



9km/5.75m walk approx. 2 hours

Terrain: Mostly flat with some muddy fields after rain. After heavy rain some paths may be partially flooded. This walk involves walking through fields, footpaths and mostly minor roads.

1 Starting from junction of Grove Road and Newbridge Road, go into Park Drive, keep right and continue up Park Lane. After 700yds, cross footbridge over Layer Brook and continue straight up field edge, then green lane again.

2 Exit onto road, turn right and continue to T- junction with Barnhall Rd.3 (**DANGER: fast traffic**). Turn right for 100yds then take footpath on left through gap in hedge just before houses. Follow field edge 100yds then turn right into path between garden fences. Exit into paddock (can flood) and keep hedge on left and exit far side through gap in corner into Rectory Rd.4

Left along road then right across old railway bridge and bear right into footpath in front of houses. Continue through stile and between fence and hedges to stile at far end, then straight along track over field and Wilkins' camp site to gate onto road at Oxley Hill 5 (**DANGER: fast traffic and blind corner**).

Right along the road 200yds ignoring the first left marked footpath beside bungalow, **the permissive route is no longer available to the water tower**. Continue along the road to the second marked footpath on the left onto Green Lane, marked by a dotted line on the map, passing the Water tower, marked no 6 on the map. Continue to Tudwick Rd. 7

Left into road and after 200yds right into marked footpath between paddock and garden fence. 8 Straight for 25 yds then bear left and follow fence for 100yds turn right (10 yds before gate on left) into narrow path between hedges (some parts flood). Continue 500yds to bridge over ditch, cross and turn right 9 along field edge to corner then left keeping wood on right. Past gap and along left of hedge and ditch, then cross bridge 10 through gap and along right of hedge to end of field.

11 Through gap and turn right along field edge to end, then continue straight into track and along to cross track. 12 (this is a Permissive path)

Turn right and continue across stream and almost up to walled yard. 13 Follow track around to right then through gap in wall and left along track. Continue into Cherry Chase and to Station Road 14 (**DANGER: fast traffic**). Cross road to footpath, follow to end and turn right into Gladstone Road and then left into Caxton Close. Follow road to the end to Church Road 15. Turn left to mini roundabout and right into New Road by Barclays Bank. Follow to end of New Road and turn right into Newbridge Road. 16 (**DANGER: fast traffic**) to beginning.

