






ST IVES 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.

Bluntisham Walk

Meeting Point: Bluntisham Recreation Ground, Mill Lane, Bluntisham, PE28 3LR.

Time: 60 minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Terrain is mostly grassy- with a possibility of some mud after wet weather- and metalled paths.

Crossing of the busy A1123 between Bluntisham and Earith must be completed with caution.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Right turn from car park on to Mill Lane/East Street. Continue ahead to the junction with Colne Road.	
2.	Left turn into alleyway beside Christmas Cottage opposite the junction. Continue ahead to T junction at end of footpath.	
3.	Right turn into footpath, cemetery wall on the right-hand side. Continue to High Street. Left into High Street. Continue ahead to junction with Station Road (A1123).	
4.	Right turn into Station Road. Continue ahead until parallel with the bus shelter on the opposite side of the road.	
5.	Cross road, with caution, and turn into the adjacent footpath marked 'Ouse Valley Way, Brownhills Staunch'.	
6.	Ahead on the footpath and right along the side of two fields until reaching river flood bank. Left along the flood bank, river on the right side and Berry Fen on the left side until reaching the next footpath on the left after the wildlife area.	
7.	Left on to grass track until reaching the A1123 cycle/pedestrian path.	
8.	Right turn on to cycle/pedestrian, towards Earith, until parallel with a footpath sign on the opposite side of the road.	
9.	Cross road, with caution, on to a grassed footpath and proceed slightly uphill until reaching the kissing gate at the top left.	
10.	Proceed through gate on to Mill Lane and the Recreation Ground.	

Crystal Lakes

Meeting Point: Chapel on the Bridge, St. Ives, PE27 5UW

Time: 60 minutes

Grade: Two/Moderate

Significant hazards to be aware of:

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Head out of St Ives past the Dolphin Hotel and proceed over the causeway keeping to the left-hand side.	
2.	Turn left just before the row of houses and follow public footpath sign	
3.	Access Wilhorn Meadows through the kissing gate and continue to follow footpath, going under the bypass bridge.	
4.	Turn right towards the boatyard, crossing over the wooden bridge through the weeping willows.	
5.	At the entrance/exit to boat yard turn left onto Low road. After 50m turn left and proceed towards the lock.	
6.	Just before the lock turn right and follow footpath along to river on the left-hand side.	
7.	After 500m cross over footbridge and turn right following footpath over the style.	
8.	Go over style at junction with Low road, turn right and head back towards St Ives keeping to the pavement on the right-hand side of Low Road.	
9.	Turn right at the entrance of the boatyard then turn left and proceed around boatyard with the water on your right.	
10.	Exit Wilhorn Meadow through the kissing gate. Continue the footpath turning right on to the causeway.	
11.	Continue ahead passing the Dolphin Hotel and return to the Chapel on the Bridge.	

Earith

Meeting Point: Old River View Tea Room, 37 High Street, Earith, PE28 3PP

Time: 50-60mins

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: River, Traffic.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	With your back to the tearoom, turn left towards the river. Cross the road towards Bridge End & walk diagonally across the grass area to a gap in the trees.	Traffic
2.	Follow the footpath along the river (river on your RHS) Go through the gate at the end & follow the path to the left-hand side.	River
3.	Cross the style & go through the gate towards the Industrial estate. Keep walking & turn right. Be careful of industrial traffic.	Industrial traffic
4.	Continue walking towards Fenland Fisheries & then past it. Continue walking taking the muddy lane straight ahead.	
5.	Take the public footpath on the left, sticking to the left. (RHS is private property)	
6.	Continue along the path, & through the kissing gate & turn left. Keeping walking so that the caravan park is on your LHS.	
7.	Cross the road so you are now walking along Cooks Drove on the RHS where the path is.	
8.	At the end of the road, follow the road round to the right. Cross the road before the play park so you are now on the playing field.	
9.	Cross the playing field & car park & turn right & return to the tearoom. (Car Park opposite)	

Fenstanton – Dry route

(To avoid flooding)

Meeting Point: Chequers Street, Fenstanton,

Time: 60 mins

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Traffic

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Come out of the Car Park and turn left. Turn right down Chequers Close.	Traffic
2.	Cross the road to enter Swan Road. Walking with the black railings on your right-hand side.	
3.	Turn left so you are now walking on the High Street.	
4.	Keep walking, crossing the mini roundabouts, walking towards the A14. Turn left at the junction walking towards Fen Drayton.	
5.	Continue until the end of the road, cross the road, following the public footpath through the field.	
6.	The path then enters the housing estate – keep following the path.	
7.	Turn left at the footpath junction walking through the churchyard.	
8.	Coming out of the church yard, turn right & head down Church Lane.	
9.	At the end of the lane, turn left, head straight & you'll be back at the car park on your right-hand side.	

