











# Cambourne Discovery Map

## KEY

-  Bridleway/Byway
-  Footpath
-  Permissive path
-  Suggested walk
-  Road
-  Lake
-  Church
-  Pub
-  Post Mill
-  Wildlife Trust Nature Reerve

Note – not all rights of way are included on this map and the information may change over time, please check before setting out.  
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We hope you enjoy your visit

### Access

Cambridgeshire County Council is responsible for public rights of way in this area. They are working with land owners to improve accessibility by replacing stiles with gates. There may still be some stiles and steps and the ground could be muddy and uneven, especially after heavy rain. For more information on countryside access in Cambridgeshire go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/countryside](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/countryside)

### Public transport

For information about local public transport contact Travel Line on 0871 200 2233 (8am – 8pm) or at [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk). A map of bus services can be found at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### Maps

You may find it useful to have the Ordnance Survey maps for the area. Cambourne is near the join for several maps. It is possible to buy OS maps centred on your area from some walking shops or online. The OS Explorer map 208 has most of Cambourne, with maps 209 and 225 covering the surrounding area.

There is also an interactive map of all rights of way linked from [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/countryside](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/countryside).

### Groups to join

There are many groups in the area that organise walks, runs and cycle rides. Look in local shops or newsletters for adverts.

### Circular walks

These are suggested walks that start in Cambourne and explore some of the surrounding countryside. Please note, these have not been especially way marked, so you may want to take a more detailed Ordnance Survey map with you.

#### Short - Caxton

Distance – about 4km/2.5miles/1 hour  
Start – Oaks Wood car park

Take the bridleway from the centre of Cambourne to Caxton, turn right and walk back to Cambourne by the footpath (to make the walk longer, turn south in Caxton and loop around the west of Caxton on bridleways and footpaths).

#### Medium – Knapwell and Elsworth

Distance – about 11km/7miles/3 hours  
Start – Cambourne Business Park

Walk north out of Cambourne up to Knapwell and through Overhall Grove. Take the footpath from Knapwell to Elsworth and then return by the bridleway back to Cambourne.

#### Long – Bourn and Hardwick Wood

Distance – about 20km/12.5miles/5 hours  
Start – Cambourne church

Walk south past the eastern lakes and out of Cambourne towards Bourn. From Bourn you take the footpath towards Toft and then up to Hardwick Wood. Return to Bourn along the bridleway and then back to Cambourne.

#### To calculate walking times

Most people walk at about 2.5 miles per hour (4km per hour), but you may want to stop along the way to look at wildlife or at the pub!

### Local wildlife needs you

The Wildlife Trust relies on our supporters to continue to protect our beautiful local wildlife and countryside. Please contact us to find out how you can get involved in helping the Trust and for information about Wildlife Trust nature reserves close to you. If you are not already a member of your local Wildlife Trust, find out how you can support us in our vital conservation work in this area.

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## Cambourne and Beyond Discovery Map



Protecting wildlife close to home

### Countryside code

Help us protect the countryside by following the code

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people




More information on the code is available from Natural England or at [www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk](http://www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk)

### Dogs

Please clear up after your dog and observe any signs asking you to keep it on a lead, especially around farm animals.

### Way marking

Public rights of way are often way marked with coloured arrows.

-  Footpaths for walkers
-  Bridleways for walkers, horse riders and cyclists
-  Byways for walkers, riders, cyclists and 'road legal' motor vehicles. These may be seasonally closed to motor vehicles.

**Permissive paths** are granted by land owners. Remember that permission can be withdrawn. The Wildlife Trust has some permissive paths on nature reserves which are usually marked with a black arrow on an orange disk.

### Wildlife

Within Cambourne the Wildlife Trust manages the greenspaces to make them a haven for wildlife. The main circular walk around the perimeter has been planted to form a strip of woodland, with large grassy areas filled with wildflowers. These areas are fantastic for birds, many insects and mammals. The surrounding countryside is mainly arable farmland with some hedges and small woodlands which also provide places for wildlife.



### Nature reserves to visit

The Wildlife Trust has several nature reserves in the area that are free and always open to visit. The three marked on the map are:

- Hardwick Wood** – an ancient woodland with coppiced areas to benefit wildflowers and birds.
- Overhall Grove** – the largest elm woodland in Cambridgeshire. Many are regenerating after being affected by Dutch elm disease.
- Waresley and Gransden Woods** – a glorious carpet of bluebells in May, you can also see part of the Trust's project to join up South Cams woodlands.

For directions and more information about these and other nature reserves to visit, please go to [www.wildlifebcnp.org](http://www.wildlifebcnp.org)

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