

LITTLE PAXTON WALKS

WALKS KEY



Green walks are accessible for push chairs and wheelchairs. Unless found in the Short Walks section, walks last approximately 60 minutes.



Moderate walks last 30 to 60 minutes over 2 to 3 miles. Mixture of pathways and grass tracks. May include stiles or kissing gates. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.



Moderate walks with the option of a shorter easier route if desired. Mixture of pathways and grass tracks. May include stiles or kissing gates. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.



Advanced walks last 60 to 90 minutes over 3 to 4 miles. Mixture of pathways and grass tracks. May include stiles or kissing gates. Not suitable for new walkers, wheelchairs or buggies.



Advanced walks with the option of a short/moderate route if desired. Mixture of pathways and grass tracks. May include stiles or kissing gates. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.

Little Paxton Stroll

Meeting Point: Paxton Pits Nature Reserve PE19 6ET

Time: 60 mins

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Road/Street Crossings, Mud

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Turn right out of car park along High street and into Hayling Avenue. Follow Hayling Avenue till it arrives back at High Street. Turn left and proceed to and into Gordon Road	
2.	After 20 yards or so take the path on the left and follow it all the way to the T Junction with the Ouse Valley Way	Mud
3.	Turn right and follow the track (keeping the river on the immediate LHS). On reaching a metal gate go through onto Hayling Walk	
4.	Follow this path with the river on the left and the houses on the right till reach Mill Lane	
5.	Cross Mill Lane and take the path directly opposite (alongside the lock)	Road Crossing
6.	Take the first path on the right up to the street and turn left, go into the car park	Street Crossings
7.	Keep to the right on entering the car park and turn right at the path between the houses	
8.	Proceed up the street (Samuel Jones Crescent) to Tortoiseshell Walk and turn right	
9.	Follow the path to Samuel Jones Crescent, turn left and proceed to Mill Lane roundabout	
10.	Cross Mill Lane into Gordon Road and take the second left onto Parkside	Road Crossing
11.	Proceed up Parkside to the T junction, turn right onto Park Avenue	Street Crossings
12.	Cross Park Avenue, turn right then turn left into Park Crescent	
13.	At the T Junction turn right into Little Paxton Lane and within yards cross the street to and into Chestnut Walk	
14.	Proceed to High Street, crossroad, proceed to St James Road and turn left	

15.	Turn right into The Rookery, proceed into the play area, turn left into the playing field	
16.	Keep to the left of the playing fields and proceed to the metal entrance gate at the far side	Mud
17.	Go through the gate, immediately turn right. After 30 yards take track to the left	
18.	Follow this track till it reaches the main track, turn left and follow through to the car park.	

Little Paxton Village

Meeting Point: Paxton Pits Nature Reserve PE19 6ET

Time: 60 mins

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Road/ Street Crossings, Mud

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Turn right out of car park along High Street to and into Hayling Avenue. Follow Hayling Avenue till it arrives back at High Street. Turn left and proceed to and into Gordon Road	
2.	After 20 yards or so take the path on the left and follow it all the way to the T Junction with the Ouse Valley Way	Mud
3.	Turn right and follow the track (keeping the river on the immediate LHS). On reaching a metal gate go through onto Hayling Walk	
4.	Follow this path with the river on the left and the houses on the right till reach Mill Lane	
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9.	Follow the path to Samuel Jones Crescent, turn left and proceed to Mill Lane roundabout	
10.	Cross Mill Lane into Gordon Road and take the second left onto Parkside	Road Crossing
11.	Proceed up Parkside to the T junction, turn right onto Park Avenue	Street Crossings
12.	Cross Park Avenue, turn right then turn left into Park Crescent	
13.	At the T junction turn right into Paxton Lane and within yards cross the street to and into Chestnut Walk	
14.	Proceed to High Street, crossroad, proceed to St James Road and turn left	

15.	Turn right into The Rookery, proceed into the play area, turn left into the playing field	
16.	Keep to the left of the playing fields and proceed to the metal entrance gate at the far side	Mud
17.	Go through the gate, immediately turn right. After 30 yards take track to the left	
18.	Follow this track till it reaches the main track, turn left and follow through to the car park.	

