

St Ives to Little Stukeley - 12.5 miles

Overview

Gentle walk through fields and wooded pathways. Two long stretches along main roads, using the verges. Care needs to be taken as traffic is fast. Along some stretches it is possible to take field margins adjacent to the road. This route made necessary in order to bypass RAF Alconbury

Point of Interest

St Peter's church, Kings Ripton. Community mentioned in Domesday Book 1086 AD.

Maps and Reference

OS 225	Huntington & St Ives
Burleigh Hill Farm, St Ives	TL319742
Little Stukeley	TL210755

Route

From Way Station turn left along path. Turn right at edge of wood. Go straight ahead towards Woodhurst. Cross field towards wood at footpath sign. Cross footbridge. Turn right along hedge line, then onto wooded path. At end of path, turn right along track.

At edge of Woodhurst, turn left along minor road, Butt Lane. Turn left into South Street. Keep to road onto West End. Turn left onto main road. (Take care along fast road, taking the verge or field margins where possible).

Take first right towards Oldhurst (signposted Old Hurst, Pidley and Somersham), keeping to verge. Bear left in Oldhurst. Past old phone box on left, keep to path. Take footpath opposite Church Street junction (signposted Broughton 1.5 miles).

Cross A141 - taking care.

Follow footpath to Broughton. Cross footbridge. Cross field (north east direction). then follow footpath signs till joining Broughton Lane coming in on the right. At T junction, turn right toward village. Footpath 250 yards on left. Through metal gate (direction north west). Over footbridge into village.

Opposite Crown Inn, take School Road to footpath sign. Turn left onto Pathfinder Long Distance Walk (Kings Ripton 1.6 miles). Follow footpath signs across fields and stiles.

By metal gate turn left along field margin. Footbridge and metal gate. Skirt Glebe Farm, with village on left. Cross minor road, continue on footpath through farmland. Just before reservoir, turn left towards road.

At road, turn left. Pass Grange Cottage on right. After entrance to Grange Farm turn right onto footpath. At road, turn left. After about one mile, turn right on bridleway. After about one mile, turn right on bridleway towards Lodge Spinney. After Lodge Farm, cross railway bridge. Follow bridleway, past Priestley Wood, onto Owl End. Through Great Stukeley to main road. Turn right, keeping to path to Little Stukeley. The way station is at site of the modern Grace Fellowship church(now closed), beyond Alconbury main gate on the righthand side of the road.

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