

Walk 1: Oakington to Longstanton via Dry Drayton Road and Wilson's Road

- 1) Starting from Oakington Crossroads, head in a South Westerly direction along Dry Drayton Road, using the footpath. Walk about 500m until the footpath ends just after the Garden Centre.

Cross the road carefully here to the cottages on the far side, and continue to follow the footpath on that side. This is a cinder path set back from the road but very overgrown, especially after it leaves the frontage of the Business Park.

(If you look up the Business Park driveway, you can see a bridge over the Brook and next to it the flood alert detector that can give us warning of imminent river flooding.)



Continue until just past a double cottage on the far side, about 500m total from the road crossing.



- 2) At the end of the footpath you will see the entry to the Bridleway (watch out for some raised beams as you enter).



Continue along the bridleway with a field ditch to your left and a newly planted hedge to your right.



After about 100m you will come to a new bridge over the Brook. Continue across the bridge, but beware a difference in levels on the far side.

Continue straight on for about 2km.

There are a number of splendid mature oaks beside the path, and there are views of Slate Hall Farm to the left, and open fields with Oakington in the distance to the right.



You will eventually see the Wilson's Road track crossing at the end of the bridleway. Again, mind out for some beams across the path.



- 3) When you reach the Wilson's Road track, there are two choices. You can turn left towards the A14, and the track runs beside a pleasant grassy bank under a variety of trees and bushes. This branch crosses a private track between Slate Hall Farm and New Close Farm and continues almost to the A14, where it terminates.



There are views of the A14 and the Bar Hill junction and fly-over. The branch is about 600m long.

- 4) Alternately, you can keep straight on to the main branch of the Wilson's Road track for about 300m until it turns right towards Longstanton St Michael.



From the corner you can see across the fields to New Close Farm.

Follow the track for about 1.2km until you reach the bridleway gate.



Along this stretch you can see open fields to the right and eventually the airfield road in the distance, and to the left you can see the B1050 across open fields, and in the distance Longstanton and St Michael's Church through the trees.

Just past the bridleway gate you can see one of the old Oakington-style pill boxes left over from World War II.



A little further on you may wish to stop and read the information board about Highways and Byways in the area.

The end of the road signifies the end of this walk.

- 5) From here you can continue, turning left towards Longstanton village, turning right then left at the church to head towards Rampton Drift, or turning right and keeping straight on to return to Oakington via the Airfield Road (see Walk number 2).

