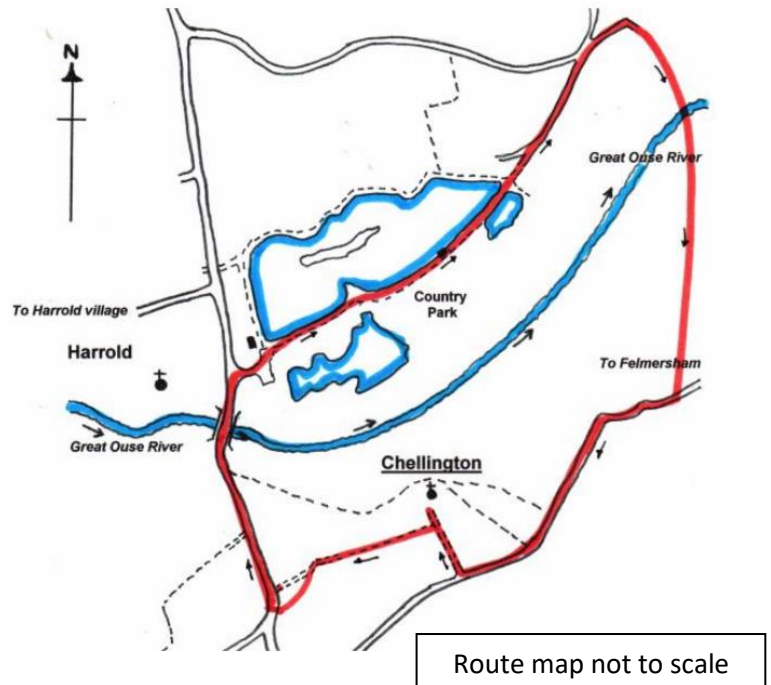


Walk 3: Harrold-Odell Country Park & Odell

Length: 5.5km

Duration: Approximately 1 hour 45 minutes

1. Walk down the drive from the Centre a short way until you reach a small gap in the hedge on the right. Turn down here and follow the well-marked path (The Coffin Route) passed the sewage works (right) and on to the concrete path. Follow this to the first cattle grid (metal bars set in the road). On the left is a "kissing gate" – go through this and cross the field diagonally to a small pond. Pass to the left of this until you reach another kissing gate leading to the main Carlton – Harrold Road.
2. Cross the main road with care and walk across the front of a pair of houses. Turn right into a narrow footpath between the houses and a garden on the left. Follow this path round so that you are above the main road.



Continue along this 'causeway' towards Harrold Bridge. (The causeway enables people to walk from village to village well above the water when the river floods). You will see the spire of St Peter's Church in Harrold on the left ahead of you). Take care with the traffic as you walk across Harrold Bridge which crosses the Great Ouse. (There's a large refuge in the centre of the bridge if you encounter a lorry or bus while crossing). Once across the bridge, proceed along the footpath on the left, crossing Hall Close until you reach the sign for Harrold-Odell Country Park on the opposite side of the road.

3. Cross the road and enter the Park. Follow the path straight ahead passing the Visitor's Centre (left) and main car park (right). Just passed the car park you can either take the stony track straight ahead or follow the more attractive path to the left of the hedge. This follows the lake edge and rejoins the stony track after a short distance. Having rejoined the stony track keep following it through the Park. There's a bird hide on the left and it's worth entering this quietly and look over the lake at some of the interesting birds that inhabit the Park
4. With the coppiced (cut and harvested) woodland and lake with reed beds on your right continue along the track and out of the park into Horsefair Lane, Odell. Walk up to "The Bell" and follow the line of the old cottages next to the pub. Continue down Mill Lane and around the corner passed the old mill. You will find yourself on a track with garages and the backs of cottages on your right. Continue, bearing right with the river on your left. Cross the bridge.
5. Follow the path straight ahead across the field and up the hill alongside the hedge (left). Next to the big field gates is a footpath sign and the exit on to Felmersham Road.
6. Turn right and follow this road back to the gated driveway to the Chellington Centre.

EXTREME CAUTION IS REQUIRED WHILE WALKING ALONG THIS ROAD WHICH CAN BE VERY BUSY.
Stay on the right side of the road, walk in single file facing the on-coming traffic.