

Northamptonshire Boundary Walk, part 1 of 14 - Kings Sutton to Aston le Walls

Ordnance Survey Explorer maps 191 (Banbury, Bicester & Chipping Norton) and 206 (Edge Hill & Fenny Compton).

Starting from The Square in Kings Sutton, by the church, SP 498361.

This stage is 14 miles long, with 235 metres of climbing and 24 stiles. It is likely to take 6 hours, longer if full advantage is taken of the pub stop.

From The Square set off along Astrop Road. Turn left to pass The Memorial Hall. There is possible alternative car parking here, but permission may be needed. After crossing the road walk straight ahead along Newlands. Take the footpath a little way along Blenheim Rise. Pass through the kissing gate into the open field. Walk round the edge of the field. Pass through the hedge before the end of the field, and cut off the corner of the next field. Keep ahead through the spinney, and turn left before the end.

Where you pass through the hedgerow is **Point A**, 1.2 miles, 30 minutes.

Go across the footbridge at the end of the field, through the gate into the spinney at the end of the next field, and over the stile at the other end of the spinney. Just as the path begins to go downhill, head diagonally right across the field to the road, heading towards Middleton Cheney Church steeple.

The stile on leaving the road is **Point B**, 2.3 miles, 1 hour.

After crossing a stile and two gates alongside the dismantled railway, cross the dismantled railway before you reach the crumbling barn.

Where we join The Jurassic Way track is **Point C**, 3.4 miles, 1½ hours.

Leaving Warkworth Village is **Point D**, 4.2 miles, 1¾ hours.

Where the path along the bottom of the residential gardens of Overthorpe turns right is **Point E**, 4.8 miles, 2 hours.

Now keep straight on. Where we meet The Three Shires Way, we head diagonally left across the field.

Where we join the road is **Point F**, 5.8 miles, 2¼ hours.

Take the path on the right after Archery Road; the track, not the tarmac path. This is also The Millennium Way; 100 miles from Middleton Cheney to Pershore.

The end of this track, where we turn right after the school, is **Point G**, 6.5 miles, 2½ hours.

After crossing the road is **Point H**, 6.8 miles.

Cross the B4525, but join the real Banbury Lane, and stay on it into Thorpe Manderville (bearing left) for The Three Conies for lunch. 9.0 miles, 3¾ hours.

Where we leave the road at the church is **Point I**, 9.2 miles. (Times assume that you did not linger in the pub.)

Go through the gate round the back of the church, and find the stile at the top of the field. Before Hill Farm go through the gate rather than across the cattle grid.

Point J, 10.0 miles, 4¾ hours.

Pass through the hedge on your left before you get to the end of the field. We join The Battlefields Trail for ¼ mile; 20 miles from Chipping Warden to Edge Hill via Edgcote and Cropredy Bridge.

Where we turn right in front of Edgcote Lodge Farm buildings is **Point K**, 10.8 miles, 4½ hours.

Slide the rail section in the fence to pass through the horse course. Pass The Rose & Crown in Chipping Warden, then turn right down Appletree Road.

Point L, 12.8 miles, 5½ hours.

Finish at Aston-le-Walls Church, 14.0 miles, 6 hours.

GPS Markers

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| Start: SP 49843610 | Point A: SP 50143759 | Point B: SP 49603925 | Point C: SP 48153972 |
| Point D: SP 48724043 | Point E: SP 48394106 | Point F: SP 49854138 | Point G: SP 50234246 |
| Point H: SP 50584236 | Point I: SP 53244490 | Point J: SP 52074568 | Point K: SP 51484670 |
| Point L: SP 49764915 | Finish: SP 49535077 | | |

Northamptonshire Boundary Walk, part 2 of 14 - Aston le Walls to Braunston

Ordnance Survey Explorer maps 206 (Edge Hill & Fenny Compton), 207 (Newport Pagnell & Northampton South) and 222 (Rugby & Daventry).
Starting from Aston le Walls Church, SP 495508.

This stage is 14½ miles long with 225 metres of climbing and 15 stiles, and is likely to take 6¼ hours, longer if full advantage is taken of the pub stop.

From Aston le Walls Church turn left down Main Street.

In Byfield, before the main road, take the alleyway between stone walls that signposts access to some house numbers.

From the main road cut through Potters End. **Point A**, 2¼ miles, 55 minutes.

Go through number 12's garden, turning right in front of the house.

After Manor Farm you should be aiming for the communications tower.

When the path between hedgerows ends be sure to cross the stream for a third time over the footbridge then proceed ahead with the hedgerow on your right.

At the dead tree, turn left across the field to the top of the hill.

At the top of the hill pass to the left of the fence.

Point B is 4¼ miles, 1¾ hours.

Point C is 4¾ miles, 2 hours.

After crossing the road aim for the small gap to the left of the large gap.

After this gap aim for the gap by the tree.

The end of Cox's Lane is **Point D**, 6 miles, 2½ hours.

The path is a few yards down the road to the right, just before a barn.

You may as well turn left immediately after the two stiles.

Climb the flight of steps put in by The Ramblers' working party.

Turn left before the air shaft of the Catesby railway tunnel (ex Great Central Railway), but through the gate, not along the tempting track.

You pass Arbury Hill, which, at the giddy height of 225 metres, is the highest point (by 1 metre) in Northamptonshire.

Point E, 9¼ miles, 4 hours, is The Maltsters pub for lunch. If you have your own picnic, it is worth asking if you can eat it in their back yard, otherwise they serve meals. (Note that times from now on make the, admittedly rather ridiculous, assumption that you did not stop for lunch.)

Note the Roy Perkins Bridge. He was a very active Ramblers' footpath secretary for this area.

At **Point F** (11 miles, 4¾ hours) in Staverton proceed down Manor Road.

