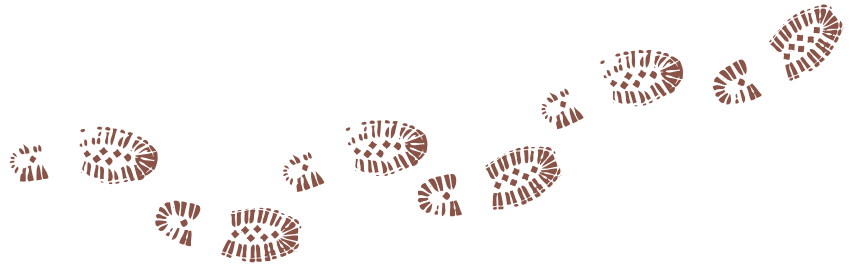


The Greensand Ridge Walk



Walk 5

Sandy to Gamlingay

5.3 miles/8.5km

- 1 Taking care, cross the High Street into **Cherrycroft**. Turn right into Stonecroft and left along an alleyway to the bridge over the East Coast Mainline and onto the **Pinnacle Recreation Ground**. The Greensand Ridge has now been rejoined. Follow the path across the meadow and through the woodland bearing left up the hill.
- 2 Follow the waymarked route around the Pinnacle and turn right to follow **Sand Lane** for 500m to a bridlegate on your left. Head down the ridge through the meadow, and continue on the track, crossing a concrete road to Fernbury Farm.
- 3 At Fernbury Farm leave the Roman Road, turning right to follow a field edge path and continue to follow the path across the meadows climbing up to the village of **Everton**.
- 4 Turn left and follow the road to the Thornton Arms. Following the road to the left of the pub, pass the 12th century church of St. Mary's and cross the parkland around **Woodbury Hall**. At the stile turn right and then immediately left onto a grassed track. Continue on the waymarked path across the Tetworth Estate, passing **Tetworth Hall**.
- 5 At the road (Tetworth Hill) turn right and with care follow the road across the cross roads into the hamlet of **Gamlingay Cinques**. The walk ends at the Wildlife Trust's Cinques Common car park on the right. To connect into Gamlingay where there is a post office, shops and public houses, walk down Cinques Road then turn right to reach the village centre on Church Street. Additional parking and more local facilities can be found at the Eco Hub on Stocks Lane.



Muntjac deer

Sandy

Sandy was once an important Roman centre. Caesar's Camp, near the Pinnacle, is in fact an ancient British fort, which may have been used by the Romans. Galley Hill, further south, dates back to the Iron Age, over 2000 years ago. These forts were strategically located on the edge of the greensand ridge, overlooking the lower land at the break in the ridge.

Tempsford Airfield

Tempsford Airfield was very important in World War 2 as it was used extensively by the Special Operations Executive for dropping agents and equipment in German occupied Europe. Much of the airfield has now reverted to agricultural land.

Sandy Heath Transmitter

The Sandy Heath Transmitter is visible from much of east Bedfordshire. It transmits TV and radio programmes and is also used for both mobile and terrestrial telephone links. The land around the transmitter has been quarried and is being restored to heathland.

Hassells Hedge

Hassells Hedge is an ancient boundary which follows the route of the Baldock – Sandy – Godmanchester Roman Road.



Gamlingay

The village of Gamlingay on the Cambridgeshire/Central Bedfordshire border dates back to Neolithic times, with stone tools having been found here. The village is unusual in that it has been owned and administered by one Oxford college, Merton; and two Cambridge colleges, Downing and Clare, in almost continuous succession since 1599.

Woodbury Park

Woodbury Park was once owned by Downing College, Cambridge. At the end of the 17th century its timbered parkland was valued at £3,300.

St Mary's Church, Everton

St Mary's Church in Everton is an unusually complete example of a late Norman church, built with an ironstone tower.

