



H HERITAGE SITE INFORMATION

Section 1

Willen Lake to Newport Pagnell (3.6 miles)

The Peace Pagoda (inaugurated 1980) can be seen on the left across the lake. The first of its kind in the western world and voted top Milton Keynes heritage building by young people in 2006.



Peace Pagoda

Manor Farm, now Willen Hospice, can be seen at the head of the lake.



River Ouzel

The River Ouzel or Lovat was re-routed in the early 1970s when Willen Lake was built and was forded by the lane running in front of the cottages on the right below. This was the road from Milton Keynes to Willen.

Willen Church, St Mary Magdalene. Designed by the scientist and architect Robert Hooke and completed in 1680. Hooke is credited with discovering cells in plants, inventing the universal joint and coining 'Hooke's Law'. Architecturally he is best known for his work with Sir Christopher Wren.



Willen Church

Willen Schoolhouse was built in 1847 by the Busby Trust. A single schoolmistress was employed to educate up to 24 of the village children. Most of the farm workers' children attended until 11 years old.



Willen Village School

Tongwell Lane, one of the original country lanes that existed before the New Town. The 1891 census shows the large and well-travelled Gypsy family of Cornelius Loveridge camped in a field along Tongwell Lane.



Tongwell Lane

Tongwell Lake, one of the balancing lakes, is surrounded by trees and shrubs. There is an island in the centre of the lake which is a haven for birds including ducks, moorhens, herons, swans, and canadian geese. The Lake is also used for water skiing by the Milton Keynes water ski club.



Tongwell Lake

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Section 2

Newport Pagnell (2.9 miles)

The Bathing Place was opened in 1887 as part of the celebrations of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The parish church also received a new ring of bells to enable the National Anthem to be rung.



The Bathing Place

Aston Martin Works The three-storey building on Tickford Street is the 1910 workshop of Salmons & Sons coachbuilders. The site was bought by Aston Martin in 1954, reaching full production in 1959 with the DB4.



Aston Martin

Refreshment Spot
The Kings Arms



Tickford Bridge (1810) spanning the Lovat and built by Walkers of Rotherham, is the world's oldest iron bridge still in daily use by traffic and will celebrate its bicentenary in 2010. The bridge sections travelled by sea from Yorkshire and up the Grand Junction Canal to Great Linford via the Thames at London.



Tickford Bridge

Revis's Almshouses opposite the church, were built by John Revis, a Charing Cross draper; in 1763, for single men and women over 55 years of age. The homes were modernised in the 1970s.



Revis's Almshouses

St Peter and St Paul dates from the 14th century with the west tower added in 1540. Next to the church stood a medieval castle made of wood. The meadow opposite has been called Castle Meadow ever since.



St Peter & St Paul church

Toll House (1810) on North Bridge is now a private dwelling.

Woad Corner site is in the planning stage for a 'Retro' Shell garage with additional shopping and restaurant facilities.



Toll House

Refreshment Spot
The Swan Revived



Section 3

Newport Pagnell to Olney (5 miles)

Sherington St Laud's is the only church so-named in the country (after Saint Lo, Bishop of Coutances 529-68). Parts of its date back to 1250. During the Civil War, Cromwell's troops camped in Gun Lane and stabled horses in the church. The village pump on The Knoll was chosen as the place for the universities of Oxford and Cambridge to "bury the hatchet" ending their animosities in the face of increased competition from redbrick universities.



Parish Pump



St Laud's church

Refreshment Spot
The Swan Inn



Emberton Village is a small but picturesque village and warrants a slight detour to see its Clock Tower and All Saints Church. Most of the historic buildings are built from the local limestone.

Emberton Country Park has 200 acres of parkland, ideal for walking, cycling, sailing, windsurfing, fishing and picnics. It provides camping and caravanning sites from April to October. There are tea rooms, toilet and shower facilities.



Bell Tower and Bell and Bear



Emberton Country Park

Refreshment Spot
The Bell and Bear



The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul dominates the southern entrance to Olney. The spire is nearly 200 feet high. It was constructed in the 14th century in the Decorated style.



Church of St Peter and St Paul

Cowper and Newton Museum There are historical associations with the poet William Cowper who lived in Olney between 1767-86 and the ex-slave trader John Newton who became Olney's curate in 1764. Together they wrote the 'Olney Hymns' ('Amazing Grace') and are commemorated in the Museum.



Cowper & Newton Museum

Section 4

Newport Pagnell to Willen Lake (5.5 miles)

Cedars School in Bury Street, originally three separate buildings when first opened in 1896, these being the Infants, Boys and Girls.

