

A Walkers' Guide

Always try to keep to the path to avoid trespass. If the path is obstructed you are allowed to seek a reasonable way round the obstruction, taking care to avoid damage. Please report the obstruction to the highway authority.

Remember to close gates behind you. Straying can cause damage or spread disease and carelessness may lead to tragedy.

To avoid harm or distress to farm animals and wildlife it is best to leave dogs at home. If you have to bring them they should be kept on a leash.

If your route takes you onto a road keep to the right, facing oncoming traffic, and use the verge if one exists.

Always wear suitable clothing and footwear for the season, and remember to allow plenty of time to complete your chosen walk.

Remember that every piece of land in the countryside belongs to someone, so please treat it with respect and other walkers will be welcome.

If you experience any difficulty on your walk, such as barbed wire, locked gates or damaged stiles and foot bridges, please report them to either of the following:

Northamptonshire, County Surveyor, Northampton,
Tel: [0604] 236701

Farnleigh, Bedfordshire, County Surveyor, Bedford,
Tel: [0234] 63222

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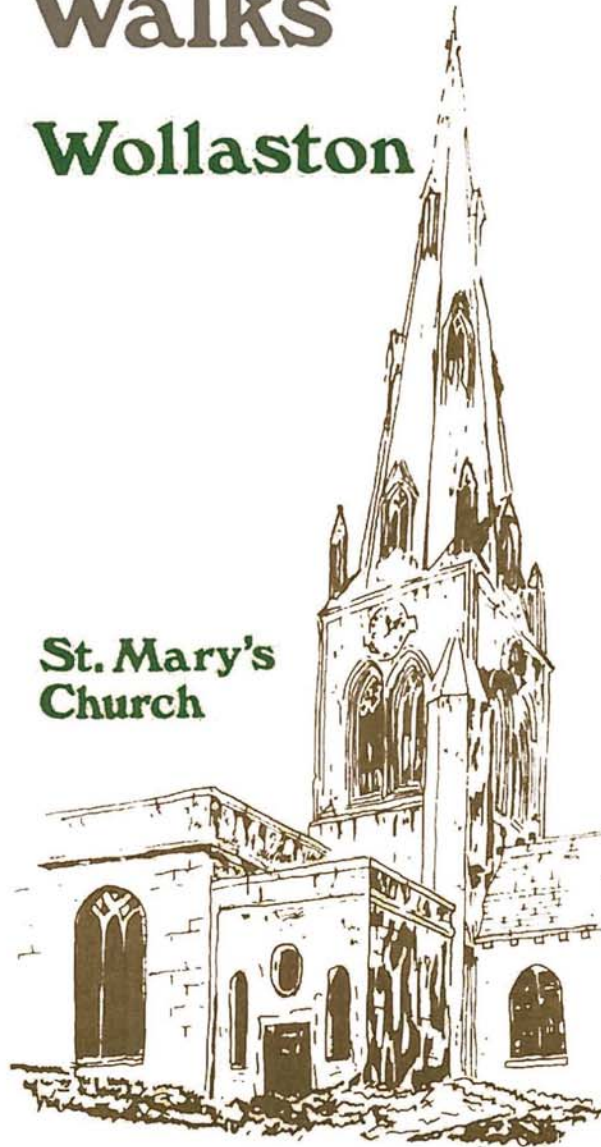
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Countryside Walks

Wollaston

St. Mary's Church



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The Village Walk 2mi.

Park at the Village Hall & go east along the High Street to the Post Office at the side of which is a path to the village museum and Beacon Hill. On up to the church of Saint Mary through the church yard, down Church Lane and back up Hickmire. This is probably the oldest part of the village. Follow the map to the children's play ground in Saint Mary's Road and then onto the recreation ground, returning past the back of Cromwell House.



Fardish Loop Walk

3ml. footpath TV3

Good views of the Nene Valley, Wellingborough and Northampton. Express Lift Tower can also be seen.

At the landfill site there are remains of open cast iron ore excavations which ceased in March 1968
[road not accessible to public]

Permitted path

Thanks to Mr John Saxby

Two disused wartime airfields visible - (Faulingbn)

St Michael's, Fardish

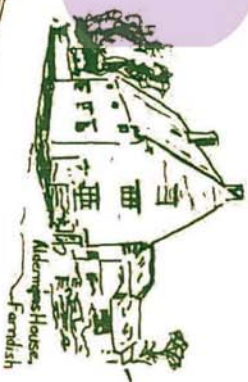
Fardish

Permitted footpath
Church
Maror farm
George farm
Footpath 14
(Cheweston)

This foot path was previously a road before 1788

The Roman Road to Irchester, which means Iron-burn, is also the Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire Boundary

 Built in 1972 replacing the original built in 1912 for £200



The water tower and shelter.



Water tower Lower Farm

Wollaston

The former has left a grass path

Permitted path thanks to Mr Sumner

Good views of the Nene Valley, Daventry radio masts and on a clear day Charnwellton microwave tower, 30 miles away

Green Lane.

Follow this route to Bozatt, 2 miles



Dunage Corner 1 mile



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Strixton Walk 1½ ml.

A popular walk to this pretty little village which belongs to the Queen. There are good views across the valley. The cottages and farms are neat and well kept. The church of St Romwald's is worth a closer look.

Three Lakes Walk 3ml.

This walk will not be available until the gravel extraction is complete. Until then keep to the north side of the workings coming back by using the road.

The Four Village Walk 8ml.

This is a long walk taking in parts of Wollaston, Doddington, Grendon and Strixton. There are good views from Strixton or Doddington but most of the walk is along the valley bottom.

General Information

The parish of Wollaston, occupying a total of 2,840 acres is situated on undulating ground between the Bedfordshire boundary to the east and the River Nene to the west, with Wollaston village having a population of 3,000. The original stone-built medieval village dates from the middle Saxon times. The village experienced late 16th century expansion, principally with the manufacture of footware, and this is illustrated by the combination of narrow, twisting streets, light industry and residential areas. Although footware is no longer a major source of employment it still features prominently with other industries. In 1985 the bypass to the west of the village was constructed and has alleviated many of the traffic problems.

Key:

- The Strixton Walk : - - - - -
- The Four Village Walk : - . - . - . -
- Footbridge : Fb

¼ MILE

