

## Aldwark Bridge Circular Walk – Riverside Paths & Hidden Fields

**Distance:** Approx. 2.7 miles / 4.3 km

**Duration:** 1–1.5 hours at a gentle pace

**Terrain:** Flat riverside track, farm fields, marshy woodland, occasionally overgrown sections

**Start/End Point:** Aldwark Free Landing

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### Route Instructions:

1. **Begin your walk at Aldwark Free Landing**, just beside the River Ure near the historic toll bridge. With the river on your right, follow the **riverside path**, keeping the golf course to your left.
2. Continue walking with peaceful river views until you reach a **small wooden footbridge**. Cross here and rejoin the path on the far side, soon passing **St Stephen's Church** on your left—a charming Victorian church nestled at the heart of the village.
3. Just past the church, **carefully cross the road** and enter **Home Farm** through the wide metal gate. This is a public footpath through private land, so please respect livestock and stay on the marked route.
4. **Bear right behind the farmhouse**, then follow the footpath left, keeping a **hedgerow on your left** and an open **cow field on your right**.
5. Continue through a gate and follow a **public right of way across the middle of the next field**. This section can be **overgrown in summer**, but the route is still walkable—just follow the desire line made by other walkers.
6. At the far end of the field, you'll come to a **metal pedestrian gate**. Go through and enter a **wooded and marshy area**, home to birds, wildflowers, and butterflies in warmer months. The path here may be muddy after rain, so take care underfoot.
7. Follow this **woodland trail**, almost diagonally from the corner you entered the wooded area. Often quite overgrown, but you will emerge into a clearing with the odd rusty farm vehicle. Continue until you emerge at a small pull-in on the **main road to Youlton**.
8. **Turn right onto the road** and follow the verge carefully back towards **Aldwark Toll Bridge**, you will pass a right turn to Aldwark Village and a left turn to Linton-on-Ouse, cross the bridge and take in the river views to where your walk began.