On leaving Staverton, after the two stiles, ensure that you are on the right hand side of the hedgerow when it starts.

To cross the field to **Point G** (12 miles, 5 hours) aim for the gap to the right of the continuous section of hedgerow.

Finish in Braunston High Street, near The Old Plough.

GPS Markers

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| Start: SP 49535077 | Point A: SP 51675351 | Point B: SP 51845615 | Point C: SP 51195652 |
| Point D: SP 51495839 | Point E: SP 55975920 | Point F: SP 53926121 | Point G: SP 53826253 |
| Finish: SP 53966616 | | | |

Northamptonshire Boundary Walk, part 3 of 14 - Braunston to Welford

**Ordnance Survey Explorer maps 222 (Rugby & Daventry) & 223 (Northampton & Market Harborough).
Starting from The Old Plough, 82 High Street, Braunston, NN11 7HS, SP 540662.**

This stage is 15½ miles long with 210 metres of climbing and 50 stiles, and is likely to take 5¾ hours, plus pub stops and other breaks.

To escape from Braunston, facing The Old Plough, turn right along the road. Turn left at the alleyway after 100 metres. At the end of the alleyway, turn left along the road. After 100 metres, outside the rear car park entrance to The Old Plough, turn right down another alleyway. Cross over the next road and walk down Country Side (a road), and keep straight on into the countryside, and straight on through the countryside for 1½ miles.

Don't climb the hill below Tiltup's Wood; bear to the left of it to find the footbridge at **Point A**.

In Barby, take the first road on the right, Kilsby Road, signposted to The Village Hall.

This is **Point B** 2½ miles, 1 hour.

Take the first right, Star Corner, then bear left and take the footpath on the left just before house number 15. After the footbridge turn sharp right.

In Kilsby, take the turning left just before the roundabout, into Watling Street. Take the path on the right before the pub, and cross the A5 to a stile.

This is **Point C** 4½ miles, 1¾ hours.

You cross over Kilsby Railway Tunnel (for The West Coast Main Line), the only sign of which will be the air shafts. At The Northampton Loop railway line, you are looking for a bridge under the railway in the left corner of the field.

Point D 5¾ miles, 2¼ hours.

We walk through Crick, where pubs are available for a drink.

Exit Crick by the bridleway on the far side of the roundabout, which is **Point E**.

If you are feeling energetic you can climb Crack Hill as you pass.

At Yelvertoft, turn left at the road and take the next road on the right. At the end of this road, go through the gate and turn left to walk along the fence. Cross the footbridge before the end of the field.

The next bridge is **Point F**, 9 miles, 3¾ hours, where we turn left.

Over the road, walk straight ahead down Tarry's End to the corner, where we turn right.

Turn right in front of Clay Coton Church at **Point G**, 10 miles, 3¾ hours.

Turn right again up the driveway to Elm Cottage. Don't be put off by the dog, walk through their garden, past their front door.

The stile is at the left end of the far wall. Keep straight on, passing under the power lines with the hedgerow on your right.

Point H, 11 miles, 4 hours, is a footbridge, after which you turn left to go over the A14.

Go straight on through Pages Lodge farmyard.

Turn left over the footbridge down to canal bridge 31 (11¾ miles, 4½ hours) where we pick up the towpath.

Cross over canal bridge 32 to walk along the other side of the canal.

After ¾ mile, at **Point I**, 12¾ miles and 4¾ hours

Cross back over the canal on a waymarked path.

Canal bridge 38 is **Point J**, 14¾ miles, 5¼ hours.

We follow Shakespeare's Avon Way at this point. After the fourth footbridge, when walking down into Welford, aim for the far left corner of the field.

Finish at Welford Church.

GPS Markers

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| Start: SP 53966616 | Point A: SP 54006899 | Point B: SP 54247022 | Point C: SP 56447410 |
| Point D: SP 57897196 | Point E: SP 59387263 | Point F: SP 60197568 | Point G: SP 59407694 |
| Point H: SP 60827726 | Point I: SP 61777937 | Point J: SP 62098084 | Finish: SP 64068034 |

Northamptonshire Boundary Walk, part 4 of 14 - Welford to Brampton Ash

**Ordnance Survey Explorer map 223 (Northampton & Market Harborough).
Starting from Welford Church, SP 641803,
and finishing at the main road near The Old Rectory in Brampton Ash, SP 784875.**

This stage is 14¾ miles long with 280 metres of climbing and 48 stiles, and is likely to take 6 hours, plus pub stops and other breaks.

Enter the churchyard. Keep right and continue down an alleyway to the main road, where you turn left. Turn right after 120 metres. You may need to look behind you to see the footpath sign up on a wall. At the time of writing this is a building site, but the object is to get to a field gate, left of centre, behind the building(s).

Do not cross the river yet. At the footpath crossroads (**Point A**) bear right following The Shakespeare's Avon Way signs.

Ultimately, after a half-mile or so, you do cross The River Avon, and walk away from it to **Point B**, 1½ miles, 30 minutes, on the Naseby Road.

After the muddy wood and the waymark that indicates a left turn for The Reservoir Walk in 200 metres, turn left when you reach an opening in the hedgerow on your right with mention of a permissive path, at **Point C**. **Point D**, ¾ miles, 1¼ hours.

After **Point E** you pass what looks remarkably like ancient earthworks. **Point F**, 5 miles, 1¾ hours.

Go into East Farndon churchyard. Pass to the right of the church to find the stile to leave the churchyard.

The next stile is **Point G**. Here, because it is a grass field, we may as well cheat and turn left along the field boundary.

