

The Cherry Tree and Emberton Country Park



Easy terrain

2.9 mile circular walk

Path: Suitable for dogs,
buggies and wheel
chairs.

Around 1.5 hours.



Emberton Country Park is set in 200 acres of mature unspoilt parkland, where you can enjoy wildlife, lakeside walks and play areas, all in a family-friendly setting.

The park has over 5km of paths and trails winding their way around 5 lakes, through wooded glades and meadows. Here you will find picnic and bbq areas and numerous play and learning experiences for children. There is a park information centre and café, offering everything you need to get the most from the park, its wildlife and the natural surroundings.

Emberton Park, which opened in 1965, is a very early example of a mid-20th century Country Park landscape. It was one of England's first country parks to be designed from scratch, comprising naturalistic planting with a network of paths around former gravel pits. It makes expert use of the rolling rural setting in its design with wonderful views, including the iconic Olney church spire.



We have created this walk with the help of AllTrails. Download the app and scan the QR code with your phone to follow the route live. You will find lots of walks across the country including walks from the rest of the Acorn family of pubs

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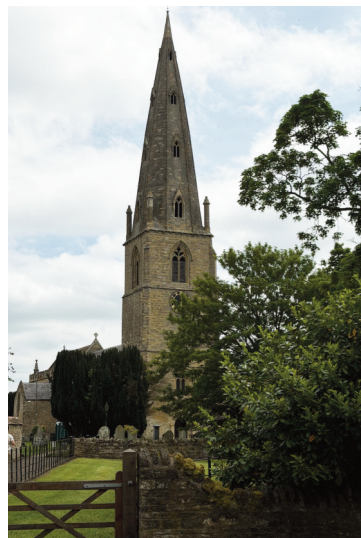


The walk

Leave the pub and turn right.

Follow along the High Street until you get to the small roundabout. Take care, then cross over and continue straight on.

Carry on walking straight ahead and on the left-side you'll see the beautiful church of St Peter and St Paul. This historic 14th-century church is famously associated with John Newton, the curate who wrote the hymn Amazing Grace (as the sign you are about to come upon states!)



Using the bridge, cross over the River Great Ouse. There are two bridges.

Immediately after the second bridge on your right-hand side, you'll see a path. It's signposted with a blue sign that says 'Newport Pagnell 5 miles'. Take that path and bid farewell to all the traffic noise.

At the bottom of the path, you can choose to go left or right, we're choosing to go right. The first pool on your left side is called Otter Pool.

Continue on the path. The second pool on your left side is called Heron Water and the third is Grebe Lake. Simply stick to the path and pass each in turn taking in the beautiful scenery and watching the wonderful water birds.



You'll pass a playground at the end of the lake and the road begins to bear left to start the loop back towards the pub. (There is also a very handy public toilets positioned here next to the playground too!).

At the second playground, the road forks again, we're taking the left-hand fork. Be careful now, as this is a road that cars come along in order to park.

As soon as you round the corner, you'll see a wooden sign pointing left. It says 'conservation' on it. You can choose to continue on the road or deviate towards the direction the sign points, to get off the road for a little way. It just misses a section of the road out and you might see some nice wild flowers, but both options end up in the same place, next to the café.



Either way, make sure that when you get to the café you turn left and walk along Mike Mellor Way. It's the path that's between the two bodies of water.

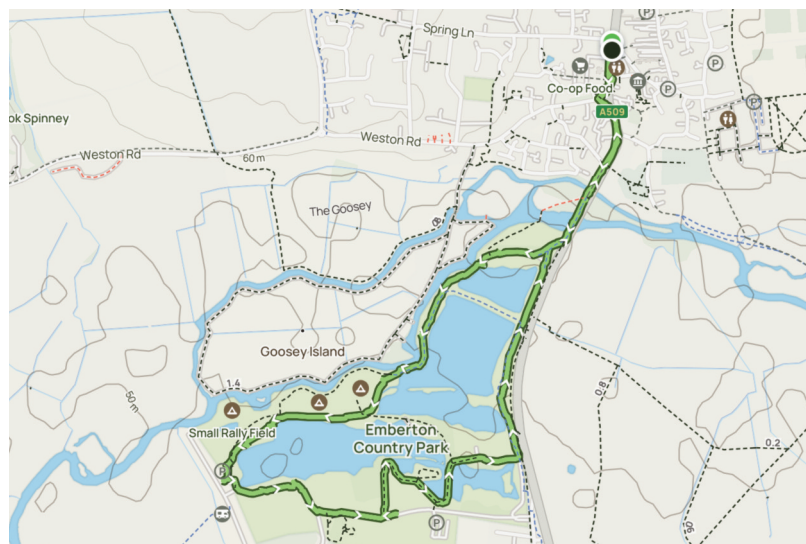


Bear right, always keeping the water to the right, until you rejoin the main path. Follow it at all times until it gets to the crossroads, then take the left.



Now you are on the homeward stretch, returning to where you first entered just by the bridge.

Once there, retrace your steps back to the pub, where a cold refreshing pint or glass of wine will be a wonderful thirst quencher!



Disclaimer: We have taken care to make sure our walk is safe for walkers of a reasonable level of experience and fitness. However, like all outdoor activities, walking carries a degree of risk and we accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal effects, personal accident, injury or public liability whilst following this walk. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies that result from changes to the routes that occur over time. Please let us know of any changes to the routes so that we can correct the information.

Walking Safety: For your safety and comfort we recommend that you take the following with you on your walk: bottled water, snacks (who doesn't love a mid-walk snack), a mobile phone and to wear sensible footwear. If the weather has potential to be a little wet or cold, be sure to carry a waterproof jacket, a woolly hat and maybe a fleece.

Check the weather forecast before you leave, carry appropriate clothing and do not set out in fog or mist as these conditions can seriously affect your ability to navigate the route. Some routes include sections along roads, for these please take care to avoid any traffic at these points. Around farmland take care with children and dogs.