

RIVERSIDE PARK WALKS ST NEOTS

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.

Church Walk

Meeting Point: Riverside Car Park, St Neots, PE19 7SD Time: 60 minutes Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Traffic, tree roots.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Leave the car park via the slope onto Town Bridge and turn right towards the town.	Traffic
2.	Turn right and then left, walking around the south side of the Market Square towards Careys Amusements.	
3.	Turn right, then follow the path left walking alongside the brook. Keep on the right-hand side but don't cross the bridge.	
4.	At the junction, carefully cross the road, head straight on and then turn right into Cemetery Road.	Traffic
5.	After the railings turn left onto the path, walking with the brook to your right.	Uneven ground
6.	At the end turn right, cross the road and head towards the sign for 'Browns Square'.	
7.	Turn right into Sandfields Road, cross this road, pass the entrance to Charles Street and bear left into Musgrave Way.	
8.	Keep on the left-hand side, cross Medland Grove and head towards the Park.	
9.	Walk past the children's play area and then follow the path to the right- hand side of the grey building until you reach Cromwell Road.	Fallen leaves
10.	Turn right, cross the entrance to 'The Bargroves' and Samuel Pepys School, then turn right into Duck Lane.	Traffic
11.	Cross the entrance to Naseby Gardens, then cross the road and continue past the entrance to the garages and Brampton Gardens.	Traffic
12.	Turn left into Henbrook crossing the entrance and exit of Winhills Primary Academy. Follow the road as it bears left and cross to the right- hand side.	
13.	Turn right across the bridge and follow the path right between the flats and the brook, go through the park area and keep right to cross another bridge.	

14.	Cross Duck Lane, turn left then turn right into Chestnut Grove and take path on the right towards the trees and the distant church until you reach the road.	Traffic
15.	Cross into Navigation Wharf opposite and follow the path to the wooden bridge. (For a short route or if there is flooding, cross the bridge and retrace your steps around the Market Square and back to the car park).	Traffic
16.	Follow the path into the trees and continue until you come to an entrance of Eynesbury C of E Primary School on your left.	
17.	Turn right up the steps and through the cemetery, at the road turn right again and continue the path.	
18.	Turn right and cross the river bridge, then cross the smaller bridge. Follow the path diagonally right across the park back to the car park.	

Marina View

Meeting Point: Riverside Car Park, St Neots, PE19 7SD Time: 30 – 40 minutes Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Swans, flooding, dog mess

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	With your back to the cafe, turn right and walk around the edge of the car park towards Town Bridge.	Traffic Swans Flooding
2.	Walk under the bridge, turn left and follow the path. Where it forks by the lamp post take the path to the right with the river on your right.	Flooding
3.	At its end follow the path left towards the road and just before it rises to access the road, turn left onto the grass and walk parallel to the road.	Flooding
	If this area is too wet, continue to the road and turn left.	
4.	Ahead there is a small wooded area – Sudbury Meadow. There are three alternative routes at this point.	Flooding
4a.	Go through the gate in the fence from the park into the Meadow and take the circular path around the gardens to exit from the same gate, re-join the footpath back to and under the bridge.	
	Go through the main gate from the road into the Meadow and walk anticlockwise around the gardens to exit from the park access gate, re-join the footpath back to and under the bridge.	
4b.	Take the footpath straight back to and under the bridge.	
5.	Take the path left towards the river and follow it to cross a bridge and keep parallel to the river.	Flooding
6.	Turn left across a small wooden bridge but do not cross the river bridge.	Flooding
7.	Take the path to the right. Follow this path past the skate park, then bear right with the children's play area on the right and continue until you return to the car park.	Flooding

Pocket Park- St Neots

Meeting Point: Riverside Car Park, St Neots, PE19 7SD Time: 60 mins Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Water, uneven ground, swans

