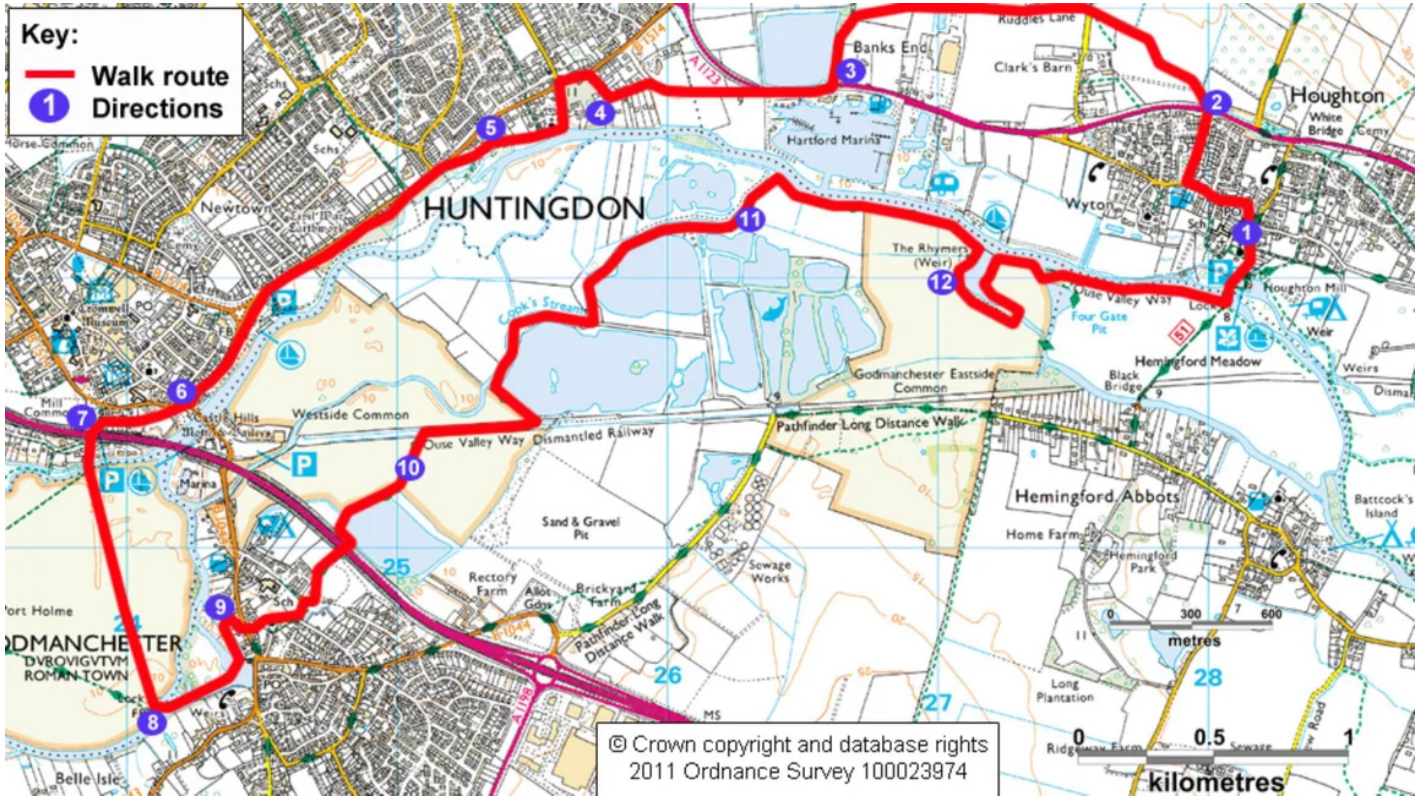


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Huntingdon and Godmanchester walk

Head off through a watery landscape in search of lost mills on this 8-mile circular walk through the delightful landscape of the Ouse valley. Starting at Houghton, the last working mill on the Great Ouse, discover the sites of some of the lost historic mills in this part of Huntingdonshire including Godmanchester Steam Mill, Castle Hill and the remains of Huntingdon's Norman motte-and-bailey castle.



Information

Address: Houghton Mill, Mill St, Houghton, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 2AZ

OS map: Explorer 225; Landranger 153

Activity: Walking

Easy: Level ground, with several stiles, gates, and steps. For further information visit the section marked Terrain.

Dog friendly

Full trail: Miles: 8 (km: 12.8)

Access: Easy

Duration: 3 hours

Terrain

Level ground, with several stiles, gates, and steps.

Total steps: 12

Start point: Houghton Mill, grid ref: TL281720

1. Walk from Houghton Mill up Mill Street to the clock tower. From here take Huntingdon Road and turn right at Were Lane.
2. Cross the A1123 and follow the bridleway that runs straight ahead. The bridleway joins Ruddles Way, which continues until you come to a large hedge where you turn left and continue down to the road.
3. Turn right and walk along the road. Use the Crossing at Hartford Marina and branch left to follow Houghton Road. Turn left at The Grove and follow the path until you reach Main Street.
4. Continue down Main Street until reaching the Barley Mow. Turn left down The Hollow to All Saints' Church. Turn right and walk along the river around the churchyard and along Church Lane.
5. Continue along Church Lane until the road turns suddenly right. Here, take the path directly ahead, following the river all the way to the old bridge to Godmanchester.
6. Cross the road at the crossing towards the Old Bridge Hotel and continue beyond the hotel to Castle Hills. Follow the path past the hills and out on to Mill Common.
7. Turn left at Mill Common and down into Portholme water meadow. Take the path across the meadow to the Godmanchester lock.
8. Follow the path over the lock and along the river, past the Chinese Bridge to the site of a former watermill.
9. Turn right and walk along Mill Yard to Post Street. Cross the road and head into Church Place and into Saint Mary's churchyard. Walk straight ahead across the yard until you reach a gate. Turn left and follow the footpath as it bends to the left, then turn

immediately right and follow the trail alongside the cricket ground and under the A14 bridge.

10. Follow the path around the lake and take the small footbridge to Westside Common. Walk along the boundary fence of Westside Common and turn right along the route of the old railway line until heading left over a bridge, which leads around the lakes. After two stiles follow the path under an avenue of poplar trees. Cross a track and carry on until you meet a bridge after a weir.
11. Cross the bridge over the Fisher's Dyke backwater. Continue to follow the riverbank on your left until you reach the main river. Bear right, still following the river and then divert to another bridge.
12. Once over the bridge, cross the meadow to another large bridge. Divert across a field to a sluice bridge and then continue to follow the riverbank to Houghton Lock. Cross over the lock and follow the path to return to Houghton Mill.

End point: Houghton Mill, grid ref: TL281720
