

# ROCKINGHAM FOREST WALKERS



Peterborough City Trail - 10km

Permanent trail no: PT208  
BWF Grade 1



Start/Finish:-

Gordon Arms PH, 527 Oundle Road,  
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire,  
PE2 7DH

Explorer Map 227 / Grid TL 170969

Entry fee £1 - No award  
Bus & national train on route

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This delightful walk takes you through the city of Peterborough, a historically important, attractive and thriving market town nestling in the English countryside.

Originally known as Medeshamstede, Peterborough has been a centre for Christian worship for over 1300 years with the first abbey being founded in 655.

Towering majestically above the city centre stands the third abbey, founded in 1118, now the city's Cathedral. This beautiful building keeps guard over the bustling city centre and bears witness to the many fascinating events that have taken place over the centuries. The Cathedral's West Front is breathtaking and the building as a whole is one the finest examples of Norman architecture in Europe. The Cathedral is worth a visit to Peterborough in itself!

**The Walk:** Exit the pub, turn right to go under bridge to traffic lights. Turn right in to Orton Mere, follow the path to pass the car park on the left. At blue sign turn right to Woodston and City Centre, passing a signal box and station building (Orton Mere) on left and follow path under road bridge, then downhill to a fork in the path. Turn right over bridge towards City Centre sign, turn left and follow path to cross two railway tracks.

Turn right to follow path with railway line on your right, follow path to Railworld railway museum.

**Question 1 - As you pass under the Railworld Footbridge there is a triangular height warning sign. What is the number on this sign?**

Follow path with river on left to pass under railway bridge, and continue to turn left and cross footbridge over the river. At the end of the bridge cross road and pass to the right of the ASDA store (toilets available here) and at brown information centre sign turn right along passage to emerge into Bridge Street. Turn left to cross main road (Bourges Boulevard) to continue on Bridge Street to Natwest Bank, turn right to Cathedral Gateway.

**Question 2 - On the Peterborough Cathedral Welcome Sign at what times are the Cathedral Precincts open?**

With your back to the Cathedral Gate ahead to the building with 3 arches, cross to left hand side to pass Barclays Bank. Go along Church Street and Cowgate to the roundabout. Turn left [2] to underpass (Railway Station) down steps or ramp ahead to pass under two road bridges (follow signs to station), at junction turn left to road. Turn right [1] over blue bridge, crossing to other side when safe to do so and follow road to roundabout. At roundabout turn left and follow road to pass Ramada Hotel on left and green Thorpe Meadows sign on right.

Continue straight ahead on footpath with rowing mile on left. At the end continue ahead to T-junction of paths.

**Question 3 - In front of you there is a sign post pointing left and right - what 3 destinations can you go to if you turn right here ?**

Turn left here, and follow path to cross footbridge over River Nene at the lock. Continue to cross railway line and continue straight ahead, passing car park on your right to retrace your steps to the start.

**\*To join route at mainline railway station:** - Exit station turn right and at blue sign turn right to city centre/ hospital, go under arch (City Centre & Cathedral 600 yards) pass multi-storey car park and at junction turn to the right to cross blue bridge. Join route at [1]

**\*\*To join route at bus station:** - Exit bus station at Cowgate exit. Cross road & continue ahead on path passing M&S building, continue ahead to cross Cowgate to underpass. Join route at [2]

The Gordon Arms provides a good food menu at reasonable prices.

We hope you have enjoyed your walk. Have a safe journey home. Route checked & updated Route checked and updated 16th December 2018

When you have finished the walk please send your answers on a Permanent Trail Entry Form, your IVV cards, payment of £1.00 per walker (please make cheques payable to **Rockingham Forest Walkers**) and a stamped addressed envelope for return of cards to:

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