Hemingford Grey

Meeting Point: Chapel on the Bridge, St. Ives, PE27 5UW

Time: 75 -90 minutes

Grade: Red/Advanced

Significant hazards to be aware of:

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Turn right onto the footpath past the Dolphin Hotel signed Hemingford Grey.	
2.	Bear right onto the meadow, towards the river. Walk along the river towards the top left-hand corner of the meadow.	
3.	When you reach the trees go through the kissing gate on your right leading to Hemingford Grey.	
4.	Once through the kissing gate, follow the path leading into Meadow Lane.	
5.	Bear left into Mill Lane. Continue walking until you reach Church Street.	
6.	Turn left, walking past a public telephone into High Street.	
7.	Turn left into St Ives Road, staying on the left-hand side. Walk past the shop on the right and the primary school on the left	
8.	Turn into Filberts Walk turn left into London Road and head over the Causeway to the Dolphin Hotel and to return to the chapel of the bridge.	

Hemingford Meadow

Meeting Point: Axe and Compass Pub in Hemingford Abbots (Park on the road or in pub carpark)

Time: 1 Hour

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Walking beside traffic / on the road. Cows in fields. Muddy fields. Walking along side streams.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	With the pub behind you walk to the left, past Quiet Waters caravan park then turn left onto the public footpath.	No footpath so beware of traffic
2.	Continue to follow this path across the fields continuing alongside the river into Hemingford Grey.	Could be cows on the field.
3.	At the roundabout take the footpath on the right into Normans Court keeping straight; go through the footpath onto the football field.	
4.	Keeping to the left go across towards traffic.	Traffic
5.	At the road turn left on footpath. Go to the corner then go straight across here between the houses follow the path past more houses, to the right-hand corner where there is a narrow pathway go along here and it comes out opposite Marsh Lane.	Traffic
6.	Turn right & take the road called Long Lane in the direction of the A14. Follow this to the end turn right at the bottom and walk towards the road.	Keep to the right of fence
7.	Turn right onto the road and go round the bend just before the Hemingford village sign turn left onto field. Follow the footpath round the edge of the field.	Traffic
8.	At the end of the path go right through the small gap in the bushes and after 20 yards or so turn left then left again and follow the footpath.	Muddy and there's a pond here so can be slippery.
9.	Follow round the edge of a field then there's a path that goes diagonally across the field - follow this path and it comes out onto the road.	Muddy
10.	Turn left & continue along the road until you can cross over onto the High Street. Turn left and follow the road back to start.	Beware of traffic

Hill Rise

Meeting Point: One Leisure Outdoor Centre, St Ives, PE27 6SJ

Time: 60 minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: As most of the route is off road I think the mud, tree roots and other slips and trips are the main hazards.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Leave c/park by tarmac path (toward Garner Drive).	
2.	Through second wooden gate on to football/cricket field.	
3.	Follow fence and then hedge (on left) around field, over the bank and then through the double gates in the fir hedge ahead into the running track area.	
4.	Keep left and leave through the double gates ahead.	
5.	Keeping hedge on the left cross next field until wooden fence reached.	
6.	Turn right along fence until stile near bottom of field.	
7.	Cross stile, turn left along bank to top of field and small wooden gate.	
8.	Through gate into the Top Plantation, turn right through wooded area, follow path until exit.	
9.	A short way ahead is a 5-bar gate. Proceed through into field.	
10.	Follow mown path (keep hedge on left) around to bottom of field until exit by the allotments.	
11.	Turn second left and follow the perimeter path (two right turns) around the allotments until a small metal gate can be seen ahead.	
12.	Pass through gate and turn immediately left on to grassed path (allotments and cemetery on left, hedge on right).	
13.	Carry on until wooden bridge on right.	
14.	Turn right into The Long Plantation and carry on to the end of the path at Alabama Way, California Road and the Outdoor Centre.	

