

# BUCKDEN 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.

## Buckden Marina

**Meeting Point:** Buckden Marina car park

**Time:** 1 hour

**Grade:** Orange

**Significant hazards to be aware of:**

	<b>Route Instructions</b>	<b>Hazard</b>
1.	Leave the [overflow] carpark at Buckden Marina and turn left on Mill Road. Proceed around the corner and pass through the gate on the right hand side onto the meadow.	
2.	Follow the path (Ouse Valley Path) with the river to your left. Continue along the path, cross over a concrete bridge, pass through gate and turn left. Follow path over wooden bridge and head towards the river. At the river, pass through gate and turn right.	
3.	Follow the path along the river bank to the water (treatment?) works. Approximately 50 metres or so passed the works turn right.	
4.	Proceed along the path to a gate and pass through. Turn left and follow the path that runs parallel to the road. Follow the path until it meets the road. At the road turn right, cross the road and take the footpath to the left. Pass over wooden bridge and through gate.	
5.	Follow the path with Diddington Brook to your left. Where the path divides, take the left fork. Keep straight along the path. Eventually the path turns 90 degrees to the right and runs between wire fences towards the river.	
6.	At the river turn left and follow footpath back to the gate onto Mill Road. Turn left and follow road back to the Marina carpark.	

## Buckden Ramble

**Meeting Point:** Buckden Village Hall, Buckden PE19 5UY

**Duration of Walk:** 60 Minutes

**Grade:** Orange

**Significant hazards to be aware of: Road Crossing**

	<b>Route Instructions</b>	<b>Hazard</b>
1.	From the carpark, face the building and take the path on the right hand side of the building and turn right at the playing field.	
2.	Follow path, passing pond and fork left over small bridge into Cranfield Way. Walk into Cranfield Close and take footpath on the right hand side and proceed straight ahead into field, taking path on right hand side of field.	
3.	On reaching Stirtloe Lane, wait for re-group. (*)	<b>Road crossing</b>
4.	Go straight across lane, through gate and follow fenced path, following bends. At wooden bridge, turn 90 degrees left following footpath. Follow fenced field towards gravel pits, crossing a wooden bridge.	
5.	Keep straight ahead with gravel pits on the RHS. At surfaced road, turn sharp left back along road.	
6A.	When the road bends sharp right, turn left onto path (going back on yourself a little) round the green gate to the left.	
6B.	Drier route in winter – at point 6, remain on the road which will take bring you back to (*)	
7.	Follow path with hedge on right hand side. At the seat, turn right and return along hardcore track with large house and grounds on the left.	
8.	This brings you back to Stirtloe Lane as marked by (*) above	<b>Road crossing</b>
9.	Cross the lane and retrace route back to Millennium Centre.	

## Buckden Village Walk

**Meeting Point:** Buckden Village Hall, Buckden PE19 5UY

**Time:** 1 hour

**Grade:** Orange

**Significant hazards to be aware of:** Road/Street Crossing, Mud

	<b>Route Instructions</b>	<b>Hazard</b>
1.	With back to Village Hall head towards the notice board in the opposite left-hand corner of the car park and take the footpath to the left.	
2.	Follow the footpath outside the tennis courts/bowling green on the LHS, turn left disregarding the path ahead and proceed to the next path directly ahead, turn right then bear right at the fork.	
3.	Follow the footpath through to Lucks Lane, cross the road, turn left towards Springfield Close.	<b>Road Crossing</b>
4.	Turn right into Springfield Close, follow the pavement to the end of the close and take the footpath through to The Osiers.	
5.	Cross The Ossiers, turn left, proceed to the end of the close. Turn hard right onto the path and follow it past the cemetery on the right up to the Surgery car park.	
6.	Turn left onto Mayfield, bear right and proceed to the T junction. Turn right, still on Mayfield and proceed until opposite Glebe Lane on the other side of the road. Cross into Glebe Lane and proceed to and turn left into Manor Gardens.	
7.	Proceed up to and cross Church Street, turn left and proceed to High Street.	
8.	Turn right up High Street and then right into the grounds of Buckden Towers. Turn left and go through the car park onto the track round Little Park and The Canal.	
9.	Follow the track round Little Park and down the side of The Canal, along its south end then turn right and proceed with The Canal on the right hand side.	
10.	Turn left and proceed through the line of espalier trained fruit trees. Head straight over the grass to the entrance of Buckden Towers grounds, through the arch and back to High Street. Not the list of the past famous visitors to The Towers under the arch.	
11.	Cross High Street and turn right proceeding up to a fork in the road, bear right past Wolsey Grove and onto the footpath turning right.	