After passing through two gateways there is a dip (valley) on your right, which you need to cross, and you are better off crossing it sooner rather than later. The footpath crossroads that you are aiming for is at the power pole. Walking east from here you come across an impenetrable barrier of gorse. I would hazard a guess that you need to go left, to **Point H**, 6¾ miles, 2¾ hours, to find the way through.

You cross into Leicestershire just before the playing fields of Market Harborough's Leisure Centre.

In Market Harborough, turn right at **Point I**, 8 miles, ¾ hours, down Bath Street.

The main road is **Point J**, 8½ miles, ¾ hours, where you will find The Bell conveniently opposite.

On leaving The Bell, pass through the gap in the hedge at the back of the car park onto The Brampton Valley Way.

Cross back into Northamptonshire. Leave The Brampton Valley Way at **Point K**, 9½ miles, 4 hours, by skirting round the ladder stile.

Pass through Braybrooke, with its magnificent church steeple. **Point L**, 11½ miles, 4½ hours.

Point M, 12½ miles, 5¼ hours.

Point N, 13¾ miles, 5½ hours. We now arrive at Brampton Ash, with more myterious earthworks.

Point O, 14¼ miles, 5¾ hours. We can now admire The Church as we walk past Brampton Ash.

Finish at the main road (A427).

GPS markers

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| Start: SP 64068034 | Point A: SP 64718048 | Point B: SP 66118037 | Point C: SP 66718117 |
| Point D: SP 68198223 | Point E: SP 68208287 | Point F: SP 69568407 | Point G: SP 71648468 |
| Point H: SP 72138497 | Point I: SP 73228639 | Point J: SP 73758650 | Point K: SP 74458488 |
| Point L: SP 76908441 | Point M: SP 78298554 | Point N: SP 79338601 | Point O: SP 79108718 |
| Finish: SP 78418754 | | | |

Northamptonshire Boundary Walk, part 5 of 14 - Brampton Ash to Geddington

Ordnance Survey Explorer maps 223 (Northampton & Market Harborough) and 224 (Corby, Kettering & Wellingborough).

Starting from the layby on the main road (A427) near The Old Rectory in Brampton Ash, SP 784875, and finishing at The Queen Eleanor Cross, near the church, in Geddington, SP 895830.

This stage is 13¼ miles long with 235 metres of climbing and 20 stiles, and is likely to take 5¼ hours, plus pub stops and other breaks.

Point A, 1¼ miles, 25 minutes.

The wooden fingers of The Six Ways post were renewed some years ago by The Ramblers. In the corner of this field, take the left hand gate; the bridleway. **Point B**, 2¼ miles, 50 minutes, is where the fence does a sharp 10° turn to the left.

Walk straight on past Ashley Church. Bear right past The Maltings, cross over the main road in front of The George, and proceed down Green Lane.

Point C, 3 miles, 1¼ hours.

Point D, 5 miles, 2 hours, is a good place to have a break around the war memorial.

Point E, 5.4 miles, 2 hours.

Point F, 6½ miles, 2½ hours.

Point G, 7 miles, 2¾ hours.>

Point H, 8 miles, 3 hours.

Lunch at The Spread Eagle, 9½ miles, 3¾ hours. After lunch, pass under the road with Harper's Brook on your right.

Point I, 10¼ miles, 4 hours.

Point J, 11½ miles, 4½ hours, is by a lattice tower (power pylon).

Point K, 12½ miles, 5 hours. As you pass The Newton Field Centre, read about the rebellion of 1607.

GPS Markers

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| Start: SP 78418754 | Point A: SP 78018928 | Point B: SP 78499052 | Point C: SP 79689077 |
| Point D: SP 80578819 | Point E: SP 81238836 | Point F: SP 82598645 | Point G: SP 82588643 |
| Point H: SP 83978571 | Lunch: SP 86268577 | Point I: SP 87198579 | Point J: SP 88088446 |
| Point K: SP 88218340 | Finish: SP 89438304 | | |

Northamptonshire Boundary Walk, part 6 of 14 - Geddington to King's Cliffe

**Ordnance Survey Explorer map 224 (Corby, Kettering & Wellingborough).
Starting from The Queen Eleanor Cross, near the church, in Geddington, SP 895830,
and finishing at Orchard Lane, in the west end of King's Cliffe, TL 001971.**

This stage is 15½ miles long with just 150 metres of climbing and 21 stiles, and is likely to take 6 hours, plus any breaks.

From The Cross pass the church and turn left up Wood Street.

Pass through Geddington Chase to **Point A**, 1½ miles, 30 minutes.

Follow the hedgerow.

At **Point aa** bear right with the hedgerow. Follow the field boundary in the next field until just before the mobile phone mast at **Point ab** where we turn left to cross to the other side of the hedge.

On entering Stanion, if you see the alleyway just before the road junction take it.

Point B, 3 miles, 1 hour, is where the path turns right opposite St Peter's Close.

After two footbridges the path takes you up to a stile at **Point ba**. After a few yards a tree at **Point bb** will come into view for you to aim for. **Point bc** is a stile. You are in Red Kite territory.

Point C, 5 miles, 1¾ hours, is Old Dry Lane, alongside the old mill The Matchbox.

Point D, 7 miles, 2½ hours.

Veer left off the track at **Point E**, 7¾ miles, 2¾ hours.

Point F, 9 miles, 3¼ hours, is the start of a lane.

There is no pub on this section. A likely picnic spot is the bench on Deenethorpe Green on your right up a few steps just after crossing Benefield Road. **Point G**, 9¾ miles, 3½ hours.

After the road the path can become flooded, in which case it is possible to walk on the other side of the fence.

After **Point H**, 11 miles, 4 hours, you pass the teapot millenium obelisk.

You enter Bulwick over Ferrils Wood earthworks of a moated hunting lodge.

Now we follow Willow Brook for the rest of the walk.

