

Ely to Stretham - 6 miles

Overview

An easy walk that starts at Ely Cathedral, then follows the Great River Ouse before turning off towards Stretham. Some boats use the Ouse, but it is quiet with plenty of birdlife to be seen.

Points of Interest

Ely Cathedral, principal church of the Diocese of Ely. The present Norman building was constructed in 1102.

St James Church, Stretham. Some original medieval sections of the church remain, but mostly Victorian.

Maps and Reference

OS 226
Ely Cathedral
Stretham

Ely & Newmarket
TL541803
TL527745

Route

Leaving Ely Cathedral, follow signs for the Railway Station. On river bridge, just beyond station, turn right to join Fen Rivers Way/Ouse Valley Way, (way marked) making sure to keep to the north side of the river.

Cross railway line and continue along Fen Rivers Way/Ouse Valley Way. Cross metal bridge over river cutting. Keep straight ahead as before. Through three kissing gates. Keep straight ahead as before. At Fish and Duck marina, follow path as it bends right.

Keep straight ahead (not over river bridge). Now follow Rothschild Way straight ahead towards railway. Go under railway bridge. Turn right, through gate (way marked) and follow Holt Fen Drove for 200 yards, then turn left off Holt Fen Drove onto footpath for 100 yards then turn left towards Plantation farm.

Continue ahead through farmyard at Plantation Farm. (If you have dogs with you, keep them on lead.) Through Plantation Gate. Once you reach the road, turn right onto Brook Lane. At junction turn right, then turn left onto Top street. Turn left onto High Street towards St James' church. The way station is situated in the church porch.

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Take care crossing roads and railway lines

