the path through the edge of the wood.	
2	At surfaced path turn left towards small lake.	
3	Follow path into spinney and turn right at humped back brick bridge. Cross bridge and follow path past park benches. Take right-hand path towards causeway between two lakes. NB. This can be wet after heavy rain.	
4	At signpost take the left-hand route continuing around the lake, eventually with Brampton Road on the right-hand side.	Muddy and possibly flooding.
5	Continue around lake to the canoe school compound. Turn right and cross wooden bridge.	Wooden bridge can be slippery
6	Turn right and follow surfaced path along line of horse-chestnut trees with pond on your left. Follow path around pond 180 degrees continuing ahead until meeting the path that is heading back to the visitor centre. Join this path, turning right until visitor centre can be seen on the left.	Trips on tree roots
	Alternatives: There are numerous paths in this wood and the walk may be extended by using them.	

The Racecourse Ramble

Meeting Point: Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Visitors Centre

Time: 75 mins

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Tree roots & eroding paths.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	With your back to the café, take the path to the right. Follow the path along the edge of the wood. At the T junction turn left and after a few metres turn right onto grass path.	
2.	Follow the path across the grass and through the wood. Upon exit from the woodland, turn right and follow the line of the wire fence out of the park.	
3.	Pass over the wooden obstacle (or use the metal gate). Follow the path with Alconbury Brook to your left. Pass under A14.	Tree roots & eroding paths
4.	Keep walking with the brook to your left around the perimeter of the field. At the field edge, take the right fork before the hedge line.	
5.	Pass through the hedge and immediately turn right. Follow the hedge line to the path behind the Holiday Inn.	
6.	Follow the bridleway between the two hedges. At the end of the hedges turn 180 degrees to the left and return on the roadway. (A shortcut can be taken by taking one of the gaps in the hedge).	
7.	Where the roadway turns to the right pass back, to the bridleway, through the gap in the hedge.	
8.	Return to the park via the outward route.	
9.	Once in the park, proceed straight ahead passing the dipping pond on your left. Return to the café by crossing the field.	