

You are now entering the gated road and continue to follow this road back to the village.



You will pass two houses on your left just before two gates, please ensure you close these securely (27 and 27a).

Continue to follow this road round a left-hand bend (28) down the hill and round a right-hand bend (29) and you will see the village green ahead of you.



Take the top road and then cross the main street back towards the Crewe Arms where you started your walk.

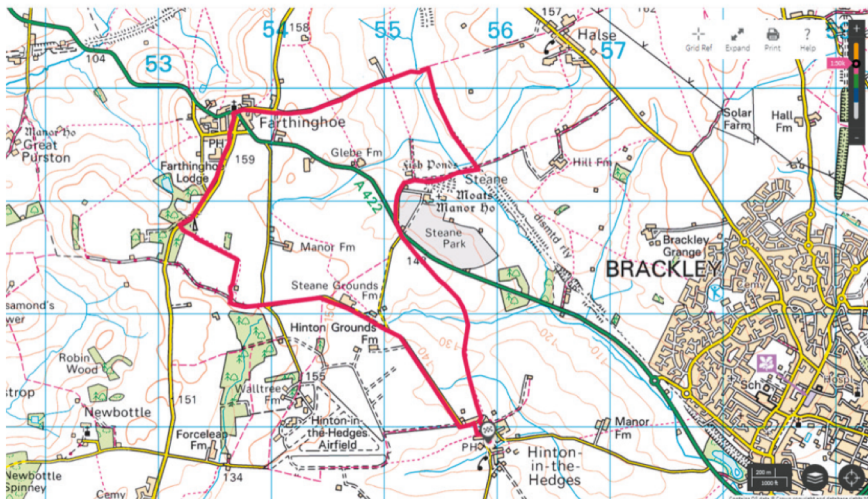


Hinton-in-the-Hedges to STEANE, OLD RAILWAY LINE & FARTHINGHOE

6.9 miles (2.5 hours – 3 hours)

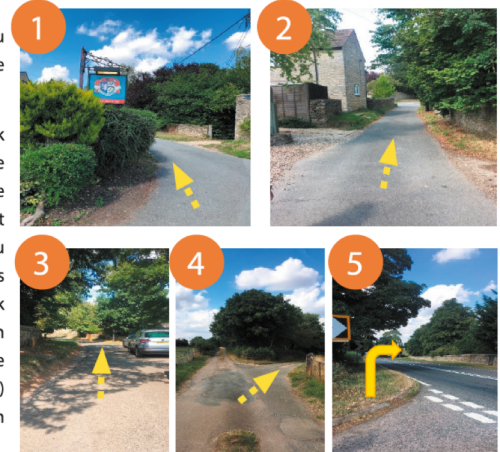
- A circular walk leaving from The Crewe Arms in Hinton-in-the-Hedges, Northamptonshire. NN13 5NF
- The route takes you through working farmland so please be considerate of crops and livestock and do not feed the animals.
- In winter the paths will be muddy at times so good boots are recommended. You will pass through a ford which has reasonably high levels of water even in the driest summer but is passable with care on some stepping-stones. **Wellies would be advisable in winter months.**
- This walk has no stiles but many gates. Please ensure gates are always closed.
- 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 (2).

Go across the top of the green (3) 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 (4) 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 (5).



Carefully cross the A422 and walk along the grass bank to the single track on the other side sign posted "Steane Park only" (6), walk down this track (7). When the road reaches the house (about 300m), follow the farm track straight ahead (8), keeping the house on your right. The right of way will then bend to the right and you will pass a metal barn on your left.



Just beyond the barn you will get to a cross-junction. Continue straight ahead (9), do not follow the main track around to the left. After about 400m you will go through a double gate (with pedestrian gate (10) and will cross a ford (11). Continue straight ahead until you reach another gate with pedestrian access, pass through, and follow the track along the disused railway line (12) by turning left.



NOTE: In wet winter months this ford (11) may not be passable due to high water levels. Refer to the map. A footpath runs parallel to the railway line path. Retrace your way to image 9. Take the path that runs to the right of the barn. You will rejoin the walk just before image 15.

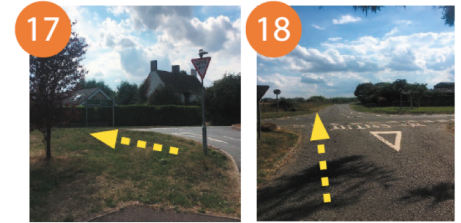
Follow the path through the trees, passing through a gate opening – the path continues ahead entering a wooded area. This track is approximately 1km long, quite narrow at times with overgrown hedgerows but passable. You will then reach a horse jump (13) – **TURN LEFT** here.



Just down the hill you will see a bridge on your left (14), cross over the bridge and enter the field. Once in the field, keep the hedge on your right and follow around until you reach a gate (15) leading onto a single-track road. Follow this road for just over 1km until you reach a slightly bigger road on bend (16).



TURN LEFT here and follow the road until you reach the main A422 in Farthinghoe (17). Cross the A422 using the pelican crossing and then take Charlton Way between the allotments and the houses until you reach a crossroads (18).



Go straight over at the crossroads. Take care on this road (Charlton Road) as this is quite a busy road. Follow this road passed a barn on your right and passed Farthinghoe Lodge Farm.

Continue to follow this road straight on for 1km into a wooded area. Take a left turn onto a footpath (19). At the gate (20) **TURN LEFT**. Follow this path a short way through an open gate on right and continue through the field making sure the hedge is on your left (21).



Keep following the track in the field and the arrows marking the bridleway are on fence post but hard to read so keep a close eye for them. Go through the next field with a trough on your right (22).

At the next field opening, do not go through it but turn right (23), continue walking again with hedgerow on your left. In front you will see a stone barn with tin roof. Go passed the barn and ahead go diagonally left across the field and through the gate (24), turning left.



Continue to follow the track until you come to a gate (25), once through the gate the road is in front of you take the left fork (26), signposted to Hinton-in-the-Hedges 2.5 miles.