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	Starting from the metal gated entrance to the park (next to the cafe) head straight through the park passing the children's play area on your right. Follow the path bearing first right and then left towards the small wooden bridge.	
2.	Cross first the small wooden bridge and then cross the large metal bridge heading towards the houses in front of you	
3.	Turn right through the car park	Cars
4.	Take the steep slope (stairs and slope) down to the join the boardwalk near the river. Follow this walk through the wood: emerge into the caravan park and continue alongside the river	Roots underfoot
5.	Cross five small wooden bridges walking alongside the river (first through a wooded area, then 2 fields and then another wooded area) until you reach the weir.	
6.	At the weir go up the steps but do not cross the river. <u>Either</u> continue along the path with the river on your right until you reach the second weir <u>or</u> take the path to your left heading first down a slope and then through the woods with a stream on your left and crossing the stream using the wooden bridge	Narrow path/river
7.	Both of the above paths take you out into Pocket Path which is a circular gravel path around a nature reserve area- follow the path either way around until you reach the large wooden gate and information board point which takes you out of the Park	
8.	Take the path straight ahead alongside the wooden posts heading to the metal sculptures that you can see on your left.	
9.	You come out onto at a tarmac path, first turn right and then left heading towards the caravan park.	
10.	When you reach the tarmac, path end you are at the entrance to pathway that goes alongside the caravan park fence, take this path coming out at the caravan entrance and walk back to the large metal bridge	Cars

11.	Cross the bridge and (depending on time) either retrace your steps back to	
	the car park <u>or</u> take the path to your left and follow this tarmac path around	
	past the skate park and then bearing right with the children's play area on	
	your right until you return at the car park	

Riverside Ramble, St Neots

Meeting Point: Riverside Car Park, St Neots, PE19 7SD Time: 60 minutes Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Swans, Flooding, Dog mess, Cyclists

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	From the Car Park, with your back to the car park, head right around the children's play area and follow this path round until you reach the road.	
2.	Follow the road right passing the bowling centre on your right and then take the path to your left walking behind the houses, alongside the fence.	Cyclists
3.	You come into a Churchyard, keep left through the churchyard and then turn left following the pavement to the Riverside Mill Tavern.	
4.	Turn right beside the river and cross the two bridges over Eaton Socon Lock.	
5.	Take the steps down to your left and walk along the riverbank following the Ouse Valley Way signs. With the river on your left you will walk through open fields across several small bridges.	Flooding
6.	Continue along the riverbank, through the camp site into a small area of woodland.	
7.	Follow the path up the slope/steps into Coneygere Car park and head left over the large metal bridge.	
8.	Go straight on until you cross a wooden bridge and then take the path to the right, walking alongside the river and then back to the car park.	Swans

Willow Bridge Walk

Meeting Point: Riverside Car Park, St Neots, PE19 7SD Time: 60 minutes Grade: Orange

Significant hazards to be aware of: Flooding, swans, cyclists.

	Route Instructions	Hazard
1.	With your back to the cafe, turn left. Go through the bollards then follow the path straight ahead with the children's play area to the right. Follow the path bearing first right and then left towards the small wooden bridge.	Swans
2.	Cross the small wooden bridge and then cross the river bridge heading towards the houses in front of you.	Flooding Cyclists
3.	Turn right through the car park onto the road and take the path between the hedge and fence to left of camping and caravan site entrance.	Cyclists
4.	Follow path as far as the Willow Bridge approach. (The bridge is clearly visible as a long, low cycle/footbridge across the river.) Turn right and cross the bridge.	Cyclists
5.	Turn left onto the footpath, cross Peppercorn Lane and keep left in the Churchyard. Turn left into School Lane, cross the road when safe and walk into the River Mill complex towards the river.	Traffic
6.	Turn right following signed footpath over the bridges at Eaton Socon lock and sluice. Turn left and descend concrete steps to footpath along river heading back to St Neots. Follow Ouse Valley Way signs along edge of river and under Willow Bridge.	Flooding
7.	Follow path through camping and caravan site into the wooded area.	Flooding
8.	Follow path up steps into car park (point 3, above), turn left and left again and retrace route back over the river bridge and through park to starting point.	Flooding Cyclists Swans