



**H** HERITAGE SITE INFORMATION

**Section 1**

Willen Lake to Great Linford (2.6 miles)

**Eco-Park** is an innovative new visitor attraction, where children can discover more about the world around them, from the world of the dinosaurs to where our food comes from. **Gulliver's Land** is a family theme park with rides, attractions, shows, restaurants and shops.



Eco Park

**Cathedral of Trees** The arching branches of woodland trees evoke the image and character of medieval gothic architecture. This 'cathedral' is based on the plan of Norwich Cathedral and different tree species are used to create its character.



Cathedral of Trees

**The Grand Union Canal** winds its way through Milton Keynes creating a haven of tranquillity. Canal boats first travelled from London to Birmingham, through what is now Milton Keynes, in 1805. The Canal prospered until 1838, when the London to Birmingham Railway opened and took away a great deal of trade.



Grand Union Canal

**The Brick Kilns** at The Dell, Great Linford, were built in the late 19th century by George Osborn Price of Newport Pagnell, a coal and lime merchant and an agricultural chandlers.



Price's Brick Kilns

**Great Linford** A church called St Andrew's has stood on the hill since the 13th century. Sir William Pritchard, Lord Mayor of London, built the core of the present Manor House in 1678. Today the manor is privately owned.



Linford Manor

**artworks:mk**, formerly 17th century Almshouses are now a leading arts and education charity providing specialist equipped art and craft workshops, artists' studios and exhibition space.



Almshouses, artworks:mk



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**Section 2**

Great Linford to MK Museum (3.2 miles)

**Bradwell Windmill** on the southern bank of the Grand Union Canal, was built in 1817 (from local limestone) and used as a mill until 1871. Of particular interest is the early use of the universal joint enabling the sails to face into wind direction.



Bradwell Windmill

**The Train Mural** close to Wolverton Station, between bridges 71 and 71A. This long black and white mural of a steam train, commissioned by the Milton Keynes Inland Waterways Authority, is the work of the late Bill Billings. It was completed in 1984 and has been recently restored.



Mural by Bill Billings

**The Secret Garden** was formerly occupied by four 'villas' built by the London & Birmingham Railway Company in the 1840s. Demolished in the late 1960s the area has been developed into a community garden, opened in 2005.



The Secret Garden

**Wolverton** railway station/depot was the reason for the development of Wolverton as a planned town in the 1830s. Halfway between London & Birmingham it was ideal for the servicing and refuelling of locomotives. Supplies to build the new railway town were transported by barge.



Wolverton Works (c1920)

**St George The Martyr Church** in Wolverton, was built by the London & Birmingham Railway Company in 1843 for the special, but not exclusive, use of railway workers. The first church in the world to be built by a Railway company.



St George's Church

**MK Museum** was founded in 1973 by local volunteers collecting items from farms and factories that were closing with the development of Milton Keynes. Exhibits depict life from 1800 to the present day.



MK Museum



**Section 3**

*MK Museum to Furzton Lake (4.6 miles)*

**Bancroft Park** is a haven for birds and wildlife. Bancroft was once the site of a Roman Villa which has been partly restored to give visitors an idea of the layout. Here too are the city's concrete cows, created by Canadian artist Liz Leyh.



Concrete Cows

**Bradwell Abbey** Site of 12th century Benedictine Priory with buildings including the 14th century Cruck Barn and Pilgrim's Chapel. 17th century farm buildings were added and the site is today managed by and is the home of the Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre.



Bradwell Abbey

**Lodge Lake** is a popular park with visitors, who appreciate both the fishing and the chance to see wildlife such as herons, swans, little grebes or even kingfisher.



Lodge Lake

**The Green**, once the centre of Little Loughton, retains a rural atmosphere, buildings around The Green date back to the 16th century. Here also are medieval fishponds. Further along the trail, Loughton continues with several historic buildings on Watling Street including The Fountain.



Loughton Green

**Refreshment Spot**  
The Fountain 

**Energy World** (1986) was a pioneering construction project of 51 low-energy houses in the Shenley Lodge area. You can still see the Eco Home Round House, an unusual house with insulating earth banks and two-storey conservatory as well as the Solar Clock and Javelin Sundial.



Eco Home Round House

**Furzton Lake** constructed in the mid 1980s as one of the 'balancing lakes' – designed to hold floodwater during heavy rain – is now a valuable environment for wildlife. Site excavations revealed a settlement from the late Iron Age (around 1000BC).



