

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 of 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 (TR) under bridge to traffic lights. TR into Orton Mere, follow path to pass car park on left. At blue sign, TR to Woodston and City Centre, passing a signal box and station building (Orton Mere) on left and follow the path under road bridge to fork in path. TR over bridge towards City Centre sign, turn left (TL) and follow path to cross over both railway lines.

Turn R to follow path, now with railway on R, follow through to railway museum (Railworld). Lookout for the silver "Railworld Footbridge" over the river. Follow the path through to join river on your left and carry on and go under the mainline railway bridge.

Continue to river footbridge. TL over footbridge and down to road, cross with ASDA shop on left. (Toilets and reasonable priced hot drinks available at ASDA). At brown information centre sign TR down passage to Bridge Street. TL to road crossing, (Bourges Boulevard) cross road to continue on Bridge St. passing Waterstones, continue along right-hand side to NatWest Bank. TR through arch towards Cathedral.

Question 1 How many crosses are there on the shield on the Peterborough Cathedral sign fixed to the arch?

Retrace steps under arch and ahead towards building with 3 Arches, cross to LHS passing Barclays Bank go along Church St. and Cowgate to roundabout. TL to [2] underpass (Railway Station) down steps or ramp ahead to pass under two road bridges (signs to Station) at junction TL round to road. TR over [1] blue bridge and continue to crossing. Cross road WITH CARE and continue in same direction to roundabout. At roundabout TL and follow road round to right to pass Ramada Hotel on L and green Thorpe Meadows sign on R.

Straight ahead on footpath beside rowing mile, at end of water go ahead to junction of paths, TL (Orton, Ferry Meadows) and follow path to R and pass under road bridge. After 20 metres at junction of paths TL and follow round to cross the footbridge over the River Nene.

Question 2 What is the name on the lock adjacent to the footbridge?

Cross the railway line (Beware of Trains) go straight ahead with lake on R. On reaching the main road TL at traffic lights and back to the pub. (Now go to the start of the route description if you joined at the railway or bus stations and leave the route at your start point.)

***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 31/01/16

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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