

Walk 7: Oakington to Histon via Gun's Lane.

This walk starts at the Guided Bus crossing in Station Road. (Please note there is a section of this route on a narrow footpath beside Oakington Road, and then a short stretch on the road itself. To bypass these please see Walk 6.)



From the crossing, you can see the old Railway platform and station building, now a house.



Head towards Westwick along the footpath, taking care particularly on several narrow stretches next to the road.



On your right you will see the driveway to Westwick Hall.

Continue until the footpath ends just short of the Old Granary Business Centre, but you can continue on the flat grass verge until the entrance to Westwick Farm.



Here you need to move with suitable care onto the road itself for about 100m, passing out of the 30mph zone, until you come to a Bridleway sign on the right as the hedge gives way to an open field.

Follow the Bridleway down the bank from the road, and immediately turn left (the track ahead is part of Walk 6).



In another 150m you will come to a metal barrier leading into a small open space that is the entry to Gun's Lane. There is an information board here describing the history of the Highways and Byways in this area of Cambridgeshire.



To the right, heading away from the road, is Gun's Lane. This is part of an old route, probably used partly as a droveway, running from the Fens to the east of Willingham towards Cambridge.

Pass through the metal barriers onto Gun's Lane.



This is a fairly wide track (sometimes used by farm vehicles) that runs mostly between mixed hedgerows and open fields with the occasional taller tree. In the autumn there is a plentiful supply of blackberries, rose hips and sloes.



Watch out for the occasional bramble or dog rose branch projecting out into the path.

The track runs for about 2km, narrowing slightly and heading gently uphill from about half distance. You can see the Histon to Cottenham road at times towards the end.

As you near the end, you will start to see the properties in Cottenham Road Histon ahead of you, starting with paddocks and then the houses themselves.



The path ends with a short gravel section onto Cottenham Road.



Where next? If you turn to the right and follow the footpath alongside Cottenham Road for about 1km round a number of bends, you will come firstly to St Andrews Church Histon, and shortly after to the King William public house. You can continue on down into the village centre with its other pubs, shops and cafés, or at the pub you could turn right down Bell Hill, and right again at the bottom into Park Lane, which takes you on to Gatehouse Road and the far end of Walks 3, 4 and 5.

Cottenham Road is also a bus road, and there are Citi 8 bus stops a short distance either side of the end of the track. These buses go to Cottenham, to Cambridge or to the Impington Guided Busway stop.