

Hempton Loop 5.5 miles/8.5km

Clifton Loop 6.5 miles/10km

Clifton Notes



1 From the Market Place, follow the Clifton road south through the pinch-point.

2 Turn first right down Philcote St., then bear right into St Thomas St.

3 At the junction with the main road, turn left and almost immediately left again to go along Chapman's Lane. Soon you will enjoy the first of several fine views.

4 Turn left at the farm buildings, then right at the T-junction, passing the aviary and farmhouse on your right and, in due course, two ponds.

5 After the second pond bear right at a T-junction and continue to the end of the hedged lane.

★ **SHORT CUT:** Turn left at the T-junction for an alternative route back to Deddington. Go left again when you reach the main road.

6 Turn left, follow the hedge and then cross a field; go through a gate and across another field, descending to a copse.

7 At the stream (South Brook), turn left through the first gate and continue with the hedge on your right along two fields.

8 At the end of the second field, turn left and in 100 metres right through a gate along the field edge.

9 Pass a double field gate and carry on along the hedged lane to reach Clifton (opposite Duke of Cumberland's Head) in about 1 km.

10 At the junction with the main road turn left.

11 Opposite the antique centre entrance turn right up Tith Lane passing Hazel Hedge on your left in 800 metres, then continue for 700 metres towards a stone barn passing two farm track junctions on the way.

13 Before Paper Mill cottages turn sharp left and keeping within the same field follow the hedge down to the barn. At the far corner turn right beside the barn and through a metal field gate.

14 Follow the field edge, keeping the hedge to your left. Continue along the farm lane towards a barn.

12 Before the barn bear left diagonally across the field and continue through the gate in the opposite corner.

15 Just before the barn turn left over a stile and go uphill keeping to the left. Cross another stile at the top.

16 Follow the hedged lane for 1 km. Joining Earls Lane, continue straight on to meet the Clifton road.

17 Turn right at the junction (After about 200 metres a track to the left leads very soon to Deddington Castle mound.) and follow the road through to the Market Place.

Key

- Route
- Track
- Short Cuts
- Points of Interest
- Built Up Area
- Pond
- Wooded Area

For those who would like to venture further afield we recommend the OS Explorer sheet 191.

Hempton Notes

- 1 From the Market Place walk northwards towards the Deddington Arms. Turn left towards the main road.
 - 2 Cross at the traffic lights and walk along the B4031 (signposted Hempton) for 300 metres.
 - 3 Turn right into The Daedings and almost immediately straight on along the bridleway (Cosy Lane) for 1 km. There are fine views as you descend into the Swere valley.
 - 4 On reaching the tarmac lane, turn right then left into Daeda's Wood.
 - 5 At the far end of Daeda's Wood turn left along Milton Road, soon crossing the River Swere. Continue for approx. 700 metres.
 - 6 Turn left through a gate and across a field to Coombe Hill Farm, then through a field gate and across the farmyard
 - 7 Follow the farm lane downhill for approx. 1 km. Note the meanders of the River Swere as you reach the bottom.
 - 8 Turn left by the mill and through the gate. Cross the paddock then go over the double stile bridge. Continue bearing diagonally across two fields.
 - 9 Cross the farm lane and follow Snakehill Lane (track) up to Hempton in about 1 km.
- ★ **SHORT CUT:** About half way up Snakehill Lane turn left to follow a path uphill across the fields which offers extensive views. Cross the single sleeper bridge over a ditch with care. When you reach the road turn left to walk to Deddington.
- 10 Cross the Hempton Road and turn left. After about 400 metres turn right down the drive of Tomwell Farm.
 - 11 700 metres down the drive turn sharp left at a gap in the hedge and diagonally cross two fields. Beyond the second hedge continue across fields.
 - 12 Cross a farm lane then go uphill following the line of telegraph poles across two more fields (passing the Windmill Community Centre and its sports fields on your left).
 - 13 Enter Deddington via a lane called The Grove. Cross the main road with care, then walk along Hudson Street to return to the Market Place.