Holywell

Meeting Point: Car park at Pike and Eel Pub, Needingworth, PE27 4TW

Time: 60-90 minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of:

	Route Instruction	Hazard
1.	As you leave the car park with the Pike and Eel and the river behind you, turn right onto the footpath along the top of the flood bank.	
2.	Follow the path for approximately one mile along the riverbank until you reach the 'Ferry Boat Inn' at Holywell.	
3.	Continue ahead along the road in front of the cottages and follow the road to the church.	
4.	From here you can see the 'Holywell' to the left of the church which is how the village received its name.	
5.	Continue along the road until you approach a 'T' Junction and turn right.	
6.	Continue straight ahead ignoring the road to Needingworth on the left until you come to the riverside.	
7.	Turn left in front of the 'Ferry Boat Inn' and re-join the path along the flood bank.	
8.	Continue ahead for approximately one mile returning to the Pike and Eel car park.	

Houghton & Wyton

Meeting Point: National Trust Car Park, Houghton, PE28 2AZ

Time: 60 mins

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of:

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Starting at the car park, head down Mill Street towards the clock tower. On your left-hand side will be the Church, pass through the Church yard to Chapel Street.	
2.	Turn left & follow footpath that goes behind the primary school & onto Huntingdon Road.	
3.	Turn left & continue pass the pub, look out for the footpath (church walk) on the left-hand side.	
4.	Follow to the Church; go to the left of the Church into Rectory Lane. Walk back towards Huntingdon Road.	
5.	Head back towards to the village, turning left at Loxley Green. Follow the path round the green, then turn left onto Ware Lane.	
6.	Further up on your right-hand side take the footpath through to Victoria Crescent. Continue straight ahead taking the footpath between numbers bungalow number 56 + 54 towards the playing field.	
7.	Walk past the scout hut, cross the road & follow the footpath on the left-hand side of the bus stop adjacent to the A1123 road.	
8.	Cross two roads (Brookside & Home Farm) & continue straight ahead.	
9.	You are now on the Thicket, turn right & continue the path back towards the village.	Traffic
10.	Take the footpath on the right-hand side, turn right & continue along the gravel path. Either take the gate on the left-hand side & walk across the field back towards the car park or continue ahead & the footpath comes out on Mill Road. Turn left & return to the car park.	

Millfields

Meeting Point: Millfields, (car park) Mill Way, Needingworth, PE27 4TF.

Time: 1 hour

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Tree roots and possible falling debris in woods. Some local traffic on Mill Way, Back Lane and Holywell Front. Damp grass and some slightly muddy areas in woods.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Leave car park by gateway into allotments. Through allotments into cemetery. Left turn from cemetery on to Mill Way.	
2.	Ahead along Mill Way until footpath sign on right.	
3.	Cross field diagonally, exit by Wren Cottage on to Back Lane.	
4.	Right turn and follow Back Lane to church yard gates.	
5.	Through church yard onto Holywell Front. Proceed ahead to first junction (just before the Ferryboat PH).	
6.	Left into Back Lane proceed ahead to Mill Way junction.	
7.	Right turn along Mill Way until first footpath on right.	
8.	Right turn along the side of the field until turning left into the wood at end of field. Follow path through to the end of the wood.	
9.	Left turn on to field edge at end of wood and proceed to next footpath on the right.	
10.	Right turn (playing fields on the left) proceed to a bench.	
11.	Left turn into another wood and follow main path back to the Millfields car park.	

Needingworth

Meeting Point: Ouse Fen Nature Reserve, Bluntisham Road, Holywell – cum-Needingworth

Time: 50 – 60 minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Cows

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	From the car park take the path that heads into the nature reserve. When you reach the fork in the path, turn right & then take the second left heading deeper into the nature reserve.	
2.	At the end of the path, turn left & continue straight ahead along the dirt track.	
3.	At the end of the track, you need to follow the footpath sign to the right, pass through the kissing gate & continue along the path with the lake on your right-hand side.	
4.	Continue walking around the lake & then pass through the kissing gate & turn left.	
5.	Pass through the next kissing gate with the quarry in front of you.	
6.	Turn right & follow the public footpath along the stone path.	
7.	Turn right at the next available opportunity through the kissing gate & cross the field.	Cows
8.	At the other end of the field, pass through the kissing gate & continue on the grass path.	
9.	Continue the path walking around the lake, passing the sign for the viewpoint & picnic area. (path on your right)	
10.	Cross the dirt track that was walked along earlier, continue straight ahead following the grass track.	
11.	Turn right at the end & retrace steps back to the car park.	

