

DISTANCE
3.2 miles / 5.14 km
/ 8000 steps



ELEVATION
371 ft



CALCULATED TIME
Approx 1hr 15 min



DIFFICULTY
Easy

When the Domesday book was written in 1086 the population of Wolverton was 200 inhabitants. There were two mills, Wolverton Mill and Meads Mill, close to the present railway viaduct on the Great Ouse. The mills were valued at 32 shillings and 8 pence during the reign of King Edward (1239 - 1307).

This is a relatively easy walk with no steep inclines, and the only one stile and one lock to cross.

I love this walk as it encompasses so many different things to see. We walk across fields, a country park, along a canal with the famous iron aqueduct, sculptures and even see llamas and a donkey. Discover a hidden village, cross the ancient Iron Trunk Aqueduct and if you are lucky you may spot a heron or two along the river Ouse on the final section of the walk.

WOLVERTON MILL (AG14)



1. Parking the Wolverton Mill Car Park | Wolverton Lane, Off Wolverton Road | Stony Stratford MK12 5PR (free parking). Turn left with the main road behind you.



2. Continue straight until you reach the bridge.



3. Cross the bridge and turn right. There are often cows in this field, but they are friendly ones. Follow the well trodden path until you reach the stile.



4. This is the only stile on the whole route and is rather tall! Look



5. Follow the path keeping the tree to your right.



6. You will soon see a gate. Follow the path that leads along the edge of the field and towards the woods.

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7. Keep an eye out for a gap in the trees, that leads you into the woods. It is a well trodden footpath so should be easy to spot in all seasons.



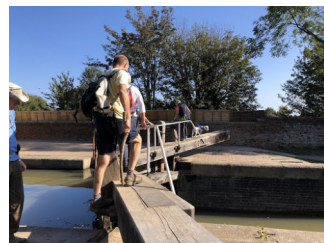
8. Once inside the woods, turn left. There are two left tracks. Both lead to the same point, so you can choose either trail.



9. When you reach a fork in the path, turn right and head up to the canal. If you find yourself back on the field then you have gone too far.



10. When you reach the canal, turn left. You are now making a circular route via a sculpture (hint, photo challenge!), and over the lock.



11. Once you have crossed the lock, turn right. You now have a long pleasant walk along the canal. There are some magnificent boats that have been here for some time. Take your time at the Iron Trunk Aqueduct.



12. If you do not like heights then you may want to cross this quickly! The Iron Trunk Aqueduct was built in 1811, to replace a previous brick structure that had failed. You can read all about the history on the information boards. Continue along the canal until you reach a bridge (with a pub on the right).

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13. Exit to your left.



14. Then turn right, going over the canal and keep the Galleon Pub to your right.



15. You will see a gate that will lead you into a field that often holds livestock. Head for the church and see if you can spot the fairy house that has been created in a tree within the church grounds.

Did you know: You just walked through the site of Wolverton Castle which no longer remains!



16. With the church behind you, go through the gate and follow the path around to the left. In front of you is the hidden medieval village (details are on the information board).



17. Through the gate, over the little bridge and turn left. Follow the path until you reach the next gate.



18. Turn left and go over the cattle grid (or through the gate). You are now simply following the same path all the way back to the beginning.

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19. You will emerge onto a T-Junction. Turn left and you will see the car park ahead of you to your right. Or you can turn right and do the whole trail again!

PHOTO CHALLENGE:

Your challenge, should you choose to accept it, is to capture a photo of the fairy house by the church, or a wire art sculpture.



For each Adventure Geek walk we will challenge you to take a photo and upload to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #AGPhotoChallenge.

CAFÉ / PUB BREAK

Visit Wolverton House Stonehouse Pub, Stratford Rd, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5NZ



- Walking distance from the start of the trail.
- Delicious stone baked pizza and hot calvary. Or just a cup of coffee.
- Lovely dog friendly garden and fabulous play area.
- Open 9am-11pm everyday.
- Accepts car payments
- Seating inside and outside