The Signal Post is all that is left of Newport Pagnell railway station. The branch line closed to passengers in 1964.

Railway Walk is the old Wolverton to Newport Pagnell railway line which followed the route of the short-lived canal arm from Great Linford to Newport Pagnell. The former platform at Great Linford can still be seen.



Cedars School



Signal Post Former platform

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.

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.



Great Linford Church



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Refreshment Spot
The Nag's Head



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.

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. 'Head' is by artist Allen Jones.



George Price's Brick Kilns



'Head' sculpture

Refreshment Spots
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Heritage Cycle Trails

Trail B Milton Keynes North East

Start: Willen Lake South
Distance: Full Route (inc Olney) 22 miles, Short Route 12 miles
Duration: Full Route 5 - 6 hours, Short Route 3 1/2 - 4 1/2 hours
Note: 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
www.destinationmiltonkeynes.co.uk



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Heritage Cycle Trail B – Milton Keynes North East



9. From church, head west along High Street passing post office on right and Swan Revived on left. At mini roundabout by The Cannon pub turn left into St John Street and cross at zebra crossing.

10. Head down Silver Street passing car parks on left and turn right into Bury Street. Pass Cedar's School (1896) on left and continue round the corner and left past the Coachmakers Arms. Continue along street to the corner; immediately after turning corner take the right into Cross Street and continue to pedestrian crossings.

11. Cross both roads and head along Broad Street turning right into Sheppards Close and left through staggered gates onto Railway Walk.

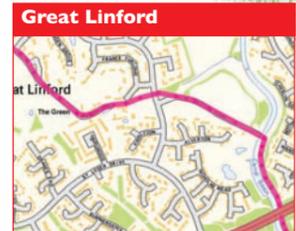
12. Follow the Railway Walk passing the Signal Post and ahead to pass under M1 (built 1959) noticing remains of Great Linford station platform on right. After approx 1 mile, when reaching metal bridge (76A) across Grand Union Canal turn left immediately after crossing and follow path closest to canal through park past Great Linford Church and 17th century Almshouses.

13. Continue following NCR6 signs past medieval fishponds and Great Linford Manor, noticing the pavilions of Linford Manor to the right and artworks:mk Arts and Craft centre. Emerge onto High Street.

14. The Nags Head and primary school are on your right as you continue up High Street and along left hand side of village green. Bear left into Harpers Lane (signed NCR 6) and follow redway which becomes narrower (Willen Lane), once the old road from Linford to Willen.

15. Follow Route 6 to the canal, but before crossing bridge take some time to detour down the side of the canal following the signs to George Price's Brick Kilns. Then return to cross bridge.

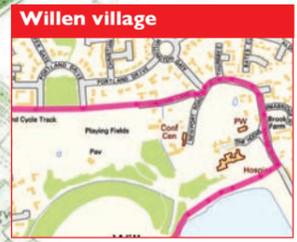
8. Before the bridge cross road with care and take riverside path up to and over wooden bridge to Newport Pagnell churchyard and Almshouses to church entrance and join Northampton Road. *Optional Spur Route to Olney. See separate map on right hand side.*



16. Turn right to follow canal past Pennylands Marina. Follow NCR6 across bridge 80A and down other side of canal until you reach Campbell Park.

17. Follow NCR6 away from canal and up the hill to public art piece 'Head'. Turn left to follow NCR51 over canal bridge and between Gullivers Land and Eco Park to return to Willen Lake.

OLNEY SPUR

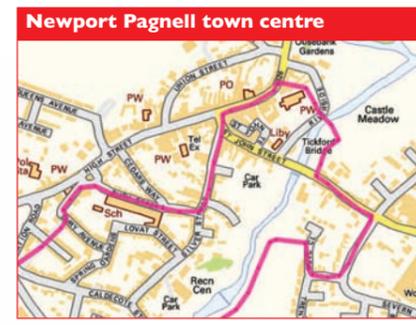


START



Willen Lake

1. From events area head north past Wakeboard MK and along redway into Willen and north lake. Pass the Medicine Wheel on your right and the buddhist temple, Peace Pagoda and Labyrinth on left. Take path on right to continue around north lake to Willen Hospice (formerly Willen Manor).



7. Dismount and cross bridge and turn left – ignore path ahead – and follow path alongside river; through gate to emerge into Trent Drive. Turn right then left into Severn Drive and at King's Arms roundabout you will reach Tickford Street. To your right lies Aston Martin. Turn left up to Tickford iron bridge.

