

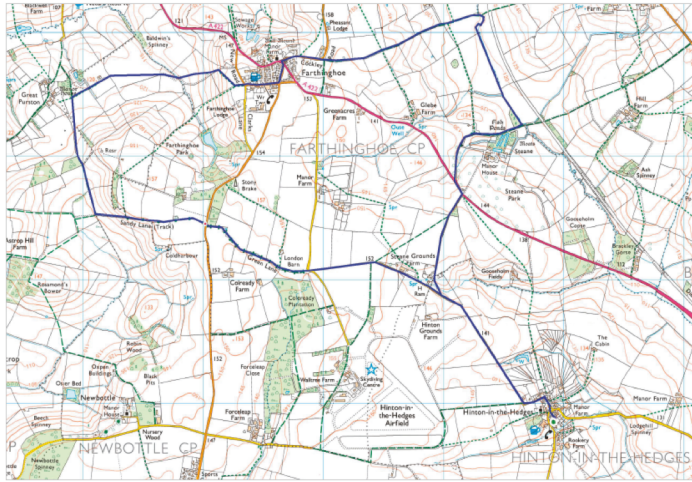
Follow the footpath across the field (400m) to a gate in the hedge (17). Continue heading straight through the next field, keeping the barn on your right until you come to another gate, pass through and cross the next field (sometimes with horses in) to another gate.



Once through this gate, take the track running up hill (18), through 2 sets of gates (almost 1km) until you eventually reach a steep slope on your left with the footpath running uphill between trees (19). Follow this path uphill and straight for 1km until you reach the main road. Cross the road and follow another track (20) running through trees for another 1km until you reach another road.



Take the smaller road running straight ahead (21), sign-posted 'Hinton-in-the-Hedges' – not the road towards the airfield. Continue all along this road (through 2 gates) until you eventually make it back to Hinton-in-the-Hedges the way you left at the start of the walk.



## Hinton-in-the-Hedges to STEANE, FARTHINGHOE & PURSTON

8.5 miles (3 hours – 3 hours 15 minutes)

- A circular walk leaving from The Crewe Arms in Hinton-in-the-Hedges, Northamptonshire. NN13 5NF
- The route takes you through a working farm so please be considerate of livestock and do not feed any animals.
- The paths can be very muddy at times so good boots are recommended. You will pass through a ford which is passable in full length adult wellies.
- This walk has no stiles, just many gates.
- The route requires you to cross the A422 so please take particular care at this point, especially with children and dogs. Please remember to close the gates behind you on the gated road.

**PARKING:** Please be considerate where you park throughout the village. Do not block entrances and leave plenty of space for farm machinery to pass. The Crewe Arms ask that if you use their car park to let them know when you arrive.

**START** with The Crewe Arms in front of you take the road right (1), towards the village green. Go across the top of the green (2) and walk approximately 100m in the direction of the Gated Road, pass the turning for Yew Tree Farm on your right. Follow the road left uphill and through the village until you come to a right hand bend which leaves the village. Continue along this single track road for 1km until you reach the fork (3) in the road – take the road downhill to the right. Follow this road (through the gate) for about 850m until you reach the main A422 (4).







Carefully cross the A422 and walk along the grass bank until to the single track on the other side sign-posted 'Steane Park only' (5), walk down this track. When the road reaches a house (about 300m), follow the farm track straight ahead (6), keeping the house on your right. The right of way will then bend to the right and you'll pass a metal barn on your left.

Just beyond the barn you will get to a cross- junction. Continue straight ahead (7), don't follow the main track around to the left.

After about 400m you will pass through a double gate (with pedestrian gate) and will cross a ford (8).



These photos were taken in January and we were able to walk through the middle of the ford with wellies on with just 2cm to spare!

Continue straight ahead until you reach another gate with pedestrian access, pass through and follow the track along the disused railway on your left (9).



Follow the path through the trees, passing through a gate into an opening – the path continues ahead entering another wooded area. This track is approx 1km total, you will then reach a horse jump (10) – turn left here.



Just down the hill you will see a bridge on your left (11), cross the bridge and enter the field. Once in the field, keep the hedge on your right and follow around until you reach a gate (12) leading onto a single track road. Follow this road for just over 1km until you reach a slightly bigger road on a bend. Continue straight ahead into Farthinghoe for about 300m until you reach the main A422. Cross the A422 using the traffic lights and then take Charlton Way between the allotments and houses until you reach a cross roads (13).

Turn right at the cross and follow until you reach the T-junction at the end. Although this is a small road, cars can travel quickly along it!

At the T-junction, cross the road and enter the field next to Farthinghoe Play Park. Head to the gate in the hedge on the right (14), passing through and straight across the next field to another gate into a field with a farm track around the edge.



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Cross the field as shown by the arrow (15) where you'll reach a bridge crossing a stream. Enter the next field through the gate, then just up the slope follow the footpath to the right (16) until you reach another gate.

