



Stage 19 - HARROLD TO CRANFIELD

Distance - 17.6km / 11 miles

Explorer maps - 224 Corby, Kettering & Wellingborough

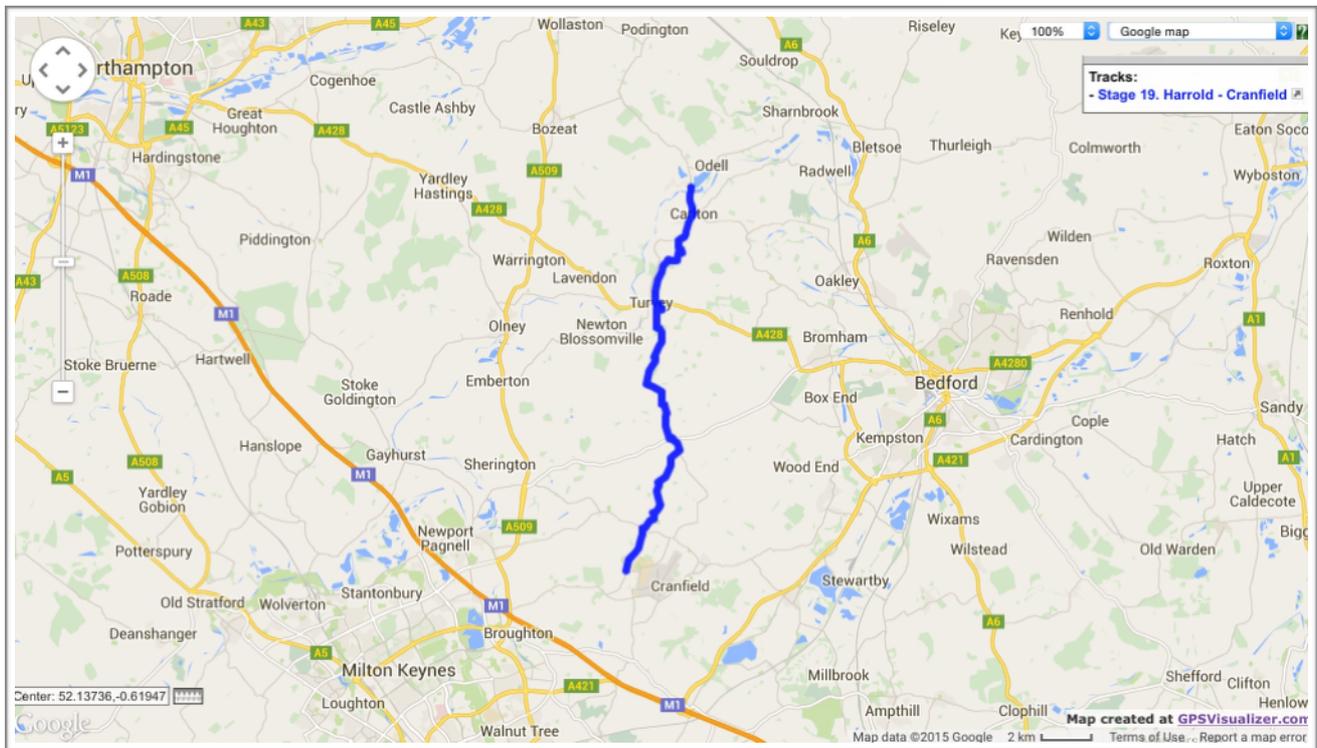
Time: 4 - 4.5 hours average time based on Naismith's rule

Total ascent - 126m

Total descent - 106m

Description - Follow parts of the Ouse Valley Way and the Milton Keynes Boundary Walk to Cranfield. Pass through the medieval villages of Carlton, Turvey and Astwood. Turvey is now home to a Benedictine Abbey.

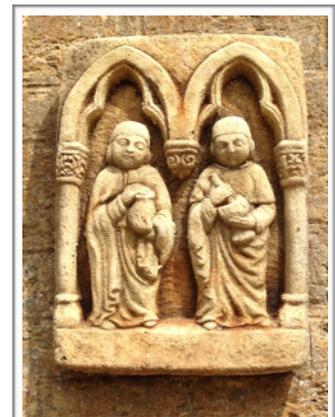
The route uses paths that are easy to follow and well marked. Shire Lane at Cranfield was overgrown at the time of writing but passable.



Walk description

1 - Return to the the main road to pass over the bridge, into Carlton, then turn left down the road direction Turvey. After leaving Carlton walk to the church on your right and turn left on the Ouse Valley Way to Turvey.

2 - On entering Turvey pass through the playing fields, and at the end of Grove Road turn left and the snicket on the right signed Barncroft. At the end of Barncroft turn left onto the main road, then right down Jacks Lane to pass by Turvey Abbey on your left. Take the footpath



right across the field to pick up the Ouse Valley Way path and to pass along Long Belt. At the end of this field turn left on the lane to pass New Wood and Keepers Cottage leaving the tarmac track to continue past the woods and into the valley to pass Gillet Wood and eventually reach the road at a house called Gorwelle.

3 - At the road turn left pass the house to the main road A422 and cross over into Astwood village. Take the road direction Cranfield, and then the bridleway left following the Milton Keynes Boundary Way. At the road (East End Cottages) turn right and the left bridleway, ignoring the path off to the left, pass Ringtail Farm to reach the road.

4 - At the road turn right and left to travel down Shires Lane (*this can be overgrown, and can also be quite muddy due to horse traffic*). There is the possibility of turning left off the lane to pass through the hedge, past the sewage works to reach Cranfield Airport runway. Here a path leads to Cranfield and the end of this stage.

At the time of writing June 2014 a new housing estate meant this path on the opposite side of the runway was closed with no detour.

There are many other routes off the Milton Keynes Boundary Way to Cranfield to choose from.