	Within yards turn right into Beaufort Drive then keep to the left following Beaufort Drive till it reaches Silver Street.	<b>Road Crossing</b>
12.	Cross Silver Street turn right down to and into School Lane, cross to the opposite side path. Follow School Lane as it bears right and proceed past the school to Church Street.	
13.	Cross Church Street into Hunts End, pass in front of the shops, pass Copes Close, turn left on reaching Monks Cottages. Proceed to the tennis courts directly ahead then turn left onto the footpath into the Village Hall car park.	

## The Diddington Doddle

**Meeting Point:** Buckden Village Hall, PE19 5UY

**Time:** 90mins – can be shortened (see below)

**Grade:** Red

**Significant hazards to be aware of:** Road crossing, light traffic, mud.

	<b>Route Instructions</b>	<b>Hazard</b>
1.	From car park, face entrance of Village Hall, take path on the right hand side of the building.	
2.	Turn right at the playing field and follow path past the pond.	
3.	Take the middle path of 3, proceed over small bridge and up into Cranfield Way.	
4.	Turn left and proceed into Cranfield Close.	
5.	Cross road, take footpath on right hand side and proceed to field, continue on path to Stirtloe Lane.	<b>Road crossing</b>
6.	Cross Stirtloe lane and go through the gate opposite.	<b>Road crossing</b>
7.	Continue on the path then on to the road, pass all the houses on the left hand side. Ignore the right turn of the road, instead go to the gate immediately ahead. *See below	<b>No pavement traffic light</b>
8.	Go through the gate onto the Public Footpath in the field and head for the wide opening in the hedge at the opposite side of the field.	
9.	Go through the opening and turn right following the Public Footpath, proceed to the gate in the corner of the field, turn left and proceed to small metal gate ** See below	
10.	If time and choice allow, cross bridge, check traffic and cross the road when safe to do so then proceed to and through gate opposite.	<b>Road crossing</b>
11.	Follow the track to the wooded area and proceed on the track through the trees to a gate.  Go through gate into the field and follow the track directly ahead with the ditch on your left.  The road on the far side of this field marks the end of the out run.	<b>Mud</b>

	On the far right of the field beyond the gate is a Medieval Site- unfortunately only a raised area is noticeable with all remains being covered for preservation!	
12	Retrace route back to Buckden Village Hall.	

**\*This is the point at which the Diddington Duddle walk turns right up towards the Church/A1 to return to the Millennium Centre. Anyone wishing to foreshorten the walk could take this option.**

**\*\*Depending on time elapsed up to this point, the underfoot conditions and the preference of the walkers, the out run of the walk could be ended at any time after this point.**

## The Hardwick Circular

**Meeting Point:** Buckden Village Hall, Buckden PE19 5UY

**Duration of Walk:** 60 - 70 Minutes

**Grade:** Orange

**Significant hazards to be aware of:** Road Crossing, light traffic & mud

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Leave car park on left hand side of Burberry Road. Proceed to and turn left into Vineyard Way.	<b>Road crossing</b>
2.	Turn left onto Mill Road, cross to opposite side and turn left along footpath.	
3.	Proceed to and turn right onto Silver Street (2nd on right). Cross to left hand side footpath and proceed to and turn left into St Hugh's Road.	
4.	Follow St Hugh's Road to High Street and turn right towards the A1 subway.	
5.	Pass through the subway under the A1.	
6.	Turn left out of the subway then almost immediately left again into Hardwick Lane.	
7.	Follow Hardwick Lane till it turns hard left. Take signposted Public Footpath directly ahead. <b>(No footpath on Hardwick Lane but traffic is very light and there are passing points.)</b>	<b>Light Traffic</b>
8.	Follow path through to a field, bear left and follow the public footpath round the field.	<b>Mud</b>
9.	Exit field turning left at public footpath signpost, at next public footpath signpost turn left.	
10.	At the road/T junction turn left and proceed towards Hardwick Lane. <b>(No footpath but grass verge on both sides of road)</b>	<b>Light Traffic</b>
11.	Turn left into Hardwick Lane and proceed back to the A1 subway.	
12.	Exit subway onto High Street, keep to the left, proceed to and turn left into St Hugh's Road.	
13.	Proceed to and cross Silver Street, turn right down to and turn left onto School Lane, cross to right hand side of pavement and follow School Lane when it bears right and pass the school on the left-hand side.	<b>Road Crossing</b>
14.	At Church Lane turn left and cross into Hunts End to pass in front of the shops.	
15.	Immediately after the shops turn left onto the footpath to Burberry Road.	
15.	Turn right at Burberry Road and on to the village hall.	



