

OTHER ROUTES

There are many variations you could make to the proposed walks overleaf. For more information about other rights of way around Bourn Windmill please see the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire's Cambourne Rights of Way leaflet, available from www.wildlifebcn.org



Scan here
to view the
leaflet



Thanks to the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire for permission to use their nature reserve and car park, and for their advice in producing this leaflet.

Please use the nature reserve in a sustainable manner:

- Please stick to the paths
- There are ground-nesting birds, especially around Crow Hill, please keep dogs on a lead
- Please keep dogs out of ponds and lakes as they disturb water birds, and can contaminate the water
- Follow the Countryside Code



A VERY SPECIAL MILL

The Bourn Windmill is one of the oldest windmills in the UK and was built during the reign of King Henry VIII (1509-1547). It is a rare surviving example of the earliest design of windmill, in which the entire mill turns around a central post, so that the sails can be faced into the wind. The windmill is designated as an Ancient Scheduled Monument and is a Grade I listed building. For 175 years the mill belonged to the Bishop family who were local bakers. In 1926 the windmill became redundant and fell into decline. It was bought in 1932 by local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future who saved and restored this amazing ancient machine, which is surrounded by lovely countryside.

VISITING THE MILL

The exterior can be visited at any time, but to see inside the Mill and have a go at turning it, then come to an Open Day - held one Sunday afternoon per month from May to September.

Please visit our website for details
www.cambridgeppf.org.uk

Group visits can be arranged at other times.



Scan the QR code with a camera on your smartphone to watch a video about Bourn Windmill



HOW IS THE MILL CARED FOR?

Bourn Windmill is owned and cared for by Cambridge Past, Present & Future your local charity protecting the beauty of Cambridge and its environment.

CPPF relies on donations from people like you to look after and share its historic buildings and natural landscapes.



If you have enjoyed your visit please become a member, give a gift or volunteer.

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Discover Bourn Windmill Walks

Two countryside walks from Cambourne
and a remarkable building



SUGGESTED ROUTE

Short walk: 2.5 miles and one hours walking

Long walk: 4 miles and two and a half hours walking

Footwear: In dry conditions trainers are suitable. Some paths are muddy and slippery after rainfall, when boots or strong shoes are recommended.

Both walks start and finish in Cambourne Nature Reserve and take you to Bourn Windmill. The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants manage Cambourne Nature Reserve and Oaks Wood Car Park. The car park is closed overnight (summer 8pm, winter 5pm) and is open by 9am each day.

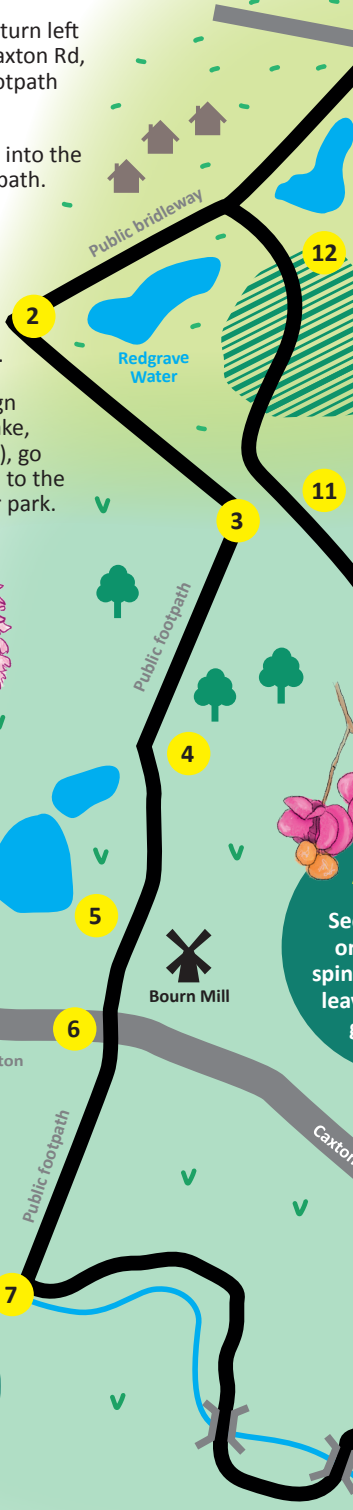
1. Park in Oaks Wood car park, CB23 6BJ. Leave the car park through the pedestrian exit at the far end. Turn left onto the bridleway and follow the path to the road, cross the road. Follow the yellow way marker & bridleway down to a crossroads of paths, keep straight, following the WTBCN bridleway sign.
2. At the next crossroads of tracks, follow the red way marker and turn left onto a bridleway into the nature reserve.
3. Walk to a large metal gate on the right, go through and walk down a footpath through a field. Keep dogs on a lead in the spring and summer months because of ground nesting birds and hares.
4. Follow the path & yellow way marker around the base of a pond then follow the public footpath sign through the next field to the mill.
5. Pass through the metal stock gate towards the mill, after looking at the outside of the mill, walk past the mill and Mill Cottage. Follow the signs for the public footpath down to Caxton Road. The tarmac drive is private property, please keep your dogs on a lead at all times.

Shorter walk option: turn and retrace your steps back up the field to the nature reserve. Follow steps 11 and 12 below to take you a different route through the nature reserve.

- 6 **Longer route:** Cross Caxton Rd and follow the public footpath sign through the field, down to Bourn Brook, don't cross over the Brook.
7. Follow the public footpath sign to the left, along the Brook, until you get to a concrete bridge. Cross over. There are no sides to the bridge, be careful with children.
8. Follow the public footpath sign through a gate on the left, walk through the small field and then cross over the Brook again. Follow the yellow way marker sign to the left, past Brooklands House to a tarmac lane and into an area of Bourn village called Caxton End.



9. Follow the lane to the left and turn left onto a raised footpath up to Caxton Rd, cross, and follow the public footpath sign, up the field.
10. At the end of the field turn left into the nature reserve and follow the path.
11. Go past the gate to the mill, take a right hand, grassy path up Crow Hill, take a left fork in this path down towards Lake Ewart, head towards the Lake and walk around the base of it.
12. Just past the nature reserve sign take the right path along the lake, (keeping the lake on your right), go over a bridge and turn right on to the brideway, walk back to the car park.



SUMMER

Look for pyramidal, common spotted and bee orchids, and the marbled white butterfly



WINTER

Field fares and redwings can be found in the hedgerows



SUMMER

You might see the willow emerald damselfly (a newly arrived species in this area)

See on spin leaf



MAP KEY

- Road
- Suggested route
- Water
- Nature reserve
- Private farmland
- Crow Hill
- Ford
- Solar panels
- Bridge

MEADOWS

In summer the wild carrot is often visited by thick legged flower beetles

Whomping Willow Lake

HEDGEROWS

Yellowhammers can be seen all year round, listen for them singing in the spring and early summer

AUTUMN

See the pink and orange fruits of hawthorn, and the red leaves and fruit of guelder rose

to Bourn

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Brooklands Farm