After **Point I**, 13¾ miles, 5 hours, you pass close to Blatherwyke Church.

At **Point ia** turn left to swap to the other side of the hedge. The path comes out half way down Orchard Lane.

GPS markers

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| Start: SP 89468301 | Point A: SP 90518496 | Point aa: SP 91268579 | Point ab: SP 91318618 |
| Point B: SP 91588685 | Point ba: SP 92108657 | Point bb: SP 92958624 | Point bc: SP 93858574 |
| Point C: SP 94478564 | Point D: SP 95078857 | Point E: SP 95388967 | Point ea: SP 95059020 |
| Point F: SP 96009124 | Point G: SP 95689200 | Point ga: SP 94659230 | Point H: SP 94839276 |
| Point ha: SP 95759354 | Point I: SP 97339557 | Point ia: SP 98409642 | Finish: TL 00179707 |

Northamptonshire Boundary Walk, part 7 of 14 - King's Cliffe to Warmington

Ordnance Survey Explorer maps 234 (Rutland Water) and 227 (Peterborough).

Starting from Orchard Lane, in the west end of King's Cliffe, TL 001971, and finishing at the junction of Chapel Street and Hautboy Lane in Warmington, TL 078912 (near the church). There may be parking at the village hall, SE of the church.

This stage is 13¼ miles long with just 135 metres of climbing and 4 stiles, and is likely to take 5 hours, plus breaks.

Set off along the lane to the village hall. Walk through the churchyard. On emerging from the churchyard, walk down Hall Yard. When you hear running water, look through the metal grill in the old mill building.

Point A is 0.6 miles, 10 minutes.

Point B is 2 miles, 45 minutes.

On entering the wood after Bluefield Farm (**Point ba**), take the left hand track.

Turn right before the railway bridge at **Point C**, 3¼ miles, 1¼ hours.

Keep to the left of the little tree and the plantation behind it. **Point D**, 4¼ miles, 1½ hours, is The Ring Haw Field Centre. There are some convenient boulders to sit on.

Point E is 5 miles, 1¾ hours.

You now walk past the disused quarry that is used as a scrambling course, then through Old Sulehay Forest. Take the left turn just before you leave the forest. Pass Wansford Surgery, which only healthy patients can climb the hill to.

Turn right onto The Nene Way just before Wansford (weak) Bridge at **Point F**, 6½ miles, 2½ hours.

If you wish to eat your own sandwiches, The Angel Inn in Yarwell might accommodate you, but you may find it closed on a weekday lunchtime. **Point G** is 7¾ miles, 2¾ hours.

The Queen's Head in Nassington is good for a meal or for a drink at the bottom of the garden. From The Queen's Head retrace your steps for a few yards to The Jitty. Turn left at the end of The Jitty, and take the second path on your right, towards the church.

Point H is 9 miles, 3½ hours.

At **Point I**, 10½ miles, 3¾ hours, the path is just before the bridge over Willow Brook.

Point J is 11¼ miles, 4 hours. We pass the site of Fotheringhay Castle.

At Eaglethorpe, after crossing under the main road look out for the path on the right.

After passing the pub in Warmington, go down Stamford Lane. Turn left at the no cycling sign.

GPS markers

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| Start: TL 00179707 | Point A: TL 00869695 | Point B: TL 02479570 | Point ba: TL 03909676 |
| Point C: TL 03929694 | Point D: TL 05289735 | Point E: TL 05419838 | Point F: TL 07389920 |
| Point G: TL 07019779 | Point H: TL 06339626 | Point I: TL 05429412 | Point J: TL 05849330 |
| Finish: TL 07749116 | | | |

Northamptonshire Boundary Walk, part 8 of 14 - Warmington to Titchmarsh

Ordnance Survey Explorer maps 227 (Peterborough), 225 (Huntingdon & St Ives) and 224 (Corby, Kettering & Wellingborough).

Starting from the junction of Chapel Street and Hautboy Lane in Warmington, TL 078912 (near the church), and finishing at Titchmarsh Green, opposite The Dog & Partridge, TL023797.

This stage is 14¾ miles long with 130 metres of climbing and just 7 stiles, and is likely to take nearly 6 hours, plus breaks.

We suggest staying on the permissive path to **Point A**, 1 mile, 20 minutes.

Point B is 1¼ miles, 25 minutes.

After **Point C**, 2½ miles, 1 hour, you pass through the medieval village of Papley.

At Grange Farm, pass through the waymarked gate, rather than into the farmyard.

Lutton Churchyard could be a suitable spot for elevenses. The footpath is immediately after Chapel Cottage. This is **Point D**, 4 miles, 1½ hours.

Walk straight across the field, heading for the electricity lattice tower. Walk under the lattice tower.

After Lutton Lodge we actually walk along the county boundary for two miles.

Point E is 5 miles, 1¾ hours.

Point F is 5½ miles, 2 hours.

Luddington churchyard or porch is nice for a picnic, or wait another 45 minutes until Thurning.

Point G is 7¾ miles, 3 hours. Turn right after the stream.

Point H, 8½ miles, 3¼ hours, is the left turn just after the narrow field.

It is a short diversion to Thurning Church for a picnic on a bench.

Point I is 9¼ miles, 3½ hours. There is no finger post here; take the gate on the left after the stream.

At **Point J**, 10¼ miles, 4 hours, go to the left of the building, then pick up the path on the right hand side of the hedge.

Point K is 11¼ miles, 4¼ hours.

Point L, 11¾ miles, 4½ hours, is just before a tree.

Point M is 12¾ miles, 5 hours. Turn right after crossing the track, and pass to the right of the pond.

