

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Houghton Mill trout stream loop

Enjoy a delightful canoe paddle from Houghton Mill down the Houghton trout stream to Hemingford Lock, and then return on the River Great Ouse.

! Licence requirement

Don't forget you'll need a licence – contact the Canal & River Trust or British Canoeing for more information.



Information

Address: Houghton Mill, Houghton, near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE28 2AZ

OS map: Explorer 225; Landranger 153

Activity: Canoeing

Moderate

Not suitable for dogs: Dogs on leads in grounds only.

Full trail: Miles: 3 (km: 4.8)

Duration: 1 hour

Total steps: 4

Start point: Houghton Mill, grid ref: TL281720

1. Launch your canoe from the portage located through the mill. (If you do not have a boat of your own you can hire one from a local boat hire company. For more details contact: Neil Chapman, Houghton Boats, tel: 07759 316260). Set off downstream.
2. Shortly after passing Houghton Mill pond, paddling downstream on the River Great Ouse, you will see a weir on your left. Continue past this weir and in a short distance you will come to two more weirs close together on your left. Portage your canoe/boat down to the Houghton Trout Stream and continue downstream towards Hemingford lock.
3. The Houghton Trout Stream joins the River Great Ouse slightly downstream of Hemingford Lock. As you enter the River Great Ouse turn upstream and proceed to Hemingford Lock. Portage your canoe/boat past the Lock and continue upstream to Houghton Mill. On this leg of your journey you will pass St James' Church on your left, a weir on your right, Battcock's island in the middle of the river (keep to the right of this island) before passing the weirs you saw earlier on the downstream leg of your journey.
4. Return to Houghton Mill, where you can relax and enjoy a well deserved lunch at our riverside café.

End point: Houghton Mill, grid ref: TL281720