

Self Guided Walk

Linford Wharf to Campbell Wharf

This walk follows the canal from Linford Wharf to Campbell Wharf. Along the way you'll find several play parks and benches to stop at, plus the chance to get a closer look at some of the Gyosei Art trail pieces. Some canal features you'll see along this walk include 14 bridges and 2 winding holes.

Path type: Towpath along canalside (can get muddy) and some hard surfaced path running parallel.

Timing: Approximately 2.8 miles. Allow 60 to 90 minutes depending on your walking speed.

Alternative routes: If you are walking in a group or in wet weather, or are not sure-footed, you may prefer to adapt the route shown on this leaflet and take the redway on the west side of the canal between Bridges 78 and 79, so that you avoid the towpath between the Giffard Park pub and Willen Lane. Every unmade towpath on this route has at least one nearby sealed/paved alternative, so this can be an all-weather walk. With the exception of the Campbell Park building site area, the canal can be walked on both sides using redways, sealed paths and broadwalks (see local maps for details).

Local parking if needed: Linford Manor Park (by Great Linford Memorial Hall //unfolds.beards.mend. 5 minutes' walk (0.2 miles) along Marsh Drive, over the canal footbridge and down the steps under the bridge on the towpath to start from Linford Wharf //presuming.central.papers

Directions & Points of Interest

-  Disembark Electra at **Linford Wharf**. Take a look at the **Information board** at Linford Wharf about the Newport Pagnell arm of the canal. Spot the **winding hole** that lets boats turn around.
-  Walk along the towpath to bridge 78B. **Metal bars** were added to protect the brickwork when horses used to tow barges along the canal —you can see where the rope has rubbed grooves into the metal.
-  (Option: Cross the canal and turn left to see the historic **Brick Kilns** ... and then cross back and continue on the towpath side.)
-  At bridge 79B take a close up look at the **bird mosaic**.
-  Continue on the towpath. Look out for the **horse** on the other side. Take a seat on the **Three-Post Bench** and check out the beautiful wildlife sculpted into it.
-  Cross the canal at the second bridge you come to (79D). Take a look under the bridge at the **seven birds** and the poems.
-  Continue following the canal on this side and look out for the **Dragonfly sculpture** high up on a post.
-  At the next bridge you'll find a **frog** sitting waiting to say hello.
-  Cross back over the canal at bridge 80A and follow the path until you can turn right onto the **wooden boardwalk**. (It has a small playpark at each end.)
-  Can you see the **spider's web** high up between two trees there at the end of the boardwalk?
-  (Option: Just before bridge 81A, about 50m off the path to the left is a **metal map** of the canal and Art Trail over the foundation stone of the Gyosei school.)
-  Continue following the canal passing under the H5 Portway. You'll also pass two old bridges and another winding hole.
-  Head past Campbell Park and onto the corten steel bridge, at the new **Campbell Wharf Marina** where over 100 boats moor.
-  Cross the bridge and you'll be back at **Campbell Wharf**.

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