Point N is 13½ miles, 5¼ hours. Cross two footbridges, then, after a stile, turn right to cross another footbridge to get onto the footpath rather than the byway. After the second stile aim to the left of Titchmarsh Church and to the right of a copse in the middle of the field. This brings you to a stile alongside a gate.

At the end of the lane turn left to walk along the road, then the first right along Chapel Street, then left to get back to The Dog & Partridge.

GPS markers

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| Start: TL 07769118 | Point A: TL 09189101 | Point B: TL 09169042 | Point C: TL 10718913 |
| Point D: TL 11458788 | Point E: TL 12748672 | Point F: TL 12158627 | Point G: TL 10148380 |
| Point H: TL 08928380 | Point I: TL 08378316 | Point J: TL 06868254 | Point K: TL 06548137 |
| Point L: TL 05778171 | Point M: TL 05208029 | Point N: TL 04238041 | Finish: TL 02287974 |

Northamptonshire Boundary Walk, part 9 of 14 - Titchmarsh to Caldecott

**Ordnance Survey Explorer maps 225 (Huntingdon & St Ives) and 224 (Corby, Kettering & Wellingborough).
Starting from Titchmarsh Green, opposite The Dog & Partridge, TL023797,
and finishing at the footpath from the sharp bend in Betwell Road, by Duchy Farm, at the western edge of
Caldecott, SP987689.**

This stage is 16¼ miles long with about 165 metres of climbing and 11 stiles, and is likely to take 6½ hours, plus breaks. The route includes a short stretch along a normally-dry stream bed and through a permanent bog. These can be avoided by a mile of minor road walking (but no extra distance).

Take the path just before the church. When this path comes out onto a road, turn left and right through a gate.

Point A, 1¼ miles, 25 minutes.

Point B, 2 miles, 45 minutes. From the first footbridge, carry straight on to the second.

After **Point C**, 2¼ miles, 50 minutes, don't walk along the road; take the kissing gate on the left.

Point D, 2¾ miles, 1 hour.

Climb up and over the old railway embankment before turning left in front of the A14. After passing under the A14, over the footbridge and starting along an inviting track, look out for the footpath on the left.

At Denford, cross the road and walk up Child's Street. Turn left at the top along Peg's Lane, then right along Chapel Lane. The footbridge at the end of Chapel Lane is **Point E**, 4¾ miles, 1¾ hours.

Pass through the gate into the access area. Climb a stile. When you pass through the next hedgerow make sure that you climb the stile to the old railway embankment. After crossing a road and passing a spinney you join a farm track. Be sure to leave this track just before the end of Denford Ash Farm.

Point F, 7 miles, 2½ hours.

At **Point G**, 7¼ miles, 2¾ hours, take the path that goes between two hedgerows.

At the wood by Old Meadow, do not be tempted up the green track; bear off right over the footbridge.

Point H, 9½ miles, 3½ hours. At the end of this field we do a right and left around the hidden pond.

Point I, 10¼ miles, 3¾ hours. Take the left fork at the end of this field.

Just before the water tower and the road, and before the track bears right, bear left onto a footpath.

Point J, 11¼ miles, 4 hours, is The Three Shires Stone.

We take a path that rejoins the track that we were on earlier. This path ultimately turns left and becomes a road. We turn off right almost immediately, but if you wish to avoid walking along the stream bed, you walk straight ahead along the road, rejoining the route just before **Point L**.

Bear right after the second kissing gate. After the next kissing gate, turn left along the field edge. Keep to the field edge, resisting the temptation to take a green lane down to your left.

Point K, 12¼ miles, 4½ hours.

At the road junction, cross the road and walk down to the stream, and walk along the stream bed (normally dry in summer) for 100 yards, then take the boggy route on your right. When you get out of the bog, make sure that you stay close to the stream on your left, avoiding the tempting green track off to your right.

Point L, 12¾ miles, 4¾ hours.

Point M, 13¼ miles, 5 hours.

At **Point N**, 13¾ miles, 5½ hours, pass through the gate.

Point O, 15 miles, 6 hours.

GPS markers

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| Start: TL 02287974 | Point A: TL 00617965 | Point B: SP 99437900 | Point C: SP 99117924 |
| Point D: SP 98737880 | Point E: SP 99577663 | Point F: TL 02627578 | Point G: TL 02267539 |
| Point H: TL 03427252 | Point I: TL 04587219 | Point J: TL 04727067 | Point K: TL 03347100 |
| Point L: TL 02627022 | Point M: TL 02396955 | Point N: TL 01776980 | Point O: TL 00376815 |
| Finish: SP 98696886 | | | |

Northamptonshire Boundary Walk, part 10 of 14 - Caldecott to Bozeat

Ordnance Survey Explorer maps 207 (Newport Pagnell & Northampton South) and 224 (Corby, Kettering & Wellingborough).

Starting from the footpath at the sharp bend in Betwell Road, by Duchy Farm, at the western edge of Caldecott, SP987689, and finishing at Harrold Road, Bozeat, near the school, SP908592.

This stage is 14½ miles long with just 140 metres of climbing and 7 stiles, and is likely to take nearly 6 hours, plus breaks. A pub lunch stop is possible.

Point A, ¾ mile, ¼ hour.

Point B, 1¼ miles, ½ hour.

You have to walk around the roundabout.

After crossing the green square, go down the cul-de-sac in the corner, then take the path in the right hand corner between house numbers 14 & 15. After crossing the main road, walk straight down Nene Road.

Point C, 3 miles, 1 hour.

At **Point D** we join The Nene Way, but don't take too much notice of the direction of the finger post. After crossing the footbridge, take the leftmost of the two paths to the bridge over the A45.

At **Point E** turn sharp left.

Point F, 3¼ miles, 1¼ hours.