Reserve Ramble

Meeting Point: Paxton Pits Nature Reserve Car park, PE19 6ET

Time: 60 minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Traffic, tree roots, mud, water's edge.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Turn right out of car park onto the quarry road past the entrance to Paxton Lakes Sailing Club and on to the access road to South Lake Ski School and Boughton Lodge.	Traffic
2.	Bear right and follow the footpath that runs parallel to the access road.	
3.	At the fork in the path turn right and follow the path clockwise round the lake.	Tree roots Slippery
4.	Turn right to follow the path between two lakes and continue as the path bears right.	Tree roots Slippery
5.	At the clearing follow the path left to the entrance to the Sailing Club and turn left on the track back to the quarry road.	Traffic
6.	Turn left and follow the road back through the car park and then follow the signs for Heron Trail.	Traffic
7.	Cross the road at the crossing, go through the kissing gate and continue along the track past the Environmental Education Centre (still following Heron Trail).	Traffic
8.	Continue past Hayden Hide, the observation platform and Kingfisher Hide. Join the grass path ahead past the information board on the left.	
9.	Turn right to follow the footpath signed Ouse Valley Way/River Trail. At the junction follow the Permissive Path straight on (ignoring the Ouse Valley Way which turns left just before the grazing fields).	
10.	Bear right at the metal gate, follow the path. At the end turn left through the gap in the hedge.	
11.	Keep following the path to the right to re-join the main track.	
12.	Turn left and follow the path back past the Environmental Education Centre, through the kissing gate and back to the Visitor Centre and car park.	Traffic

Three Lakes Walk

Meeting Point: Paxton Pits Nature Reserve Car Park, PE19 6ET

Time: 60 minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Uneven ground, traffic, tree roots, mud, water's edge.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Leave the car park following the signs for Heron Trail.	Traffic
2.	Cross the road at the crossing, turn left towards Little Paxton Quarry and go through the kissing gate.	
3.	Follow the path alongside Haul Road, cross a bridge over a stream, continue a little further then follow a grass path as it forks to the left.	
4.	Turn left at the entrance to Little Paxton Quarry and follow the gravel track.	Uneven ground Mud
5.	At the junction, turn left along a track with a lake on the right.	Rough road Mud
6.	After 500m ignore the path to the right. Continue along the track with the Water-Skiing Lake on your right.	Uneven ground
7.	Continue along the track as it bends to the right and meets up with the road coming from the direction of the A1.	
8.	Where the road and track meet, turn left onto a small path into woodland. The third lake, the Sailing Lake, will be ahead of you.	
9.	Ignoring two small paths to the right, continue to follow the path clockwise round the third lake.	Tree roots Slippery
10.	Turn right to follow the path between two lakes and continue as the path bears right.	Tree roots Slippery
11.	At the clearing follow the path left to the entrance to the Sailing Club and turn left on the track back to the quarry road.	Traffic
12.	Turn left and follow the road back to the car park.	Traffic

Great Paxton Walk

Meeting Point: The Bell, High Street, Great Paxton PE19 6RF

Time: 60 – 70 minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Mud, Tree Roots, Street/Road Crossings, Inclines

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Turn right out of the car park and cross High Street into London Lane.	Road Crossing
2.	Proceed up London Lane and then onto the Public Footpath immediately ahead NB Much of London Lane has no footpath but the traffic is very light	Incline
3.	Follow the Public Footpath to a concrete road, turn right (disregard the public footpath signs) and follow this permissive private road towards College Farm	Mud
4.	Proceed up towards College Farm. Nearing College Farm take either: a) the Public Footpath signposted diagonally across to the opposite corner of field, heading towards the wind turbines, bear left and proceed onto the Permissive path ahead or b) continue up to the corner of the field and turn left onto the Public Footpath (no obvious signpost) running in front of the farm buildings and proceed to the Permissive path	
5.	Cross the field using the Permissive Path then bear left continuing to follow the Permissive path down to High Street.	
6.	Recross High Street opposite Adams Lane.	
7.	Proceed up Adams Lane and turn left into Rectory Close	Road Crossings
8.	Still on Rectory Close turn right at the sign for Mount Pleasant etc. Proceed to Bishops Way	Inclines
9.	Turn right into Bishops Way and proceed to the field hedge, turn right onto the footpath towards Adams Lane.	Road Crossings
10.	Turn right to follow Adams Lane back to Rectory Close. Turn left into and cross Twogood Way. Proceed to London Lane, turn right and head back to High Street	
11.	Cross High Street and turn right back to the Bell	