Roudham Heath to Brandon - 11.75 miles Overview

The way starts in the pine forest in Roudham and follows pathways through it until it comes out at the A1075. From there it follows the Harling Drove to the A134 passing through Croxton - a pretty estate village. After Santon Downham, it continues beside the Little Ouse river and into Brandon.

Maps and Reference

Explorer 229: Thetford Forest in the Brecks

Also Hereward Way

Roudham: TL944882 Brandon: TL780874

Route

Leave the Way Station on the left, and walk forward down the open path following Hereward Way. At the edge of the trees, turn left along hedge line towards electricity substation. Join Peddars Way, turn left towards railway line. Just before domestic buildings, turn right, cross the dismantled railway, then continue forward to A 1075. (2.75 miles)

Forward on Hereward Way, crossing Croxton Heath. At junction (Fowlmere Wood) turn left to Chapel Farm. (3 miles).

Cross the minor road, continuing forward on footpath, to Rugby Club on left. At junction with A134, cross to verge on lefthand side. The path is 50 yards to the left of the verge between trees. At sign to "Bidwell Scout and Guide Camp", take the right hand track down to the railway line to the site of St Helen's Holy Well. Path continues with the railway line on the left. At Railway cottages, cross railway line to Santon House and Santon Downham church. (2.5 miles)

From the Santon Downham Visitors Centre, follow path on the north side of the Little Ouse. Cross the minor road, and continue on "Little Ouse Path", all the way into Brandon. The path goes behind some flats then onto the A1065 in Brandon. Cross the road, turn right to railway crossing. Then take left fork onto Brandon Road, then left down Fengate Drove. (3.5 miles)

The Way Station is situated on the right at the Harvest Centre, tucked away behind the building. Access Monday to Friday 9.00 to 4.00, and Sundays.

Point of Interest

St Helen's Church and Holy Well, Santon Downham

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