Just before Ditchford Road, veer left off the track before the double metal gates. After the road, keep near the right hand hedge.

Point G, 5¼ miles, 1¾ hours.

Where FBs are shown on the map, cross all three bridges. At **Point H**, 7¼ miles, 2½ hours, do not go under the road; go up onto the road bridge and cross the river.

Here we leave The Nene Way. Turn left up Daniels Road, and stay on it to the top. Turn right in front of the metal gate, to go into Irchester Country Park.

After passing the visitor centre and the children's amusements, cross straight over the car park. At the path junction continue ahead uphill, past post 6. **Point I**, 8½ miles, 3 hours, is a lay-by on the road.

Turn right and take the path on the right that goes back into The Country Park.

Just after the school coming into Irchester, the path ahead has been impassable for years, so turn right at the path junction, then left down the road, left again at the road junction into Baker Crescent. You pass the end of the unuseable path, then right at the next junction. This brings you to the working men's club, which is **Point J**, 9½ miles, 3¼ hours.

You may be able to get a drink at the club, otherwise, or if you want a meal, turn left and walk along the road for ¼ mile to The Carpenter's Arms opposite the church.

At **Point K**, 10¼ miles, 3¾ hours, after a footbridge, take the right hand path.

After **Point L**, 11½ miles, 4¼ hours, go down the road called The Gap.

Continue ahead where The Gap has a gap in the road where it becomes Park Street. Turn right down St Mary's Road. Turn left down Green Street. Turn left down Hinwick Road (the main road). Turn right down Raymond Close.

Point M, 12 miles, 4½ hours.

Make sure that you use the footbridge ¼ mile further on.

After Well Ley Plantation turn right and make sure that you have crossed the stream before taking a woodland path on your left. When this path emerges from the wood it will probably go around the left edge of the field.

Point N, 13¾ miles, 5¼ hours, is the corner of the field that the path should have gone straight to.

GPS markers

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| Start: SP 98696886 | Point A: SP 98116806 | Point B: SP 97286753 | Point C: SP 95196852 |
| Point D: SP 95236873 | Point E: SP 94986883 | Point F: SP 94596847 | Point G: SP 92566809 |
| Point H: SP 90096652 | Point I: SP 91456634 | Point J: SP 92486565 | Point K: SP 92036442 |
| Point L: SP 91126291 | Point M: SP 91216230 | Point N: SP 91366025 | Point O: SP 90986022 |
| Finish: SP 90745917 | | | |

Northamptonshire Boundary Walk, part 11 of 14 - Bozeat to Hartwell

**Ordnance Survey Explorer map 207 (Newport Pagnell & Northampton South).
Starting from Harrold Road, Bozeat, near the school, SP908592,
and finishing at the southern extremity of Hartwell, on Park Road, SP 784498.**

This stage is 14¼ miles long with just 165 metres of climbing and 22 stiles, and is likely to take 6 hours, plus breaks. A pub lunch stop is possible.

Start down Court Lane and walk through the churchyard. After crossing the road, the path is to the left of the bus stop. **Point A**, ¾ mile, ¼ hour.

Point B, 1 mile, ½ hour.

Point C, 1¾ miles, ¾ hour.

After **Point D**, 2½ miles, 1 hour, just before the road, walk down close to the stream.

Half a mile further on you climb a stile at **Point E**.

After this, do not take the track, keep straight ahead, slightly right, to find the footbridge.

In Yardley Hastings, turn right opposite the footpath finger post, down Rectory Lane, then left along Little Lane to **Point F**, 3¾ miles, 1½ hours.

After the kissing gate at Glebe Farm, aim for the spinney in the far right corner.

After **Point G**, 4¾ miles, 1¾ hours, take the right hand path, then bear left along the field edge. In my opinion the kissing gate at the road is in an extremely dangerous point on a bend in the road. It might be considered trespassing, but I think that you should seriously consider walking along the field edge and up the road, especially if you are deaf.

Point H, 5¼ miles, 2 hours, is a farm entrance between houses.

Point I, 6 miles, 2¼ hours.

After passing under the archway in Denton, turn left along the road past The Red Lion, then left up Northampton Road, then the next left down Bridge Meadow and take the alleyway between houses 33 & 35 to **Point J**, 6½ miles, 2½ hours.

Point K, 8¼ miles, 3¼ hours.

The stile to the north of Hackleton is a bit to the right of the path; you could easily walk past it.

Point L, 9½ miles, 3½ hours, is the turning down The Jetty.

The White Hart, 100 yards east of **Point L**, is open every day, and serves good lunchtime meals. (From now on times will be quoted from **Point L**.)

Turn left off The Jetty along a tarmac path past allotments.

Point M, 11 miles, ¾ hour since lunch, is at information point post number 4. Our right turn is not way-marked.

After passing information point 3, with the thatched bench and the remains of The Church Path Oak, you will see the tree walk on your left.

At **Point N**, 11¾ miles, 1 hour, a cross-tracks, turn left along The Elephant Walk, past the entrance to the tree walk. This leads to the main car park, café and toilets.

Passing to the left of the café, **Point O**, 12¼ miles, 1¼ hours, is just at the end of the car park (the beginning if driving in from the road). Take the track on your left.

Walk through the overflow car park, and turn left along the road. At the crossroads turn right towards Hartwell.

Take a track on your left at **Point P**, 12½ miles, 1¾ hours.

After the motorway, follow The Northampton Round until **Point Q**, 13½ miles, 2¼ hours.

Point R, 13¾ miles, 2½ hours.

