

Deer Walk Circular – Starting from Boat Lane, Great Ouseburn

Distance: Approx. 3.5 miles / 5.5 km

Duration: 1.5–2 hours at a gentle pace

Terrain: Field paths, quiet lanes, and farmland tracks (some muddy after rain)

Start/End Point: Aldwark Bridge Glamping

Route Instructions:

1. **Begin on Boat Lane**, heading away from the river. After around 300 metres, look for a footpath sign on your left beside a metal gate.
2. **Follow the public footpath** across the field, keeping the hedgerow on your right. This stretch often has good chances of spotting deer early in the morning or around dusk. After the first field the track kinks slightly right, continue straight on with the hedgerow on your left, maize field on your right.
3. When you reach a **metal farm gate**, open field ahead of you, go through gate and walk left towards a second metal farmgate with style, hedgerow on your left.
4. Turn right immediately after this next gate, hedgerow on your right towards a wooded area. Follow the footpath **through the woods** until you reach a high fenced large field to your left and hedge to your right. Look out for the deer in this high fenced field to your left. Follow this sometimes muddy / sometimes overgrown track between the deer field and the beck.
5. When you reach a sharp right over a small wooden footbridge, **cross over and continue straight ahead**, up towards the farm buildings (wooded area to the left)
6. This path takes you through a gate to the working farm, large circular animal shelter to the left, farmhouse to the right, Follow it until it meets a tarmac lane.
7. **Follow the lane** and walk for approx. 400 metres, sheep field to the right. At the lane end junction, turn right along the single-track road to loop back toward Little Ouseburn.
8. As you approach the village (on your left), **continue along the roadside** towards a little humpback bridge over Ouse Gill Beck. You will pass an old Gate House to the Kirby Hall Estate on the right, then Little Ouseburn Holy Trinity Church on your left.
9. Follow the **footpath to the left of the humpback bridge** and take the next right at the junction back down Boat Lane towards the Camp site.

Optional Extra: Coffee Stop!

10. From Little Ouseburn Bridge, rather than turning right back down Boat Lane, Continue straight on approx. half a mile towards Great Ouseburn.
11. Once you're in the village, just over the brow of the hill, you will find Great Ouseburn Village Store on the left, which boasts a lovely new café out back.
12. If you are lucky, you may have stumbled on a day when the **Great Ouseburn Coffee Bike** is out front - a charming mobile coffee stop run by Jenny (weekends and some weekday mornings). Serving freshly ground coffee, teas, and homemade cakes, it's a lovely way to reward yourself after your walk.
13. To return to the glamping site, retrace your steps 100m to the top of the hill and take a left down Church Field Lane and follow around the back of the village and out towards the River. Half way down the lane is a small lane junction - turn right and follow Cross Lane back to the main road which is Boat Lane again. Turn left to return to site.