

AG65 - ROADE RAMBLE



DISTANCE

5.2 miles
8.3 km
11200 steps



PRAM FRIENDLY

No, this is not a pram friendly walk.



SMALL DOG FRIENDLY

There is one stile where dog will need to be lifted over.



ESTIMATED TIME

Approx 2hrs



DIFFICULTY

Moderate walk



REFRESHMENTS

Yes. There are numerous pubs and cafes in Roade.



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WALK AUTHOR:

This walk was written and developed for Adventure Geek by Rachel Cooley.

Favourite walk - Buttermere in the Lake District.

Local walk - Braunston Marina canal walks.

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PHOTO CHALLENGE:

Your photo challenge is to find two geocaches and a sundial. Also, see if you can spot a beacon, lots of windmills, lovely brown sheep and a fabulous view of Courteenhall House.



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(to work alongside the photo instructions)

SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO JULIA DOHERTY FOR BEING THE OFFICIAL POINTER IN THIS WALK.

P1. The walk starts at St Mary The Virgin Church, Church End, Roade, Northampton NN7 2NP. (Parking at the end of Butlins Lane, follow the sign that says St Marys Church - parking). For the exact location [click here](#) and then open in Google Maps. Or you could park at the pub and walk around to the church.

1a. With the play park to your right, and the church to your left take the footpath to the left. Follow the path that leads you into Church End. Continue forward.

1b At the junction turn left. You will pass the Post Office and The Cock Pub. (although look out for the photo challenge before you reach the pub)

PHOTO CHALLENGE: On the other side of the road look out for a “round stone”.

To find out more about geocaching, visit geocaching.com. Open the cache, write in the log book, then re-hide in the same place for others to find.



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1c. Cross the road at the zebra crossing opposite the Cock Pub and follow the path past the pub



1d Continue on the path via the Methodist Church on your right.



1e. Cross the road at the school, turn right and continue onwards (keeping the school to your left)



2. Stay on the left side of the road, passing the War Memorial on your right. Continue forward.



2a. As you approach the T and H Newsagent on the left, you will need to cross the road to join the footpath on the opposite side where you see the sign Burman Court. Cross the road (take care crossing near the bend) and follow the footpath sign.



2b. Check out those lovely new build houses. Head through the opening and into the open field. Continue onwards.

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3. At the brick bridge follow the footpath on a gentle incline.



3a. At the next hedge line continue forwards. Keeping the hedge to your left side.



3b. At the 2nd telegraph pole, continue forwards.

You have now walked just over 1 mile.



3c. Over the wooden bridge and over the next field, continue directly forwards, a 12 o'clock position from the bridge.



4. At the next hedge line, you will see a signpost with a disc pointing left, turn left and head towards the big green barn in the distance.



4a Over the stile and continue onwards towards the barn. Say hello to the horses!

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4b. Another stile, head through the farm passing the barn.



4c Cross the road and follow the Bridleway signpost, keep the hedgerow to your right side.



4d. At the signpost continue forwards towards the wind turbines. You will shortly see on your right in the distance, The Windmills which is a natural green burial site that opened in 2020. You can find out more here <https://www.windmillnaturalgreenburial.co.uk>



5. As you reach this hedgerow turn left and continue onwards. There is a signpost with a disc.



6. Over the wooden bridge and continue onwards.

You have now walked 2.5 miles



6a. Over the next wooden bridge and continue forwards.

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6b. As you reach 'Fox Covert', continue forwards.



7. As you reach the next signpost with a disc, turn left passing through the gap next to the gate at the end of the lane and continue onwards.



7a. Keep the hedgeline to your right side as the footpath slightly curves to the right.



8. Follow the footpath to your right, continue forwards.



8a. Follow the footpath on a slight descent.



8b. You will reach a track, follow the track to your right.

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PHOTO CHALLENGE. Welcome to the village of Courteenhall. Can you spot sundial?



8c At the sundial, turn left and follow the road up to the St Peter and St Paul Church.



9. Welcome to the Church. Take a look around and visit the church if it's open.



PHOTO CHALLENGE. Make sure you take in the fabulous view of the Courteenhall Estate from the Church's graveyard. Wonderful views!



You have now walked 4 miles.



9a. Retrace your steps from the Church to the sundial and telephone box in Courteenhall village, follow the track where you came from earlier.



9b. Take the signpost pointing to the right, through the metal gate and over the stile.

This is your opportunity to see the lovely and unusual brown sheep.

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9c. Head over the field and over the next stile, walk towards the treeline.



9d As you follow the treeline, a footpath will soon appear on your right side, take that footpath and continue forwards.



9e. Pass the old barn and follow the treeline, keep the treeline to your right.

PHOTO CHALLENGE: Can you find the 2nd geocache? The hint is “under a log”. Check out the photo for your clue.



10. As you reach the end of the treeline, you will see a signpost with a disc. Turn left and head over the field. You will see Roade Village & the Water Tower in the distance.



10a Continue onwards towards Roade village.

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10b. Exit the field and follow the track towards the main road. At the main road you will be turning left then right back towards your start point.



10c Head towards Butlins Lane/Church Car Park signpost... nearly there!



10d. Yippee! You made it. Well done and you can now put another sticker in your AG passport. Finally, support a local business and treat yourself at the Roade House which does great hot drinks and yummy cakes.

If there are any changes that need to be made to this walk, then please let me know. Email: julia@adventuregeek.co.uk or submit your feedback using [this form](#). Thank you.



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