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| Start: SP 90745917 | Point A: SP 89745932 | Point B: SP 89195957 | Point C: SP 88815856 |
| Point D: SP 87575865 | Point E: SP 87065790 | Point F: SP 86415712 | Point G: SP 85715801 |
| Point H: SP 85335863 | Point I: SP 84295814 | Point J: SP 83665776 | Point K: SP 81675638 |
| Point L: SP 80635503 | Point M: SP 80635259 | Point N: SP 79685225 | Point O: SP 79435157 |
| Point P: SP 79275113 | Point Q: SP 79235016 | Point R: SP 79124984 | Finish: SP 78374983 |

Northamptonshire Boundary Walk, part 12 of 14 - Hartwell to Deanshanger

Ordnance Survey Explorer maps 207 (Newport Pagnell & Northampton South) and 192 (Buckingham & Milton Keynes).

Starting from the southern extremity of Hartwell, on Park Road, SP 784498,
and finishing at the layby on Stratford Road between the A422 and The Elizabeth Woodville School in
Deanshanger, SP 770397.

This stage is 13 miles long with just 135 metres of climbing and 12 stiles, and is likely to take 5½ hours, plus breaks. A pub lunch stop is available.

Note that we do not start on the bridleway directly opposite the finish of stage 11; we take the footpath just to the right. The kissing gate to the access track is hidden away on the right in the corner of the third field.

Point A, ½ mile, 10 minutes, is a right turn through a gap in the hedge with no waymark.

After the road the path heads straight for the oak tree.

Point B, 1 mile, 25 minutes, is a driveway at a finger post shortly before the bus stop.

Do not continue through the gates onto a concrete driveway; take the path between the driveway and the house on the right. We join a road and walk under a railway bridge. Where this road turns sharp left, take the local road on the right. Keep straight up this road, then take the path to the right of the gates at the end.

Point C, 1½ miles, 35 minutes, is the fingerpost indicating the path leaving the road alongside house number 31.

After the second stile (at the far end of the first field) take the little wooden gate on your left immediately.

Point D, 2¾ miles, 1 hour, is where we join the canal at Stoke Bruerne's Bottom Lock.

Point E, 4¼ miles, 1½ hours, is where we leave the canal by the steps.

It is suggested that you walk through Grafton Regis churchyard rather than along the narrow road with its blind bend.

Point F, 5¼ miles, 2 hours, is the stile just after a bungalow.

From here follow the waymark to **Point G**, 5½ miles, in the bottom right corner of the field.

After a difficult large rusty metal gate, turn left along a bridleway to another gate, then turn right and walk up the field with the hedge on your right.

Point H, 6¾ miles, 2½ hours.

At the road take a left and right down Hortonsfield Road, then right at the end along Chestnut Road. You come out onto the High Street. The Coffee Pot Tavern, 7¼ miles, 2¾ hours, is 125 yards to your left. At the time of writing it is about to change hands, but I presume that it will continue serving lunches as well as beers every day.

The footpath from the A508 eventually joins the track, then at a waymark where the track veers left towards the canal, which is

Point I, 8 miles, 3 hours.

Turn right to take the cross-field path.

When approaching **Point J**, 9 miles, take the path on the left just before the end of the field.

Point K, 9¾ miles, 3½ hours, is the well-hidden finger post on the left-hand side of the road.

After crossing the canal in Cosgrove, go down to the canal immediately.

Point L, 10 miles, 4 hours.

Use the lock gates of lock 21 to cross the Grand Union Canal to walk along the old Buckingham Arm. The canal comes to an end; just continue along the remnants of The Old Stratford Cut. You will need some care to find the path that leaves this ex-canal. Continue past a muddy track that crosses your path. **Point M**, 10¾ miles, 4¼ hours, is then the gap in the hedge just as the canal takes a quite sharp right bend. There is no waymark here, but you can see a waymark on a footbridge across the field. You have to slither down the embankment.

Point N, 11½ miles, 4¾ hours.

Join a housing-estate road, then take the footpath between houses 25 & 26. After the kissing gate (too generous in proportions to warrant a warning on the map) continue straight ahead.

At **Point O**, 12¼ miles, 5 hours, take the right hand path to the start of the enormous footbridge. Cross the Passenham road again, then turn left to walk over the bridge.

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| Start: SP 78374983 | Point A: SP 77884956 | Point B: SP 76924995 | Point C: SP 76364990 |
| Point D: SP 75104882 | Point E: SP 76134728 | Point F: SP 75324585 | Point G: SP 75424552 |
| Point H: SP 76274422 | Point I: SP 77494483 | Point J: SP 78394365 | Point K: SP 78674333 |
| Point L: SP 79304257 | Point M: SP 78914171 | Point N: SP 78084100 | Point O: SP 77693980 |
| Finish: SP 76983972 | | | |

Northamptonshire Boundary Walk, part 13 of 14 - Deanshanger to Syresham

Ordnance Survey Explorer maps 207 (Newport Pagnell & Northampton South) and 192 (Buckingham & Milton Keynes).

Starting from the layby on Stratford Road between the A422 and The Elizabeth Woodville School in Deanshanger, SP 770397,
and finishing at The King's Head, Abbey Road, Syresham, SP 631415.

This stage is 15½ miles long with 220 metres of climbing and 22 stiles, and is likely to take 6 hours or so, plus breaks. A pub lunch stop is available.

Walk up Hayes Road. At the road junction turn left along Glebe Road for a few yards to pick up the path. Where the field edge path ends (after the housing), if there is no path cleared in the field aim straight for Hanger Lodge, which is **Point A**, 1¼ miles, ½ hour.

From **Point B**, 1¾ miles, ¾ hour, if the path is not cleared aim straight for the footbridge that is on the line of an old corrugated iron barn at Dairy Farm.

After the second footbridge turn left to go through the trees to meet the road just before a bridge. Go round to the left to find the fingerpost hidden behind the hedge.

There is a way through the electric fence on your right at the end of the field.

