

# ROCKINGHAM FOREST WALKERS

The Castle Meander - 12km

Permanent trail no: PT237

BWF Grade 2

Start/Finish:-

New Sun Inn, 20 High Street,  
Kimbolton, Cambridgeshire PE28 0HA

Explorer Map 225 Grid TL:099/677

Entry fee £1 - No award

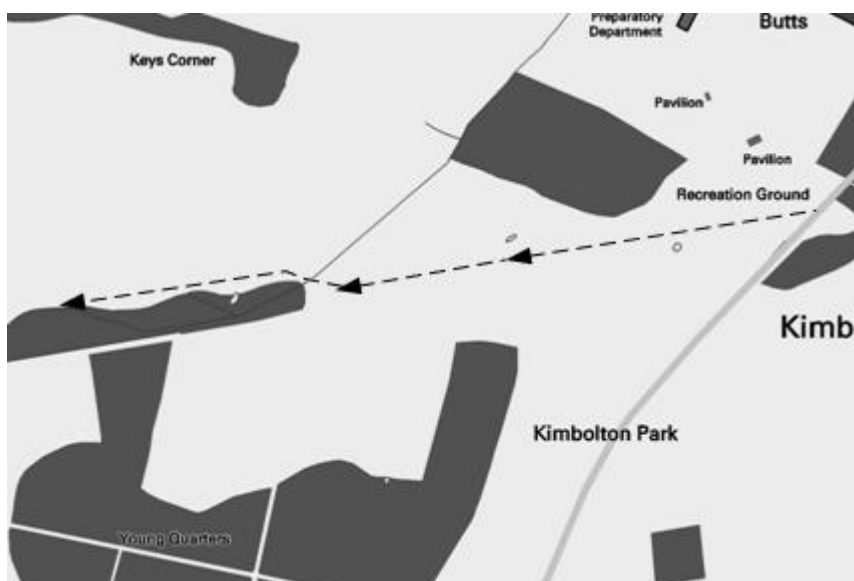
No public transport to venue



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A delightful walk starting from the quaint village of Kimbolton, best known for its castle which was the sad final home of King Henry VIII's first queen, Catherine of Aragon. This charming walk meanders across the exquisite Cambridgeshire countryside and passes through the castle parkland on the last leg.

The Walk: Before you start make sure you have not parked in a 30 minute parking space! (Alternative parking in Pound Lane PE28 OHR and start from \*\*). From the front of the New Sun Inn, cross the wide street with care then turn right. On the bend opposite the church turn left into Grass Yard, after 25 metres turn right passing No.11 Ryelands on your left. Follow public footpath around passing fire station on your right, through zigzag to exit next to 10 Castle Gardens. Turn left and continue ahead into Pound Lane.



\*\* Continue head to the sports fields on right, go through gap in short white fence and follow the footpath (FP) sign  $\frac{1}{2}$  left across the grass aiming for halfway between the rugby H post and the broken post, through the rough ground to right of tree to field edge. See map.

Continue across the centre of the crop field. Follow the Public Foot Path arrow and ahead with trees and hedges on left.

### **Q1. When you enter Honeywell Wood, what colour is the Waymarker arrow?**

Enter into Honeyhill Wood keeping ahead on a rubble hard track, exit from the wood, continue ahead to cross the field aiming for the marker post to reach the lane (Byway).

TL along lane to the corner of wood on your right, follow the lane left then right to reach a junction, TR following the green Byway fingerpost, go around the metal barrier. Wood again on your right. 24 metres after the lane bends left, TL through gap in hedge, over plank bridge following hidden YWM. [If you reach the gate for Spanoak Wood you have overshot, retrace back for 39 steps].

TR and go down the wide field edge with the hedges on right. After 200 metres TR over the concrete bridge, up the field following YWM, hedge on right. Continue straight ahead for 1.3km to reach road by farm buildings.

Cross road with care, TL along road edge for 287m to just after the bend to a FP sign on right, go through gap into field then  $\frac{1}{2}$  L across field to far corner to cross wooden bridge. TR following YWP, continue along field edge for 1.6km, keeping the stream on your right (divert left around vicious nettle patch).

### **Q2. How many sleepers are they in the bridge you cross over?**

Aim for the white farmhouse at Pertenhall. Go left and right around white farmhouse, follow waymarker arrow on barn wall to get back on track (not through farmyard) and out to road.

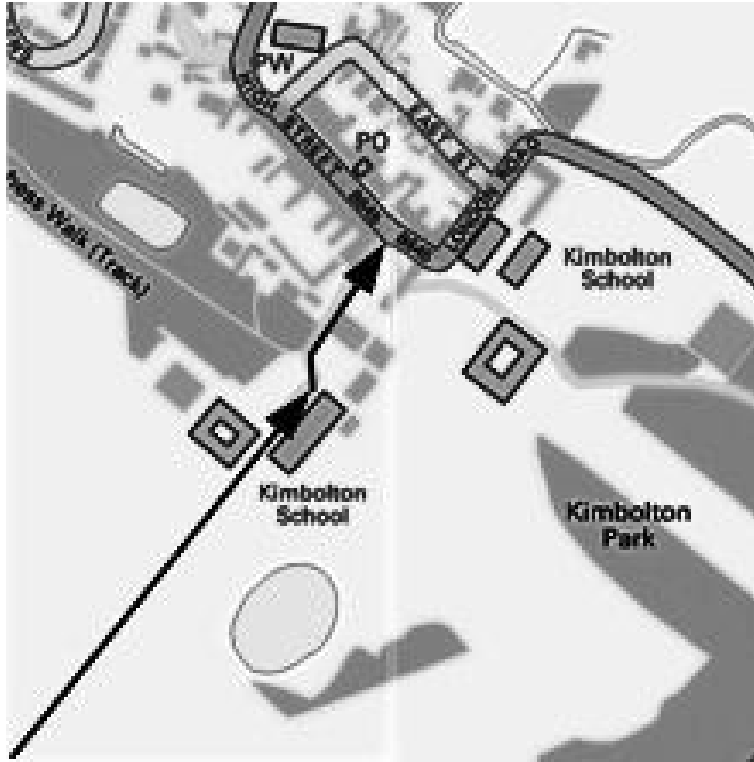
At the road turn right, continue ahead over white-railed bridge, at grass triangle in road turn left, ahead along narrow road. At end of road with give-way line turn left along grass verge keeping behind bollards. At the red post box with FP sign turn left and through gap at side of gate towards church. At church go around either side to rear, go through the graveyard and ahead along grass track with trees on both sides. Further on over concrete bridge/ stile and ahead up field with hedge on left, through wooden kissing gate.

Up field with hedge on left, through wooden gate, cross road with care and through gap at side of gate, follow new FP signs around path. Through kissing gate on right, go  $\frac{1}{2}$  left across field to go through black metal kissing gate and over gravel drive to road. Turn left along lane for 136 metres, at the end of the lane turn right passing next to green barrier, follow the FP sign. Continue along field edge keeping hedge and trees on right, at field edge jink through gap still heading in same direction with hedge on right.

### **Q3. At the gap, what does the sign say?**

After 729 metres you reach a wide track with a large wood in front of you. Turn right to pass farmhouse and buildings on your right.

At the cross tracks continue ahead for 60 metres then go  $\frac{1}{2}$  right across the field passing a lone tree. Continue in this direction until you reach the waymarker post at the edge of Kimbolton School/ Castle.



The public footpath through the school grounds is shown so please don't wander off breaching security.

Exit the grounds between the stone gate pillars and ahead to the High Street (if the gates are closed follow the signed diversion), turn left and back to the New Sun Inn.

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