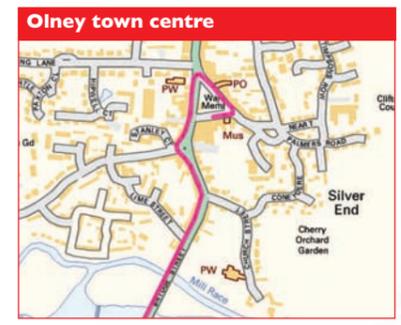
6. Take path on right to keep Willen Road on your right and houses on left. At end of path cross Willen Road to take alleyway and follow Tongwell Brook to Bathing Place and the footbridge over river.

5. Ignore all exits on left and reaching nearly the end of lane take small bridge over Tongwell brook to follow redway to Willen road. Dismount and cross with care.

4. Pass Daimler Chrysler on left and turn left immediately after crossing Delaware Drive and follow it for some distance until you pass under the H3 Monks Way into Blakelands. Turn next right and keeping Tongwell Lake – one of the balancing lakes – on left. Continue, ignoring possible turnings, along Tongwell Lane – care as occasional traffic – to cross over M1 motorway bridge and on towards Newport Pagnell.

3. Carry along Linford Lane which becomes a redway, past sports ground and school to reach Willen local centre. Pass between pub and shops down to subways turning right into subway marked Tongwell. Turn right to follow H4 Danstead Way.

2. At the junction where path forks at interpretation board near Willen Hospice take left fork towards Willen Church and into Willen village. Care – quiet road but watch out for traffic. Continue along Milton Road past the church and 'the Hooke' on left and ignore all turnings and Millington Gate Road to turn right down Linford Lane.

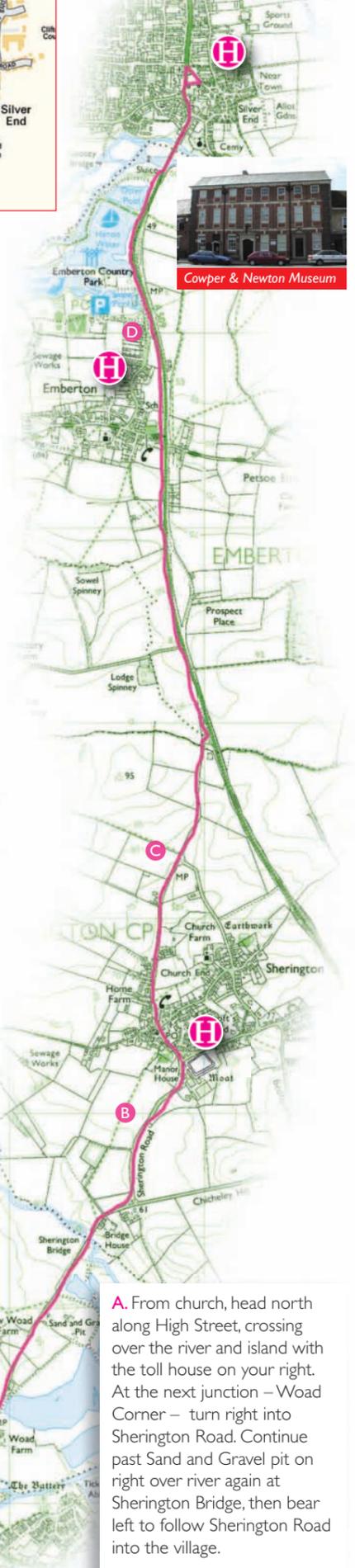


D. Continue on this redway through Emberton into Emberton Country Park and lakes on your left. As you reach the last lake, the redway bears right and joins Bridge Street to cross the river and emerge into High Street. Continue ahead into Western Road until you reach Market Place.

C. Follow road for some distance passing Gun Lane on your right. Almost at the junction with the A509 take redway to your left. Continue on this redway to Emberton. A short detour is warranted to see Clock Tower and All Saints Church before returning to redway.

B. As road sweeps left with Manor site and moat on your right, continue into the High Street past The Swan Inn. Continue along the High Street towards Emberton and the A509.

OLNEY SPUR



Cowper & Newton Museum

A. From church, head north along High Street, crossing over the river and island with the toll house on your right. At the next junction – Woad Corner – turn right into Sherington Road. Continue past Sand and Gravel pit on right over river again at Sherington Bridge, then bear left to follow Sherington Road into the village.



St Peter & St Paul church

NCR = National Cycle Route

Bike Hire

Bike Hire available at Willen Lake. Available from Whitecap Leisure behind Lakeside.



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