Furzton Lake

**Section 4**

*Furzton Lake to Willen Lake (4.6 miles)*

**Teardrop Lakes** are part of the city's balancing lake system. Fishing is allowed in designated areas while the variety of habitats, including reedbeds, make the lakes an excellent spot for observing wildlife.



Teardrop Lakes

**Central Milton Keynes** is the business, cultural, shopping and transport hub, with the main railway station, Central Library, Discover Milton Keynes Showcase, major hotels and two large shopping centres (one once the longest in Europe).



Station Square

**Refreshment Spots**  
Numerous in CMK 

**City Church (Christ the Cornerstone)** was opened in 1992 as the first ecumenical city centre church in the United Kingdom. The Church has excellent acoustics and is a wonderful setting to hear live music.



Christ the Cornerstone

**MK Theatre and Gallery** form the focus of the Theatre District of Milton Keynes. The modern, 1400 seat theatre offers a wide variety of theatre, musicals, ballet, opera, music and comedy. Milton Keynes Gallery programmes contemporary, international exhibitions, with associated offsite events and project space.



Theatre District

**Campbell Park** is named after Lord Campbell of Eskan, first Chairman of Milton Keynes Development Corporation. Designed to be a sculpture park it is the largest City Centre Park in the UK.



Pavilion and Cricket Pitch

**Gnomon** (Shadow Caster) by Peter Bowker: A ley-line is thought to run through the centre of Milton Keynes and this sculpture takes its reference from this prehistoric track, its form relating to ancient structures such as Stonehenge.



Gnomon sculpture

**Refreshment Spots**  
One4Six / Lakeside 



**Trail A Milton Keynes City-Wide**

<b>Start:</b>	Willen Lake South
<b>Distance:</b>	Full Route 15 miles
<b>Duration:</b>	Full Route 4 - 5 hours
<b>Note:</b>	Full route involves minor 30mph roads and trails near waterways and may not be suitable for children and/or inexperienced cyclists.



For 2008, Milton Keynes has revamped its three Heritage Cycle Trails A – C to be bigger and better than before. In addition, a brand new Trail D – North West Milton Keynes has been designed by a group of young volunteers supported by the Make a Difference Team. Trails start either at Willen or Furzton Lakes and take you around some of the magnificent scenery and hidden heritage that Milton Keynes has to offer. Additional Heritage Cycle Trails are planned for 2009, meanwhile, cycle, walk, jog or run and discover Milton Keynes for yourself.

Trail leaflets are available from Discover Milton Keynes, Silbury Boulevard, near door 7 of the centre:mk shopping centre, and local museums or libraries, or can be downloaded:

[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/cyclemk](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/cyclemk)  
[www.destinationmiltonkeynes.co.uk](http://www.destinationmiltonkeynes.co.uk)



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# Heritage Cycle Trail A – Milton Keynes City-Wide

0 miles



2 miles

4 miles

6 miles

8 miles

10 miles

12 miles



6. Continue on redway into Blue Bridge, taking new black tarmac path on right into Railway Triangle. *\*Follow path along canal (extreme care) to tunnel. Dismount and walk through tunnel – low roof. Remount and continue, passing Bill Billings' train mural into Secret Garden. **\*This path is narrow and right next to canal. Families with young children should take alternate route here. See 6A.***

5. Re-join the redway by the old railway bridge and Grand Union Canal. Turn left at the Bank of Scotland milepost, continue straight past the abandoned platform of the New Bradwell Station. Reaching the end of the stretch of redway you can see the New Bradwell Windmill to your left, and new aqueduct to your right.

4. Follow NCR6 route away from canal into Great Linford, keeping the Green on your left and along the High Street to the Nag's Head. Continue on NCR6 into Great Linford Manor Park, before following NCR6 past Great Linford Almshouses and Church and along canal to former railway bridge.

3. Cross bridge (81) and turn right onto NCR6 following canal north. Cross bridge 80a and continue along NCR6 with canal on left for some distance past Pennylands Marina. Cross back over canal at bridge. The path to left is a short detour to the Brick Kilns if desired.

7. Head up slope out of Secret Garden on foot to top. Turn left along road into Wolverton (take care – no redway and busy road) until reaching the library. Turn left along Creed Street and left again at mini-roundabout to redway.