North

Meeting Point: One Leisure St. Ives Indoor, Westwood Road, PE27 6WU

Time: 70 mins

Grade: Green/Red

Significant hazards to be aware of:

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Exit the car park through the gap in the edge at the bottom of the car park. Passing St Ives cadet force building on the left.	
2.	Turn left onto the footpath walking alongside the football club on the left-hand side and proceed to the end.	
3.	Turn left at Green Lees road, proceed up High Lees road.	
4.	Turn right at the 'T' Junction and then left at Houghton road	
5.	Cross over Houghton road at the traffic lights; proceed up Hill Rise keeping to the right-hand side.	
6.	At the junction with Ramsey Road turn right and cross over Ramsey Road.	
7.	Turn left just before the first set of traffic lights and proceed along the footpath for 400m.	
8.	Turn right and follow the footpath & cycleway passing Wheatfield's School on the left-hand side.	
9.	At 'T' Junction with Erica Road turn right and proceed down Burstellars Road.	
10.	Turn Right at the Junction with St Audrey Lane. Cross over St Audrey's Lane at the traffic lights and then cross over Ramsey road and proceed on right hand side.	
11.	Turn Right at Paragon Road, crossing over to the footpath along side of Slepe Park.	
12.	At the end of the park, turn left, following the narrow footpath to West Leys & Westbury Road.	
13.	Continue along West Leys and Westbury Road to 'T' junction to footpath at the football pitch.	
14.	Turn left and return One Leisure car park.	

Ouse Meander

Meeting Point: St. Ives Library, Meadow Lane, St. Ives, PE27 5AN (Pay & Display car park)

Time: 50 – 60mins

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Whole field route occasionally inundated when river in spate, therefore can be wet/muddy underfoot. Cattle sometimes in fields but I haven't known any aggression from them as these fields are a regular local dog walking route.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Meet at St Ives Library.	
2.	Proceed to Priory Road.	
3.	Take concrete bridge/weir over the Chubb Stream at end of road.	
4.	Through metal gate on left.	
5.	Follow edge of field, always keeping stream on left, under Harrison Way, until stream meets river.	
6.	Turn right following riverbank, past lock gates, under Harrison Way, back to metal gate, concrete bridge and Priory Road.	
7.	Return to Library.	

Ouse Walk

Meeting Point: St. Ives Library, Meadow Lane, St. Ives, PE27 5AN (Pay & Display car park)

Time: 1 hour

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Traffic, Uneven ground, Overhanging branches.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Leaving the library, turn left & walk towards the bypass, crossing the road when safe & heading to the guided bus park.	Traffic
2.	When crossed, cross again so you are now walking besides the lake on your right-hand side.	
3.	Follow the path & cross the bridge.	
4.	After the bridge you need to take a sharp right at the gravel path (as if you are going back on yourself)	Uneven ground
5.	At the end of the gravel footpath, turn right so that you are walking underneath the bridge with the river on your left.	Stinging nettles, overhanging branches
6.	Follow the path along until you reach the stile, cross safely & continue across the meadow. River on left hand side.	Cows
7.	Crossing the stile & the wooden bridge & turning right.	Stinging nettles
8.	Keep following the path until it leads you up to join the path by the side of the guided bus route.	
9.	You then need to SAFELY! Cross the bus way & follow the path along the right-hand side.	Crossing road – traffic
10.	The path will lead you to back to the guided bus station, cross the road & head back to the library.	

