

13 CAMBRIDGESHIRE FULBOURN

▶ Distance: 9 miles/15km ▶ Time: 5 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



The Roman road near Wandlebury country park.

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A grassy Roman Road runs past the Gog

Magog Hills near Cambridge. A sunken circular path nearby marks the outer ditch of Wandlebury Ring, an Iron-Age hillfort dating back more than two millennia. An 18th-century stables once housed the King's racehorses and the Godolphin Arabian is buried under the stables' arch. Over fields near Fulbourn, is Fleam Dyke, a huge earthen bank probably built in the 7th-century to defend East Anglia from the Mercians. A long, rewarding route links these historical landmarks; for two much shorter walks, loop back through Fulbourn Fen before

point 3 or start at Wandlebury near point 5 for a circuit through the country park.

1 Start

From Fulbourn High Street, walk along Church Lane past St. Vigor's and follow road R past almshouses. Cross Station Road, turn R and immediately L through gate with Harcamlow Way sign. Follow path ahead to reach junction of tracks near infoboard. Turn L through gate into Fulbourn Fen.

2 ½ mile/0.8km

Fork R across meadow past huge oak trees and through gate beyond. Continue, with trees R, along path/boardwalk. Follow path R through gate, over field and footbridge. Turn

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Six Bells pub, Fulbourn High Street/parking nearby, CB21 5DH, grid ref TL519562

Is it for me? Flat and level. No serious challenges. Optional climb up steps to Fleam Dyke. Slightly tricky road crossing towards end
Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Cambridge

Refreshments Pubs and cafés in Fulbourn

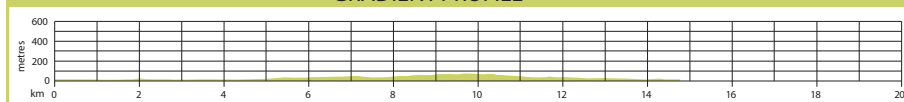
Public toilets In Wandlebury Ring

Public transport Citibus 1 (Stagecoach) runs from Cambridge Railway Station to Fulbourn every half an hour

Maps OS Explorer 209; Landranger 154

L on path and follow it R. Cross another bridge, turn L on track and R, through gate, to visit Fleam Dyke.

GRADIENT PROFILE

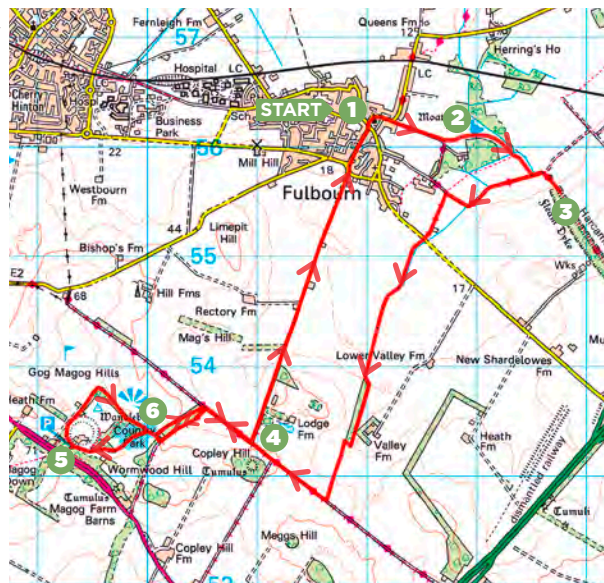


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3 **1½ miles/2km**
Go back along path from Fleam Dyke and turn L again on track signed Roman Road. Keep straight for ½ mile. Follow track R and L. At junction of paths, turn L onto grassy, tree-lined track signed Wandlebury. Cross Balsham Road onto path ahead and keep straight for 1½ miles, walking through two long bands of trees and beside field. Go through gap in hedge and turn R down grassy Roman Road, passing info board after ½ mile.

4 **4½ miles/7.25km**
500m further up Roman Road, by another board, turn L through trees into Wandlebury country park. Turn R near cottage and keep straight. Follow path R and immediately turn L across field to gate. Turn L along track beyond and keep straight, following signs for parking. Continue on sandy path between trees and field with picnic tables. Fork L onto tarmac track and turn R over bridge above ancient ring ditch, part of Iron Age fort. Continue to Old Stable Yard.



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5 **5½ miles/9.25km**
Turn R through archway below cupola. Keep straight across grassy area, past pond, through doorway in wall and gate. Turn L just beyond ring ditch and R at sign for Barnyard Hide. Follow path along line of beeches and R around far end of meadow. Fork L into woods following signed path past viewpoints.

6 **6½ miles/10.5km**
Turn L towards Roman Road on main path through trees. Keep L along fence. After cottage, turn L on beech avenue. Turn R along Roman Road back to point 4 and L past board and bench along wide grassy path. Keep straight along Babraham Road to Fulbourn. Cross Cambridge Rd and keep straight along School Lane back to High Street. **CW**



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YOUR RATING

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