

Self Guided Walk: Linford Wharf to Campbell Wharf

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

Path type: Towpath along canalside (can get muddy) and hard surfaced paths running parallel to it.

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

Local parking if needed: Great Linford Memorial Hall, Marsh Drive, Great Linford, Milton Keynes MK14 5AX

If you are walking to catch the Cruise One Way to Great Linford cruise, please arrive at Electra's mooring in Campbell Wharf 10 minutes before departure time. Call the boat phone 0786 3585853 if you are not going to get there on time — but note the boat can only wait a few minutes. NB the cruise will bring you to Electra's mooring in Great Linford Manor Park, just north of Linford Wharf, from which it is an 5 minute walk through the park back to the Memorial Hall Car Park.

Finding the start of the walk: Walk towards the canal 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 . If the steps are a problem, continue on Marsh Drive, turn right on The Wharf road, and right again along a track that leads to the canal Wharf.

Alternative routes: 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). In particular, if you are walking in a big group or in wet weather, or are not sure-footed, you may prefer to adapt the route below 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.

Directions & Points of Interest

-  At **Linford Wharf** take a look at the **Information board** about the Newport Pagnell arm of the canal. Spot the **winding hole** that lets boats turn around and the lovely old Wharf House.
-  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** ... then cross back and continue.)
-  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?
-  Continue following the canal, passing under the H5 Portway. You pass two old bridges and a winding hole.
-  Head past Campbell Park and onto the corten steel bridge. Take a peek into the new **Campbell Wharf Marina** where over 100 boats moor.
-  Cross the bridge and you'll be at the waterside pontoon mooring for Electra at **Campbell Wharf**.

The cruise ends at the Great Linford Manor Park Mooring. Then it's just a 5-minute walk to Memorial Hall car park. Walk with your back to Electra and then turn left on a path through the wall and you'll see it. Or turn immediately left over the wooden bridge and through the trees, and you'll see it on your right. Or Google it!

Download the route:

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