Pidley

Meeting Point: Lakeside lodge, Pidley, Fen Road, PE28 3DF

Time: 60 minutes

Grade: Red

Significant hazards to be aware of: Traffic

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Leave Lakeside Lodge car park once you reach the bottom of the road turn left.	Traffic
2.	Continue to the road, ignore the first footpath sign on your right and continue straight until you reach the second footpath sign on your left before you reach Stroud Hill Park.	
3.	Turn left through the gap in the trees entering onto the golf course, stay to the right-hand side of the rope and follow around.	
4.	Turn right once you reach the gap in the hedge passing the caravan site on your right and continue to follow path up the hill.	
5.	Continue following the footpath passing over the bridge following which links the two fields.	
6.	Continue the footpath passing the village on your left-hand side and a few farm animals	
7.	Once you reach a small wood area, turn left & this leads onto a gravel path. Carry on straight until you reach the Mad Cat Inn.	
8.	Turn right down Warboys Road and then right again at the footpath sign; follow through with the farm on your left. Continue to the bottom of the path.	
9.	Turn right at the end of the footpath onto the main road (Fen Road).	Traffic
10.	Once you have reached this point there are two options: Follow the main road straight down for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to return to the starting position. (Walk will take 60 mins). Follow this main road down until you reach the first foot path sign on right. Take this path and follow it all the way round, turning left after the first two corners. Follow path passing the village on your right and this time down Stroud Hill, along to the golf course and passing through the gap in the fence. Turn right and return to the starting position.	Busy traffic on roads.

RAF Wyton

Meeting Point: Co – Op Car Park, Constable Road, PE27 3ER

Time: 60 minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of:

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Leave car park at far end of housing estate at the right-hand side of the 'Co-op' store.	
2.	Follow the path through the housing estate a joining with Ramsey Road.	
3.	Turn right at the end of the road at junction with Marley Road.	
4.	Cross over and proceed along Old Ramsey Road past the cemetery.	
5.	After $\frac{3}{4}$ of Mile turn left at the footpath sign and go through the gate onto track towards RAF station.	
6.	Proceed along path for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the edge of RAF Wyton.	
7.	Turn around and retrace steps along the footpath and through the gate.	
8.	At the cemetery cross over Ramsey Road and turn Right at Marley Road.	
9.	Follow the path through the housing estate returning to the Co-Op Car Park.	

RSPB Fen Drayton

Meeting Point: Three Tuns Pub, Fen Drayton

Time: 90 minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of:

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Proceed along high street into Holywell Ferry Road for 500yds, turn right over bridge and follow road bearing left.	
2.	Continue straight on for 500yds to guided bus junction, turn left and follow guided bus route for one mile.	
3.	Turn left through gate and follow path with the lakes on both sides side.	
4.	Follow the path until reaching a gate on the right-hand side with Footpath Sign.	
5.	Follow Path to Springhill Road. Take path on left hand side past the horse paddock.	
6.	Continue to High Street. Turn right & return to Three Tunns.	

Somersham Allotments

Meeting Point: Victory Hall, 55 Parkhall Road, Somersham, PE28 3HE

Time: 60 mins

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of:

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Start at Victory Hall Parkhall Road	
2.	Cross Parkhall Rd into opposite road.... Queens Rd	
3.	Keep to left into Bishops Road	
4.	Through gap at the end and turn left onto allotment path	
5.	At the end turn left and through the gate into Kings Rd then right and then 1st right along Rectory Lane	
6.	Continue along Rectory Lane bearing right at the end	
7.	Past gate & turn left onto footpath past another gate and straight along footpath in front of you, with field on left and hedge on the right	
8.	At the end turn left at main field following footpath sign and go right around the big field	
9.	Following pathfinder signs through next field making for a passage through the trees	
10.	Turn left into the back of the allotments and follow the path bearing right until reaching the gate at the end	
11.	Retrace steps back to Rectory Lane, King St and allotment footpath to Victory Hall	