At the A5 cross the road and turn left. The footpath is immediately after the bridge.

To leave Potterspury take the stile then turn left.

Point C, 3½ miles, 1½ hours, is a stile hidden in the hedge.

When you see The Rudolph Steiner School at the far end of your field, aim for the rusty old hingeless gate halfway along the hedge to allow you to cross to the other side of the hedge.

Go through the kissing gate on the left as you leave Queen's Oak Farm.

The path after **Point D**, 5¼ miles, 2 hours, really is between two hedges.

At the end of this path follow the large blue disks to work your way around Plum Park Farm.

The Barley Mow, 6½ miles, 2¾ hours, is open every day for lunch and beer, including real ales. (The later possibility in Whittlebury is OK, but it takes you a mile off route.)

Point E, 6¾ miles.

Point F, 7¼ miles, 3 hours.

Where you leave the track at Longhedge Wood go left a little to pick up the path that passes to the left of the little brick building in the middle of the field.

Point G, 9 miles, 3½ hours.

Approaching **Point H**, 10½ miles, 4 hours, keep to the water on your left.

Point I, 11 miles, is the path to Silverstone County Infants School.

Point J, 11½ miles, 4¼ hours.

At Blackmire's Farm pass round to the right of the buildings.

After **Point K**, 13½ miles, 5¼ hours, as you approach the road, the official path to the first pond is to the left of the fence and is almost impassable, so we suggest that you walk on the grass field between the fence and the road. Half way along, where another path joins from the road, there are steps up to the path beside the pond.

After Priesthaywood Farm cross two tracks and climb an old rusty immovable gate in the hedge. To find **Point L**, 14¼ miles, 5½ hours, look out for the hedgerow on the far side of the stream leading up to the road. There are the remains of a stile here.

From **Point M**, 14½ miles, if the path is not cleared aim for the clump of trees in the far corner. After the footbridge and stile here walk up alongside the ditch.

Leave the road down Church End. After Syresham Sewage Works, the map above shows the only walking route possible at the time, but it is likely that this will revert to the correct route cutting off the corner.

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| Start: SP 76983972 | Point A: SP 75784100 | Point B: SP 75294153 | Point C: SP 75534367 |
| Point D: SP 73394453 | Point E: SP 71614547 | Point F: SP 70904551 | Point G: SP 69024411 |
| Point H: SP 67214333 | Point I: SP 66824401 | Point J: SP 66274421 | Point K: SP 63164401 |
| Point L: SP 63464319 | Point M: SP 63334292 | Finish: SP 63124150 | |

Northamptonshire Boundary Walk, part 14 of 14 - Syresham to King's Sutton

Ordnance Survey Explorer maps 207 (Newport Pagnell & Northampton South) and 191 (Banbury, Bicester & Chipping Norton).

**Starting from The King's Head, Abbey Road, Syresham, SP 631415,
and finishing at The Square in Kings Sutton, by the church, SP 498361.**

This stage is 14½ miles long with 200 metres of climbing and 20 stiles, and is likely to take nearly 6 hours, plus breaks. A pub stop is available.

Walk out of The King's Head and turn left to walk north along the road. Leave the road to walk down the right hand side of the village hall, then turn right onto a track alongside the playing field.

Point A, 1¼ miles, ½ hour, is a sharp right hand bend after the garden with the railway layout.

At **Point B**, 2 miles, ¾ hour, do not walk through the gate to the footpath; pass to the right along the bridleway.

After Radstone, take the bridleway on the right hand side of the hedge, not the footpath.

Point C, 3¾ miles, 1½ hours.

After crossing the road in Halse, the path is through the stinging nettles on the right after the house.

Point D, 5½ miles, 2¼ hours.

Point E, 6¼ miles, 2½ hours.

Point F, 7½ miles, 3¼ hours, is Hinton-in-the-Hedges village green.

The Crewe Arms is straight ahead down a lane. Unfortunately they are not open at weekday lunchtimes, but at weekends they serve meals or you should be able to eat your own in the garden. For a weekday pub lunch stop, with meals, you will have to wait until Charlton.

Proceed up the lane to the church.

After **Point G**, 8 miles, 3½ hours, join the airfield's perimeter road through a gap in the hedge.

Point H, 8½ miles, is, at the time of writing, immediately after a stack of hay bales. Also at the time of writing the finger post is just a post.

250 yards after **Point I**, 9¼ miles, 3¾ hours, do not go through the gate; turn right over a stile just before it. At the sports ground keep as close as they allow you to the left hand fence so that you see the path out in the corner. In Charlton you pass The Rose & Crown for your alternative or extra pub stop. They close at 15:00 during the week.

Point J, 10¼ miles, 4¼ hours, is signposted to Walton Grounds.

Aim well to the right of Rainsborough Camp to **Point K**, 10¾ miles, 4½ hours.

Point L, 11¾ miles, 4½ hours.

There are places to sit in the recreation ground just before **Point M**, 12 miles, 5 hours.

The alleyway from **Point M** comes out onto a road down to **Point N**, 12¼ miles.

Point O, 13¼ miles, 5¼ hours.

Point P, 13¾ miles, 5½ hours.

Finish at King's Sutton Green.

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| Start: SP 63124150 | Point A: SP 61414088 | Point B: SP 60374068 | Point C: SP 57794074 |
| Point D: SP 55113990 | Point E: SP 55153867 | Point F: SP 55883692 | Point G: SP 55143667 |
| Point H: SP 54383665 | Point I: SP 53483666 | Point J: SP 52773552 | Point K: SP 52453494 |
| Point L: SP 52153365 | Point M: SP 51693350 | Point N: SP 51373345 | Point O: SP 50763449 |
| Point P: SP 50513557 | Finish: SP 49843610 | | |