



Location Map

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CIRCULAR WALKS

DEDDINGTON

Hempton Loop 5.5miles / 8.5km Time 2 - 2.5hours
Clifton Loop 6.5miles / 10km Time 2.5 - 3hours

Deddington Circular Walk

Total: 12miles / 18.5km

Deddington lies 6m/9.5km south of Banbury at the junction of A4260 and B4031. Several bus routes pass through the village, including the 59 Oxford-Banbury (Mon-Sat); the main bus stop is in the Market Place, where there is also limited parking space.

Deddington Circular Walks form a figure of eight, the two loops meeting in the Market Place. They offer a choice of quite different routes, embracing the villages of Hempton to the west (5.5m/8.5km) and Clifton to the east (6.5m/10km). Each offers optional short cuts. The routes are signed and described in an anti-clockwise direction, though they can be walked either way.

Both are essentially rural, featuring typical rolling north Oxfordshire countryside with several fine extensive views. From the ridge on which Deddington is sited they bring you down into the fields and pastures of the Cherwell valley or those of its tributary streams forming the parish boundaries, with South Brook to the south and the Swere to the north. Ground conditions can be wet and muddy, especially in winter, so stout footwear is advisable.



Leaflets produced by the Deddington Map Group and a Deddington guide describes the village in more detail. You can also learn more about Deddington on the website:

www.deddington.org.uk

Deddington Places to Eat & Drink

1 Crown and Tuns
01869 337371 · www.puddingface.com
Refurbished 16th century coaching inn with local real ales and delicious homemade pies. Walled garden at rear of pub. Open most lunchtimes and evenings – check for exact times and reservations.



2 Bengal Spice Restaurant
01869 337733/337799
www.bengal-spice-restaurant.com
Authentic Indian/Bangladeshi cuisine - meat, poultry, seafood and vegetarian. Sunday buffet lunch by booking only. Takeaway service also available. Open Mon - Sat 12 noon - 2.30pm and 5.30pm - 11.00pm; Sun and Bank Holidays 12 noon - 2.30pm and 5.30pm - 10.00pm.

3 May Fu Two
01869 338047
Restaurant serving traditional Chinese cuisine from various regions. Sunday buffet lunch by booking only, 12.00 noon - 2.30pm. Takeaway service also available. Open every lunchtime and evening - check for exact times and reservations.

4 Peppers Restaurant
01869 338274
www.oxfordshire-hotels.co.uk
Mediterranean style restaurant and bar in the 15th century Holcombe Hotel. Specialises in fresh pasta and pizza dishes together with tapas, steaks and vegetarian options. Open every lunchtime and evening - check for exact times and reservations.



5 The Deddington Arms Hotel
01869 338364
www.oxfordshire-hotels.co.uk
16th century inn with good range of real ales and wines and freshly prepared bar meals. Also AA Rosette restaurant offering modern British cuisine. Check for exact opening times and reservations.



6 Eagles Fresh Foods
01869 338500 · www.feaglesfreshfoods.co.uk
Ready-to-eat quiches, pasties, pastries and award-winning pies.
Open Mon 8am - 4pm; Tues - Fri 8am - 6pm; Sat 8am - 5pm; Sun 10am - 4pm.

7 Foodies Tearooms
01869 337470
Tearoom serving light lunches and afternoon teas. Shop with food from around the world. Fresh bread and patisserie every day. Fresh sandwiches made to order. Shop and tearoom open Mon - Sat 8.00am - 5 pm; Sun 2.30 - 5pm.



8 Otters Restaurant
01869 338813
A family-run business offering modern European food with a rustic theme. Lunch and dinner menus.
Open Tues - Sat 12pm - 2 pm; Fri and Sat 7pm - 9.30pm; Sun 12pm - 2.30pm; Mon closed.



9 Co-op Village Store
01869 336281
General store, post office and newsagents licensed to sell groceries, cigarettes and alcohol (off premises). Cash back service available.
Open Mon - Sat, 7am - 9pm; Sun 8am - 9pm.

10 The Unicorn
01869 338838
18th century coaching inn with bar, restaurant and large garden. Bar meals and restaurant offering varying menu in traditional style that emphasises local produce. Check for exact opening times and reservations.



The Red Lion
01869 338777
11 Free house pub with local real ales. Courtyard at the back. Open every lunchtime and evening - check for exact times.

Duke of Cumberland's Head - Clifton
01869 338534 · www.thecliftonduke.com
17th century thatched inn with large garden. Bar meals and restaurant serving varied menu. Good range of real ales and wines and log fire in the winter. Check for exact opening times and reservations.