Somersham Walk

Meeting Point: Victory Hall Car park, Parkhall Road, Somersham PE28 3HE

Time: 60 Minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Roads, Waters edge, uneven ground, barbed wire.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	From the car park go through the gate crossing the field diagonally passing the play park on the left-hand side.	
2.	When you get to the left side of the field take the gate on the right which leads into houses (as opposed to the other which leads to the road).	
3.	Take the path left at the T junction when you come out into the road and then turn right meeting the Trundle.	
4.	Take care crossing the road and head down Robert Avenue	
5.	Cross the road to follow the footpath on your right between the house and trees.	
6.	Follow the tarmac path to the right and at the lakes edge take the path to the left.	
7.	Just after you pass the life aid there is a fork in the road- take the muddy path to the left so you pass the bin on your right-hand side.	
8.	Turn left up a slight hump (careful of the bricks sticking up).	Uneven ground
9.	Cross straight over the path following the footpath signs.	
10.	Follow the path to the right so that you are heading into the trees, there is a (sheep) field to the right of you and you are aiming to follow it round about ½ of its circumference.	
11.	The trees opens up to a field after about 200m (this is called the dog field hence our diversion from it!) but take the path to the right carrying along the side of the (sheep) field.	
12.	You come to the vehicular access to the fenced field (two deep grooves made by tyres) and a sign on your left. Here you head left towards the sign for the nature reserve and take the path that leads in a straight line (leaving the metal gate behind you).	
13.	Follow the path past the no horses sign and following it as it bears right through the trees.	
14.	You reach a barbed wire fence (be careful!) and turn left following the path through the trees turning right following the slight gravel path and turn left with hedgerows either side. Walk straight down this path (you will pass the bricked hump that you passed in point 8) and head straight to the metal	Barbed wire

	gate which is another entrance to the nature reserve (there are signs here to mark it).	
15.	Go through the entrance and turn left following Chatteris Road, passing houses on your left-hand side until you reach Brook Cottage.	
16.	Turn left just after the cottage back into the nature reserve (you will see the sign and the sheep field you passed in point 12)	
17.	Take the path to go anticlockwise around the field [this is the path you used in point 11 but the only other path is to go clockwise around the (sheep) field and this has lots of tree trunks as hazards in the path].	
18.	Cross back over the small hump (point 8) and head back to the lake.	
19.	The lake will be in front of you so follow the path left all the way around going clockwise around the lake (where you haven't yet walked).	Water's edge
20.	Take the path back to the entrance from the houses into Robert Avenue.	
21.	Follow the path on the left-hand side and cross the road into Harvey Drive keeping on the right-hand side of the drive.	
22.	You come across a small grassy area on your right, take the path alongside it and then turn left to take the gate back into the park and cross back into the car park.	

The Hemingford's Walk

Meeting Point: Axe and Compass Pub in Hemingford Abbots (Park on the road or in pub carpark)

Time: 1 Hour

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Traffic, Cows in fields, Muddy fields

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	With the pub behind you walk down the road past Quiet Waters caravan park then turn left onto the public footpath.	No footpath so beware of traffic
2.	Follow this across the field alongside the river into Hemingford Grey	Could be cows on the field.
3.	At the roundabout turn right into Normans Court keeping straight go through the footpath onto the football field.	
4.	Keeping to the left go across towards traffic.	Traffic
5.	At the road turn left on footpath. Go to the corner then go straight across here between the houses follow the path past more houses, to the right-hand corner where there is a narrow pathway go along here and it comes out opposite Marsh Lane.	Traffic
6.	Turn right then across the road to Long Lane follow this to the end turn right at the bottom and walk towards the road.	Keep to the right of fence
7.	Turn right onto the road and go around the bend just before the village sign turn left onto field. Go around edge, (Beware of traffic on the bend as this is sharp turn mostly cars will come from behind)	Traffic
8.	At the end go right through gap and after 20 yards or so turn left then left again and follow the footpath	Muddy and slippery.
9.	Follow round the edge of a field then there's a path that goes across a field follow this path and it comes out onto a road.	Muddy
10.	Turn right to corner then turn left and follow the road back to start.	Beware of traffic

The Rideaway

Meeting Point: Houghton Mill Car Park, Houghton, PE28 2AZ

Time: 45 – 50 mins

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Cars

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Pass the tea rooms & head towards the Mill. Follow the footpath round & past the lock, walk over the meadow towards The Hemingford's.	
2.	Once you've reached Common Lane, turn left heading towards the village.	Cars
3.	Take the next right down The Rideaway	
4.	Turn left down Royal Oak Lane & continue along the footpath	
5.	When approaching the T Junction, turn left on to the High Street	
6.	Follow the route back to the car park. (Continue down Common Lane, turn right to cross the meadow & then follow the footpath through the Mill & towards the start.)	

