Drift Through Time...

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Huntingdonshire is an area of outstanding natural beauty with some of the prettiest places to visit in England.

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The large 17th century water mill is a National Trust property and was at one time a Youth Hostel. Milling days are held here most Sunday afternoons.

The village contains many 16th and 17th century houses. Note the bust facing the thatched clock tower and pump. This is of Pett Brown, a local miller and a Quaker philanthropist.

This little village is worth the short detour to the left on Huntingdon Road. The Three Jolly Butchers is a 17th century inn.

Houghton (C)

Huntingdon (A)

The village is famous because of the airfield, which formed part of a Crimean War memorial. The original was taken in World War II and melted down for re-use as armaments.

Godmanchester (B)

Godmanchester lies across the River Great Ouse from Huntingdon and is linked by a medieval causeway and stone bridge. The town was founded as a Roman settlement on the crossroads of the Via Devana. The town is laid out in a pentagonal street pattern.

The town received its charter from King John in 1212 AD and contains many ancient and interesting houses, including the Manor House in Earning Street, which dates back to 1603.

Island Hall is an important mid 18th century mansion of great charm, owned and restored by an award-winning interior designer. This Georgian house enjoys a tranquil river setting with formal gardens and an ornamental island. The house is open to groups of visitors although booking is essential (Tel 01480 459676).

The Chinese Bridge is a replica of the original which was built in 1827 and designed by the architect Gallier in the then fashionable Chinese Chippendale style. From here there are splendid views of the River Great Ouse.

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The Route

1. Huntingdon to Godmanchester
   (part of National Cycle Network route 51)
   From HUNTINGDON (A) railway station turn right towards the town centre to the traffic lights on the ring road. Use the shared cycleway/footpath to the right of the traffic lights, alongside the ring road, to the traffic lights at The Old Bridge Hotel. Note the Castle Mound behind the hotel. Turn right on the shared track over the river bridge to GODMANCHESTER (B). When the NCN route turns right keep forward for about \( \frac{1}{4} \) mile and then turn right (signposted “The Offords”) into The Causeway.

2. Godmanchester to Hemingford Abbots
   At the end of The Causeway go straight ahead into Old Court Hall which leads to London Street. Where London Street bends right (to become London Road) turn left into Earning Street. At the end turn right into Cambridge Road to rejoin NCN route 51, and just before a roundabout with the A14 turn left into The Causeway. Watch out - the name is not seen from this angle. Keep forward for about \( \frac{1}{2} \) mile and just before a slight rise in the road (the former railway line), near the second lay-by on the right, take the cycleway to the right. This crosses the field to a gate at the end of Common Road, HEMINGFORD ABBOTS.

3. Hemingford Abbots to Kings Ripton Crossroads
   Go straight on in Common Road, after about \( \frac{1}{2} \) mile take the first turning left Meadow Lane, (but the name is not visible from this side) which leads to a bridge, then crosses a meadow, and leads to another bridge by the lock at HUGHTON (C). Cross this bridge and pass through the mill to Mill Street and the village.
   To the left (along Huntingdon Road) is the village of WYTON (D) which is worth a short detour. Leave Houghton by St Ives Road. At the end turn left and immediately right into Mere Way to its end. Turn left on the B1090 to pass RAF WYTON (E) and keep forward for about \( \frac{1}{2} \) mile, crossing the busy A141 at a roundabout, to a crossroads, near Kings Ripton.
   For a short cut back to Huntingdon - see (a).

4. Kings Ripton Crossroads to Alconbury Weston
   Turn right through KINGS RIPLETON to another crossroads. Turn left to LITTLE RAVELEY, and then left again by the former church (now a private residence) to WENNINGTON (F). Just beyond the pond turn left to ABBOTS RIPLETON (G). At a T-junction our route goes to the right, but the church is to the left. For a short cut back to Huntingdon - see (b).

5. Alconbury Weston to Huntingdon
   (part of National Cycle Network Route 12)
   Leave Alconbury Weston via Church Way, a bridleway next to the pub which is signed “NCN 12”, this leads to Huntingdon. Follow this to the church at ALCONBURY (J) and The Manor House. A right turn gives us a fine view of the old bridge, where we turn left and soon left again into Rusts Lane.
   Beyond the motorway underpass follow the road signs to The Stukeleys at four consecutive roundabouts. The airfield is to the left. This is the Roman Ermine Street. Continue through LITTLE STUKELEY (K) and GREAT STUKELEY (L). Beyond here the track on the left is a shared cycleway and footpath.
   Our route goes straight on, beyond the A141 roundabout to reach HUNTINGDON. At traffic lights opposite “The Territorial” pub, cross the ring road into the High Street. At the George Inn turn right into George Street. Beyond the ring road the station is on the left at about \( \frac{1}{4} \) mile.

(a) Short cut from Kings Ripton to Huntingdon - to give a circuit of 12m/19km
   From the crossroads near Kings Ripton return to Huntingdon by turning left (signposted Sapley) to the A141. Cross this busy road with care, and use the footpath to the right of a fence facing you. Turn left into Sapley Road, and at the foot of a descent turn right into Desborough Road to its end.
   At traffic lights turn right into Hartford Road for about \( \frac{1}{4} \) mile. From the car park on the right is a shared track leading to traffic lights at the Old Bridge Hotel. Cross at the lights and keep forward on the shared track by the ring road to the station.

(b) Short cut from Abbots Ripton to Huntingdon - to give a circuit of 18m/29km
   At the B1090 turn left and beyond the village turn right onto an unclassified road. Follow this to a roundabout with the A141. Cross this road with care and continue straight over the next roundabout. Take the second exit off a further roundabout to Kings Ripton Road which becomes Sapley Road. At the foot of a descent, turn right into Desborough Road to its end.
   At traffic lights turn right into Hartford Road for about \( \frac{1}{4} \) mile. From the car park on the right is a shared track leading to traffic lights at The Old Bridge Hotel. Cross at the lights and keep forward on the shared track by the ring road to the station.