

Grendon – Local Walks



Walk Description

Title: Billing Aquadrome – Ecton Brook – Billing Brook

Map: OS Explorer 223

Distance: 5 Miles

No Stiles

Ascent: 145

Start: The Quays - Crow Lane - Little Billing - Northampton - NN3 9DA – MapRef SP 81178 61436 (Please ask for permission to park at the pub)

- 1) Facing away from **The Quays** – Bear LEFT to a roundabout – Cross over and take an unmarked footpath to the RIGHT – Follow the path to **Ravens Way** – Cross over and **keep to the LEFT** – The path rises to a bridge over the A45 road and meets **Fishponds Road** – Turn RIGHT and walk to **Palmer Square** on the RIGHT – Head to the LEFT hand corner and pass through into **Gervase Square** – Turn RIGHT and walk to **Station Road** – Turn LEFT and walk on **Station Road** to a footpath on the RIGHT at **MapRef SP 81268 62350**. The path rises to a bridge over Great Billing Way – The path now has houses on the left and a playing field on the right – It bears left to meet **Ecton Brook Road** – Turn RIGHT and walk past **Ecton Brook Primary School** on the right to **Ecton Brook**. (1¼ Miles)
- 2) On reaching the brook turn LEFT and follow the clear path by the brook until you reach a pond – Bear LEFT on to a hard path and walk uphill away from the brook – Continue on the path ignoring any side paths – Pass under Billing Brook Way and Great Billing Way – Walk into **Billing Pocket Park** – Carry straight on to the **High Street**. (2 Miles)
- 3) Bear slightly LEFT and cross over into **Church Walk** – Follow Church Walk into **Billing Park** – Look for a Kissgate in front of you and pass through into an avenue of trees - Follow the avenue through the park until you meet **Fishponds Road**. Cross over and turn RIGHT go over **Billing Brook** and look for a footpath on the LEFT. Follow the path with the brook on the left. Keep the brook on the left until you reach a bridge – Cross over and turn RIGHT now walk with the brook on the right – Continue on the path keeping the brook on the right until you reach **Manorfield Road**. (3¼ Miles)
- 4) Cross over and continue on under the A45 road and keep straight on through the gate into **Billing Aquadrome** – Walk to a road and turn RIGHT over **Billing Brook** – Turn RIGHT and follow the road through the aquadrome following the waymarked footpath signs. After 200m bear RIGHT then LEFT and follow the road to a fork – Take the RIGHT fork – Cross over the next road then walk between the caravans to the **River Nene**. (4 Miles)

- 5) Turn LEFT and with the river on the right walk to a bridge over the river. Turn LEFT (**do not go over the bridge**) and follow the road to a bridge on the RIGHT – Cross over – “**The Venue**” is in front of you and marina to the right bear LEFT and then RIGHT and follow the road to the aquadrome entrance. Pass through out of the park and walk to the roundabout – Turn RIGHT back to the start

Refreshments – Billing Aquadrome – The Quays

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