Thicket Walk

Meeting Point: One Leisure St. Ives, Westwood Road, PE27 6WU

Time: 60-90 minutes

Grade: Green/ Red

Significant hazards to be aware of:

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Leave the car park as if you were walking back to St Ives and walk along the public footpath signed Houghton and Wyton.	
2.	Turn right at the Scout HQ, walk along Thicket Path.	
3.	Continue along the path until you reach the barrier. Take the steps on the right-hand side leading up into the woods	
4.	Turn left on the gravel path and follow it all the way through the wood.	
5.	Upon reaching some more stepping leading down take these to re-join the Thicket Path.	
6.	Continue along the thicket path to Houghton village square. Turn left to Houghton mill.	
7.	Turn left with mill on your right-hand side and proceed across way marked path across caravan/camping site.	
8.	Go through the gate onto the narrow path by the brick wall & turn right. At the end of the path turn left.	
9.	Turn right back onto the thicket path and follow along until you reach back to St Ivo Indoor Leisure Centre.	

Town Walk

Meeting Point: St Ivo Indoor Leisure Centre

Time: 60 minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Traffic throughout.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Leave the car park and walk along the public footpath signed to Houghton and Wyton.	
2.	Turn left at the Scout Hut and walk along the path towards Holt Island.	
3.	Walk through the churchyard or go around the church- both paths will lead you back to the river.	
4.	Keeping to the right, walk along follow the path past the Norris Museum. This leads into Broadway and then Merryland.	Traffic
5.	Turn right into Bridge Street. Cross onto The Quay and walk along the road until the end past the 'Oliver Cromwell' pub.	
6.	Turn Left into Priory Road, then follow the road until you come to the crossroads next to cafe.	
7.	Turn left into Market Hill and walk to the Free Church. Cross over the road. Continue along the road to Poundland.	
8.	Turn right into Crown Place. Cross East Street into Crown Walk and stay on the right-hand side walking to the park.	
9.	Turn right in the park & follow the path around the park, passed to children's playground and concrete building, then take the next exit by a painted wall.	
10.	Walk down the alleyway heading towards the Broad Leas.	
11.	You will come out opposite Eastfield Infant School. Cross over the road walk left down the path next to the Letterbox. This runs along the side of the schools. Walk along the pathway at the side of the park & school play area.	
12.	You will reach Ramsey road. Turn right crossing the road at the pelican crossing and continue until you reach Paragon Road. Turn left into Paragon Road and continue walking until you reach a footpath on the left. Walk down the footpath passing behind the children's playground, continue along the footpath which leads into Westwood Road. Return to the Leisure Centre.	Crossing road.

Warner's Walk

Meeting Point: Chapel on the Bridge, St. Ives, PE27 5UW

Time: 50 mins

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Crossing roads.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Meet at the bridge, walk along the quay and Wellington street to the end.	
2.	Turn left up to Market Hill cross over towards Budgens. Keep on left side and go across next two roads.	
3.	Go up Needingworth Road to the Catholic church then turn left down Park Road and into Warner's Park.	
4.	Keep to right past play area and out into Fairfields Crescent where you will turn left on to Fairfields. Cross road into Parkway then immediately right into Hazel Way.	
5.	Follow Hazel Way to St Audrey's Close then to the crossing on St Audrey's Lane.	
6.	Cross on to the path opposite and follow the pathway all the way round to Erica Road (keeping the green area on your left) then turn left on to Burstellers, staying on the left side until you reach St Audrey's lane.	
7.	Cross at the crossing and make your way over to Pig Lane. Go down past the school looking for the walkway with bollards that takes you to Warner's Park.	
8.	When in the park stay on right to Crown walk and on to the crossing on East Street.	
9.	Once over the crossing make your way back to Bridge Street and the Bridge.	

Woodhurst

Meeting Point: Co-op Car Park, Constable Road, PE27 3ER

Time: 90 minutes

Grade: Red

Significant hazards to be aware of:

