

## Start

**A.** Walk into Mowsbury Park to the western boundary of Putnoe Wood and follow the middle path through the wood. Where the wood ends meet a broad bridleway and here turn left to go through a golf course, eventually passing a spinney on the right known as Marsh Wood. Ignore all side paths. Continue on to reach the highway at Renhold.

**B.** Turn left on the highway for a short distance to reach a way-marked footpath at the end of a row of houses on the right. Follow this footpath down to the bottom of the field where it turns right to a concrete farm bridge over Renhold Brook. Cross the bridge and go forward on a well used footpath that crosses a short section of open field to a ditch and later a hedge on the left side as the path leads gently uphill. Pass through a gap in the hedge in the corner of the field ignoring side paths and continue in the same direction with a hedge on the left. Go through another field boundary then over a stile to enter a tree plantation leaving this via stiles and a footbridge. Now walk forward over a meadow to a way-mark post in the far left corner.

**C.** Here the footpath crosses a bridleway and to visit Wild Britain follow the bridleway to the right to the highway then turn left and walk with care for a short distance to Wild Britain. To continue the walk keep on in the same direction, go through a gate (or over an adjacent stile) to cross another open field to a stile in the far boundary. Continue in the same direction, with a hedge on the left for a short distance and where the hedge turns at right angles away from the path go forward past an oak tree to a way-mark post at the bottom of the field. On reaching the far field boundary turn right for a short distance then left at the first footpath junction into a small paddock with some fine specimen trees. Walk down the right side of the paddock and into the yard of St Nicholas Church. Join the path through the churchyard and turn right to the gate by a thatched cottage, walk forward then turn left on a footbridge over a stream to arrive at The Victoria Arms and the bus stop.



Putnoe Wood



  
**Hidden Britain**  
NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE WOLDS

For full details of walks and rides throughout Bedfordshire, visit [www.lets-go.org.uk](http://www.lets-go.org.uk)

## Public Transport

There are bus services from **Bedford, Bus No. 7 (Mon-Sat to Start A), and No. 151.**

Bedford Bus enquiries: Tel: 01234 228337  
Traveline Timetable Info: Tel: 08712 002233

## Accommodation

There are a number of bed & breakfasts in the area. Please contact: Bedford Tourist Information Centre  
Tel: 01234 215226.

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# Gateway to the Wolds

**BEDFORD, PUTNOE to WILDEN**



## About the Walk

In around an hour and a half this three mile linear walk takes you from the edge of busy Bedford to Wilden Village deep in the heart of rural Bedfordshire. The walk begins at Mowsbury Park on the northern boundary of Bedford (Ordnance Survey Map Reference TM 065525), reached from central Bedford by Number 7 Bus but there is adequate space for car parking at both the Kimbolton Road and Wentworth Drive park entrances. There are several stiles on the walk but these are not difficult and the walk is easy with good surfaces. The walk is well waymarked.

## Wilden

Wilden lies in rich farming country. The church, sheltered by trees, dates from the 15th century and had as incumbent from 1600 to 1625 one of the translators of the Bibles authorised version.

## Transport

Return to Bedford by bus North Beds Dart, ND1, Service 151, (Monday to Saturday) from The Victoria Arms Public House or from "Wild Britain" just outside the village on the Renhold Road. If you have left a vehicle at Mowsbury Park you can leave the bus at the first stop in Renhold and retrace your steps through the golf course and Putnoe Wood or get off in Salph End, walk back a short distance into the village then follow the brideway between the houses and back to Mowsbury Park. The service operates only in one direction, out to Wilden from Renhold, returning via Ravensden.

## Wild Britain at Bedford Butterfly Park

Wild Britain open February to November is an easy diversion from the walk, a day out for the family.

## Refreshments

The Victoria Arms in Wilden is a welcoming, walker friendly pub.



The Victoria Arms



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