

➊ Turn left along Glen Road and take the first road on the left, The Square. At the end of the road continue across the field to the Lock Keeper's Cottage at Newton Top Lock, (a good place for a picnic).

➋ Turn left along the canal towpath, passing under Newton Bridge (No. 80). *On the right you will glimpse St Luke's Church as you continue along the canal bank to go under the next bridge (High Bridge No. 79). On this stretch you will get good views towards Wistow.*

At the next bridge (No. 78) you need to leave the towpath and cross over the canal to follow the footpath across the fields to St Wistan's Church. Turn right at the road to return to car park.

walk 2: 9km (6 miles), allow 2½ hours, gentle undulating countryside

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From the entrance of the car park turn right and walk along the road for 450m past Wistow Hall and take the footpath left at the side of the church. Go over the bridge beyond the church and continue straight towards the Grand Union Canal. Join the towpath, go under the bridge and continue along the canal bank.

➌ At Crane's Lock cross the canal and continue on the footpath to reach the road. Cross over and continue along the footpath to reach another road at Fleckney.

Turn left and right at the mini roundabout into Kilby Road (for the shops and public houses of Fleckney bear left).

➍ Turn right into the enclosed path opposite Wolsey Close and continue across Highfields Street, passing a school on the right. Cross the next road and turn right. After 50m take the path left, between house numbers 68 and 70.

Follow the path across the fields until it reaches a wide farm track, then turn right. The track leads straight back to the tearooms and car parking.

walk 3: 7km (4½ miles), allow 2 hours, relatively flat, many hard surface paths

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Keeping the tearooms, garden centre and craft shops on your left follow the path from the end of the car park. Notice the ridge and furrow in the field on your right. On reaching the road cross to the bridleway on the other side and continue along the well-worn track.

➎ After 1200m leave the track, turning right towards Kilby, a small village with a population of under 300. Cross the fields to a farmyard, passing through it to reach the road. Turn right along the road and after 250m take the footpath on the left.

➏ Cross at the public footpath sign to Newton Harcourt. The footpath crosses a footbridge over the River Sence and passes through fields, and along a track. Just before reaching the Harcourt Stud a path leads left to the canal and follows it to the road.

➐ Turn left at the road and cross the bridge over the canal before joining the towpath. The locks along this stretch were built in the 1790's and renovated in the 1870's but have been constantly maintained since those times.

Follow the towpath to the Lock Keeper's Cottage at Newton Top Lock and return to Wistow car park as described in Walk 1 from point D

Walks 2 and 3 can be combined to make a longer walk of 10km (6½ miles), allow 3 hours.



The routes are clearly marked with bold, yellow topped waymarker posts and waymarker discs with the Parish Walks symbol.

Walking - Be fit and well

Walking is a form of exercise that is suitable and enjoyable for all ages. It's a free and fun way for families and friends to get fit together. Just 30 minutes of brisk walking on a daily basis can benefit your health and quality of life.

useful information:

Buses: There is no bus service direct to Wistow. However, No. 49 Leicester to Fleckney stops in Kilby (Mon-Sat). Please confirm with Traveline (0870 608 2 608) before you travel.
By car: A6 South of Leicester, exit roundabout near Gt. Glen or A5199 South of Leicester via Kilby.

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This leaflet is one of a series produced to promote circular walking throughout the county. You can obtain others in the series by visiting your local library or Tourist Information Centre. You can also order them by phone or from our website.



Your Parish or Local Community Group may wish to produce a walking leaflet, please contact the Access Officer at County Hall for more information.

It is advisable to wear suitable footwear when walking. Stout shoes or walking boots are recommended.

Some stretches of the route follow minor country roads. Beware of traffic approaching from both directions. If possible stay on the verge, if not walk in single file on the right hand side of the road. Enjoy the walks, whilst observing the Countryside Code.

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The information in this leaflet is available in other formats on request.

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Parish Walks

3 circular walks

- ➊ 4½kms/2¾ miles
- ➋ 9kms/6 miles
- ➌ 7kms/4½ miles