Popular Chinese Takeaway - Hempton Road
01869 338881
Specialises in Oriental Cantonese take-away meals and also offers fish and chips. Tables outside for use in good weather. Open Tuesday to Thursday 4pm - 10.30pm; Friday & Saturday 12 noon - 11pm; Sunday 4pm - 10.30 pm. Closed on Mondays, Open Bank Holidays.

Clifton Loop Points of Interest

E As you descend **Chapmans Lane** fine farmland views open up before you of the valley fed by South Brook on its way to join the River Cherwell. The landscape is largely the result of the Enclosures Act of 1808; you may like to imagine the very different impact that would have been made by the open-field system that preceded it for at least 1000 years. Leadenporch Farm lies at the centre of the scene. Highland cattle, one of its specialities, are often to be seen in the surrounding pastures.

F **Bowman's Bridge**, a few yards from your route, is an old pack horse bridge over South Brook. As you turn north, you look out across the fields to the River Cherwell. In winter these are quite often flooded and attract substantial flocks of wildfowl (mallard, wigeon, pochard, teal) and waders (lapwing, golden and grey plover).

G Close to the River Cherwell, **Clifton** is a pretty hamlet of mainly two-storied ironstone rubble cottages, a number from the 18th and early 19th century. The Chapel of St James, built in 1853, has been converted into business premises and Manor Farm has a date stone of 1685. The Duke of Cumberland's Head dates from the 17th century and has a fine thatched roof. One of its earlier licensees in the mid-19th century ran a beaver hat factory in a neighbouring building.

H **Paper Mill Cottages**, a few yards north of your route, are reminders of the earlier existence here of a paper mill belonging to the Emberlin family in the late 18th to mid-19th century. The mill was converted to a cornmill by Z.W. Stilgoe of Adderbury Grounds Farm.

I At the top of the steep pasture look back for **fine views** including the spires of Adderbury and King's Sutton churches.

Hempton Loop

5.5 miles / 8.5 km



For those who would like to venture further afield we recommend the OS Explorer sheet 191.

KEY

Route		Points of Interest	
Track		Built Up Area	
Short Cuts		Pond	
		Wooded Area	

1 From the Market Place walk northwards towards the Deddington Arms. Turn left towards the main road.

2 Cross at the traffic lights and walk along the B4031 (signposted Hempton) for 300 metres.

3 Turn right into The Daedings and almost immediately straight on along the brideway (Cosy Lane) for 1km. There are fine views as you descend into the Swere valley.

4 On reaching the tarmac lane, turn right then left into Daeda's Wood.

5 At the far end of Daeda's Wood, turn left along Milton Road, soon crossing the River Swere. Continue uphill for approx. 700 metres.

6 At the top of the hill, ignore the first gate on the left and continue along the road to the metal pedestrian gate on your left. Cross the field towards Coombe Hill Farm. Follow the circular walk waymarks closely as the route takes you past the farm.

7 Bear right and follow the track downhill for approx. 1km. Note the meanders of the River Swere as you reach the bottom.

8 Turn left in front of the mill and through the gate. Cross the paddock then go over the footbridge. Continue bearing diagonally left across two fields.

9 Cross the farm lane and follow Snakehill Lane uphill for about 1km to Hempton.

Shortcut: About halfway up Snakehill Lane, turn left and then bear right uphill, heading gradually towards the hedge on your right. Cross the single sleeper bridge over a ditch with care. Bear left diagonally across the corner of the next field to a gap in the hedge. Continue across the next field uphill towards the houses and the Hempton Road. When you reach the road, turn left to walk to Deddington.

10 Cross the Hempton Road and turn left. After about 400 metres turn right down the drive of Tomwell Farm.

11 700 metres down the drive, turn sharp left at a signposted gap in the hedge and then walk diagonally left across two fields. Beyond the second hedge, continue across fields.

12 Cross a farm lane, then go uphill following the line of telegraph poles across two more fields (passing the Windmill Community Centre and its sports fields on your left).

13 Enter Deddington via a lane called The Grove. Cross the main road with care, then walk along Hudson Street to return to the Market Place.