6A. Continue on redway through Blue Bridge until you reach H2 Millers Way. Turn right along the redway that runs parallel to the road crossing McConnell Drive and reaching entrance of MK Museum. Return to subway afterwards (see 9.)

2. Continue past the 'Cathedral of Trees' and head under the subway into Willen Park. Bear right and continue along new redway past Lovatt Fields extra care home following redway up and right past the Camphill Centre to canal.

1. From the 'Lady with the Swan' statue, head along the path, passing Events Area to your right, under the road into Newlands and turn right to pass Gullivers Land on your left.

8. Turn right along McConnell Drive to MK Museum (visit approx 2 hrs). From museum continue to end of McConnell Drive then turn left to follow redway to Blue Bridge over railway.



9. Turn left immediately after Blue Bridge and left again, passing under H2 into Bancroft Park continuing downhill (care – crossing road!) to Bancroft Roman Villa. Walk bike over the wooden bridge and turn right along the brook. The Concrete Cows are ahead on the right.

10. Carry under the H3 Monks Way into Bradwell Abbey, turning right over Loughton Brook and under the railway to Bradwell Abbey, home of MK City Discovery Centre.

11. Keep buildings to your left and cycle through the courtyard around the cottages and field then turn left back onto the leisure route. Turn right following the brook on your left toward Lodge Lake. At lake turn left to follow route around lake and through Loughton Lodge,

12. Turn right over the bridge into Loughton Green, here you will see Manor Farm. (Optional – Follow Mill Route left down The Green and Leys Road until you reach the site of the medieval fishponds, turn right down Whitworth Lane and back up Snaith Crescent retracing your steps back to The Green).

13. Back at The Green head toward the Sports Ground taking the path to the left of the sports field gate and continue round until half way turning left on the leisure route joining the redway at Paynes Drive.

22. At Gallery turn left to rejoin NCR51 and over bridge into Campbell Park. Follow NCR51 down past Events Plateau and Cricket Pavilion, over road and canal bridges to pass between Gullivers Land and Eco Park back to Willen Lake.

21. Turn left and circumvent the centre:mk shopping centre, passing City Church on Witan Gate and CMK Library and Discover Milton Keynes Heritage Showcase on Silbury Boulevard. Continue around shopping centre past John Lewis to the Theatre and Gallery.

20. At local park turn right and take bridge over railway into Station Square. Turn left and use pedestrian crossing and head to left hand diagonal corner and exit up left hand side of Midsummer Boulevard to Midsummer Place shopping centre.

19. Keep on NCR 51 for some distance under H7 Chaffron Way, and along past Teardrop Lakes on left and A5 on right. Continue under H6 Childs Way into Loughton.

18. Continue around lake to turn left onto NCR51 and head away from lake over V4 Watling Street into Elfield Park. Turn left, keeping National Bowl on your right.

17. At the Eco Home roundhouse turn left along Rutherford Gate and under H7 Chaffron Way to Furzton Lake. Turn left again, taking redway to pub/hotel complex.

16. Continue along redway over Roebuck Way and after crossing Kelvin Drive turn right under V4 Watling Street into Shenley Lodge, passing its Meeting Place and then through Silicon Court.



NCR = National Cycle Route

## Bike Hire



Bike Hire available at Willen Lake.

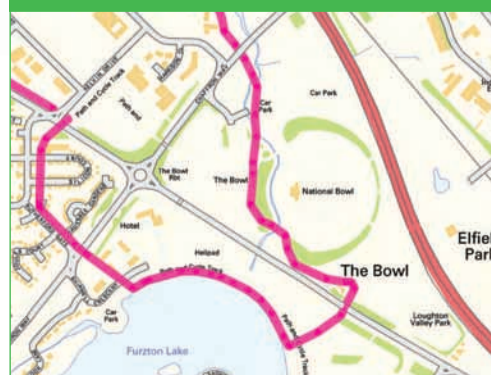
Available from Whitecap Leisure behind Lakeside.

14. Continue along redway as Paynes Drive becomes Ashpole Furlong. After passing Wilmin Grove turn next right and follow redway in semi-circle to turn right between houses on redway.

15. Follow redway through housing to reach Knowhill roundabout. Turn left under H6 Childs Way into Knowhill and follow redway parallel to V4 Watling Street.



## Elfield Park



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