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	From the car park, cross Marley Road and turn right on the grass verge. Take the track on your left sign posted as a public footpath.	
2.	Take the left-hand fork of the path, turn right onto the footpath and follow the hedge line for about 800m.	
3.	Go straight over the footbridge at the end of the field and turn left.	
4.	Follow the tree line and go over another bridge. Carry straight on keeping the stream on your left.	
5.	Upon reaching the corner of the field bear round to the right. Cross a small footbridge about halfway up the field following the yellow arrow. The ditch is now on your right.	
6.	When reaching the top of the field you can choose to either return to the car park or continue to Woodhurst	
7.	When you reach the top of the field follow the right-hand arrow.	
8.	Continue through the little wood. At the end of the wood you will meet another public footpath, bear to the right.	
9.	Almost immediately you will reach another footbridge, cross and continue straight through the middle of the field.	
10.	Keep the hedge to your left and continue in the same direction when the hedge finishes.	
11.	Follow the footpath round to the left. Turn left to go through a gate between two areas of newly planted trees.	
12.	Leave the field through another gate and turn right. Walk to the bottom of the field.	
13.	Bear left onto footbridge then cross another footbridge on your right.	
14.	Carry on straight down the field until you re-join the road, turn right and return to the Co-Op Car Park.	

Yacht Lakes

Meeting Point: St Ives Library, Meadow Lane, St Ives, PE27 5AN

Time: 60 minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Uneven paths, flooding, vehicles

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	With the library behind you go left passing Waitrose then left again to the main road crossing.	
2.	Over the crossing proceed towards the Guided bus stop and at the bus stop go left into the car park. Carefully walk towards the entrance/exit.	
3.	At Meadow Lane, cross the road and go through the entrance marked 'Private Road' turning immediately right onto a footpath. Follow footpath bearing right at the end and arriving back into Meadow Lane opposite Marshall/Hanson works.	Heavy Vehicles
4.	Cross to the right side of the road and follow a footpath until you reach a metal gate where you turn right and follow this footpath which bears left, then runs alongside the river (on your right)	Muddy in wet season
5.	Pass through a kissing gate and follow alongside the river until a footpath on your left is reached. Take this footpath leaving the river and walk towards Holywell Church.	
6.	Continue walking until a second kissing gate is reached. Go through the gate and turn immediately left.	
7.	Walking towards the church go across a concrete bridge and through a third kissing gate.	
8.	Proceed straight ahead, up the slope to a gate. Pass through the gate which is next to Holywell Church.	
9.	Walk through the churchyard and exit through the gate on the other side of the church.	
10.	Turn left walking a short distance along the road turning left into Codger Lane.	
11.	Follow the footpath crossing over a wooden bridge and continue along the footpath with the stream on your right.	Slippery, next to a ditch
12.	Proceed through an avenue of trees with a lake on your left.	
13.	At the end of the lake and with Clare hall on your right turn left onto Parsons Green.	
14.	Cross over the busy bypass at the roundabout.	Vehicles
15.	Follow the footpath through a gap in the hedge, cross a small bridge into the caravan site.	

16.	Continue through the caravan site onto Farthing Lane, then turn left into Needingworth Road.	
17.	After 500m cross back into the car park and continue to the library.	Vehicles.

Wilhorn Meadow

Meeting Point: Chapel on the Bridge, St. Ives, PE27 5UW

Time: 60 minutes

Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of:

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Walk on the left-hand side of London road, away from the Chapel on the bridge.	
2.	After just over 200yards, just before a row of houses, you'll see a large information sign about Wilhorn Meadow on your left. Pass through the stile & follow the footpath along the top of a flood bank into the meadow.	
3.	After 300yards walk off the flood bank and under the St Ives bypass.	
4.	You'll arrive at a large door, the entrance to Jones Boatyard. Go through the door & over the steep footbridge.	
5.	Once over the footbridge, walk towards the boatyard buildings, keeping the marina to your left. Follow the blue footpath signs until you exit the boatyard & reach the Low Road.	Narrow Path.
6.	Turn left & walk along the Low Road. After just 100 yards follow the footpath sign to the left. Gravel has recently been extracted, creating the lake to your right. A sign on metal fencing may say the footpath is closed, it isn't. Walk straight on through the gate.	
7.	After 200 yards follow the footpath sign to the right. You'll skirt the lake on your right for a short distance and pass over a small footbridge. Continue to follow the path along the field edges with the Great Ouse on your left.	
8.	After a third of a mile pass over another footbridge & turn left.	
9.	After a further 400 yards the path goes through an avenue of trees along the river edge.	
10.	A further half a mile brings you to the guided busway. Follow the route right, walking under the busway track with a gradually rising incline until you can walk on to the pedestrian & cycle path running along the busway.	
11.	Turn left & walk towards St. Ives town & return to the start.	