Hempton Loop Points of Interest

A **Daeda's Wood** is the first of 200 new Millenium Woods in England and Wales created by the Woodland Trust, with substantial contributions from local inhabitants and Cherwell District Council. In 1996, 3500 trees were planted in a former arable field. The trees and shrubs selected are all suitable for this riverine site: ash, five species of willow, oak, alder, grey and black poplar, aspen, downy birch, osier, hawthorn, blackthorn and guelder rose. This evolving habitat for flora and fauna includes flowers such as white campion, ragged robin, ox-eye daisy, meadow cranesbill, poppies, musk mallow, yarrow, purple loosestrife and knapweed and many species of butterflies, moths and birds. Otters have been sighted in the River Swere, which forms the wood's sinuous northern boundary. **Daeda's Wood** is a popular destination for walkers and nature watchers as well as for community events, such as walks and picnics.



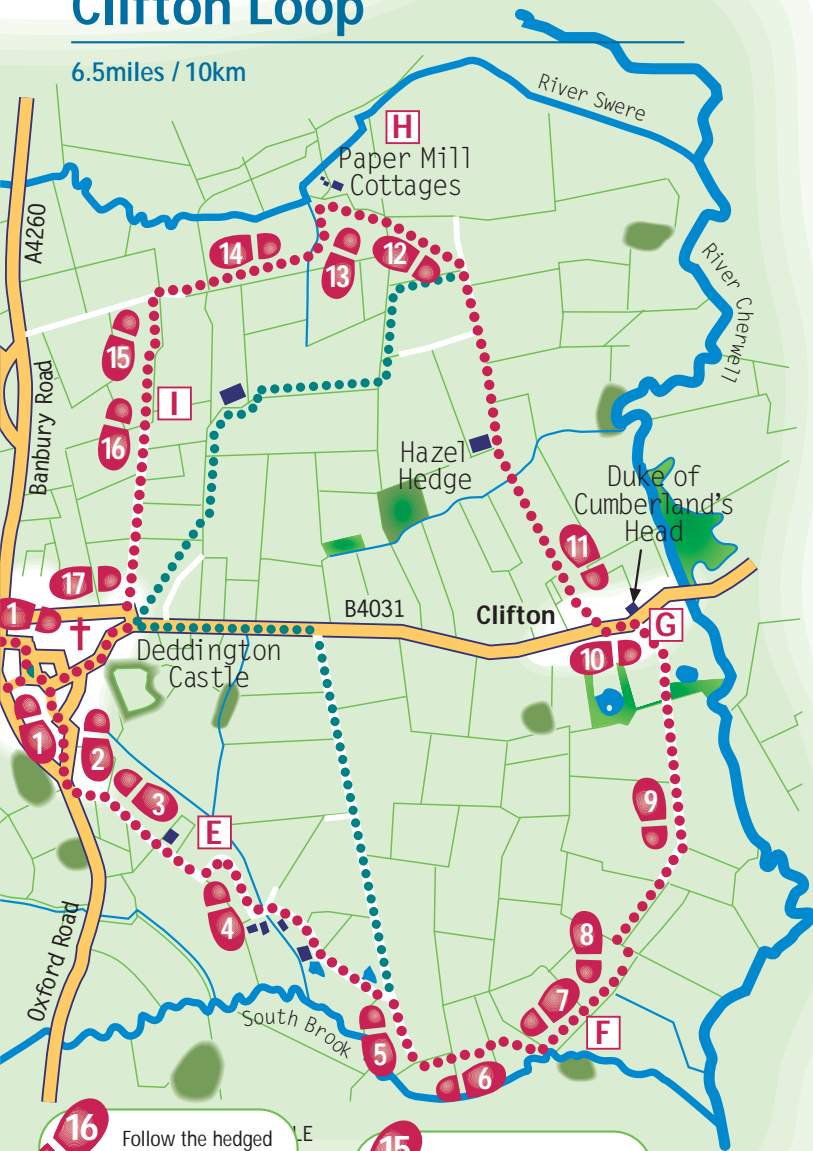
B **Barford Mill** is a Listed Building in ironstone rubble dating from the 18th century. Some original machinery is in place and corn has been ground here until recent times. With its pond, the setting amongst pasture land has great charm.

C Hempton's two-storey ironstone rubble cottages date mainly from the 18th or early 19th century. The Church of St John the Evangelist, built in 1850-1, has a Norman font. Attached to the church is an old Victorian schoolroom, recently refurbished to create a community centre for the village. The origins of the name of Snakehill Lane are unknown; but no snakes have been recorded!

D **Grove House** is the best preserved of several substantial 17th century yeomen's houses, now converted to private homes. Note the unusual stone mullioned windows of the main building.

Clifton Loop

6.5 miles / 10km



16 Follow the hedged lane for 600m. Joining Earls Lane, continue straight on to meet the Clifton Road.

17 Turn right at the junction (after about 200m, a track to the left leads very soon to Deddington Castle mound) and follow the road through to the Market Place.

15 Just before the barn turn left over a stile and go uphill keeping to the left. Cross another stile at the top. There are often cows in this field and occasionally bullocks. They may be curious and come towards you but there are no reports of them being aggressive. If you have a dog with you, be sure to keep it on a short lead.

14 Follow the field edge, keeping the hedge to your left. Continue along the farm lane towards a barn.

13 Continue towards the far right hand corner and at the junction for Paper Mill Cottages, turn sharp left, keeping within the same field. Follow the hedge (on your right) to the far corner and turn right beside the barn. Go through a metal field gate.

11 Opposite Manor Farm turn right up Tite Lane passing a house on your left after 800 metres, then continue for 650 metres to a waymarker post.

10 At the junction with the main road, turn left.

8 At the end of the second field, turn left and in 100 metres right through a gate along the field edge.

6 Turn left, following the hedge and go through a gate. Continue straight ahead through a further gate. Cross the next field diagonally right and follow the hedge downhill to a brook.

5 At this junction, turn right and continue to the end of the hedged lane.

3 At the junction with the main road, turn left and almost immediately left again to go along Chapmans Lane. Soon you will enjoy the first of several fine views.

Shortcut: (no livestock) Turn left at the waymarker post and walk around two sides of the field keeping the hedge on your right. Turn right onto a track which turns immediately left and then right to Field Barn. Continue to follow track past house/offices as it becomes a concrete roadway and bears left. After approx 300 metres, turn right through second gate(way) and then bear left across the field to wooden bridge in hedgeline. Cross bridge and bear right towards the houses. Go through gate in the corner of the field and head back to the Market Place along the main road.

12 At the waymarker post, just before the track swings to the right, bear left diagonally across the field towards the trees. Continue through the gateway in the opposite corner.

9 Continue to a gate and into a hedged lane to reach Clifton (opposite Duke of Cumberland's Head) after about 1km.

7 At the stream (South Brook), turn left through the first gate and continue with the hedge on your right along two fields.

Shortcut: Turn left at the T-junction for an alternative route back to Deddington. Go left again when you reach the main road (which is often busy so take great care).

4 Turn left at the farm buildings, then right at the T-junction, passing the aviary and farmhouse on your right. Continue to a T-junction by a pond.

2 Turn first right down Philcote Street, then bear right into St Thomas Street.

1 From the Market Place, follow the Clifton Road south through the pinch-point.

Information about Deddington

Deddington (meaning 'the place of the people of Daeda') is thought to have been founded by an early Lord of Mercia named Daeda. It was a thriving market town by medieval times, once more substantial than Banbury. It gradually lost its importance, especially after it was 'side-lined' by canal and railway, but remained a productive agricultural community supporting a variety of trades and, at one time, 21 inns and alehouses! To meet more modern needs there are now several pubs and restaurants (see facing page), as well as specialist shops and boutiques.

The Market Place, where both walks begin and end, is the original nucleus of Deddington and the lively scene of many a market and fair from medieval times onwards. (There is a farmers' market in the Market Place on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9am to 12.30pm). Dominating it from the east is the 17th century tower of St Peter and St Paul, the **Parish Church** which dates from the 13th century. A leaflet describing its main features can be purchased in the church. North of this, the imposing **Castle House** mainly dates in its present form from the 17th century, but retains traces of its 13th century origins. It was here that Edward II's infamous favourite Piers Gaveston stayed just prior to his execution in June 1312. The **Town Hall** near the centre of the Market Place was rebuilt in 1806. On its south wall is the Coat of Arms granted to Deddington in 1994; (see back cover) the motto in Early English, not Latin, reads *preo on anan gebundene*, meaning 'three joined together in one'. This refers to the three historic manors of the Parish and perhaps also the three villages – Deddington, Clifton and Hempton – which make up the parish. A number of the surrounding buildings date from the 17th and 18th centuries.

A short walk to the east of Market Place you will find the remains of **Deddington Castle**. The 8.5 acre site consists of massive earthworks marking an 11th century motte and bailey. The castle itself had already been destroyed by the end of the 14th century. The earthwork and surrounding moat are now largely covered by mature trees, mainly sycamore and chestnut, but there are a dozen other species including ash, birch, oak, wild cherry and rowan. A varied flora flourishes under the canopy of trees.

There is an annual family walk incorporating parts of the Deddington Circular Walk. For details, see www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk