

# STUDLAND STOMP

*A round route through the Cambridgeshire countryside*



## THE THREE BLACKBIRDS WALK

5 miles | 2hr 30 mins

Take a right outside The Three Blackbirds and continue along Ditton Green road, follow the bend in the road and down the treelined path, next to the large water tower.

At the bottom of the slope you'll come across a metal gate with a smaller wooden passing gate on the side. Head through the gate and follow the bridal path, past a number of well kept horse paddocks. At the far end another metal gate leads away from the paddocks onto a gravel path beside an arable field and small woodland. In spring this field glows yellow with rapeseed.

Continue along the path until the tree line breaks to reveal a path heading east with a slight incline. Head uphill passing more fields. At the top turn right to join

Woodditton road, then take an immediate left down Maypole Lane. Keep to the grass verge until you reach the sign to Church Hall Farm North, then take the signposted public footpath to your left.

At the top of the small road you'll pass a single house before heading through a wooden gate and onto the Gallops of Little Ditton. Pass the pristine hedgerow until it breaks and then turn right, following the central grassy path East, towards School Road.

Turn right on School Road towards the 30mph speed signs, then take the next left up Parsonage Farm Lane, past The Granary Estates wedding venue. Continue straight ahead joining a dusty orange path. You'll now follow a treelined path for approximately half an hour, passing stud land and horse paddocks. On reaching a wall of trees at the

foot of a wood, take a right into an open field.

Cross the field and continue straight ahead, ignoring any side paths. Continue till you reach Kirtling Road. Head right up the road and follow the bend passing a house on the corner. Walk along the grass verges until you reach an opening in the woods on your left.

Pass the large metal gate and follow the pathway into the woods. Continue until you meet a T-Junction at the end of the path. Turn right and follow a long path out of the woods and back towards Ditton Green Road. Seeing the water tower appear over the trees, you'll know you're nearly back at our place to enjoy a hearty meal and a refreshing pick me up!

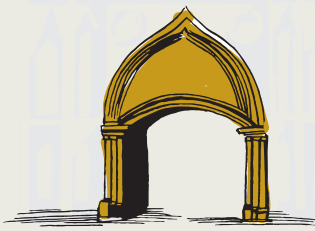
# AROUND AND ABOUT

## Points of interest in Woodditton



### DEVIL'S DYKE

Situated just a 15 minute walk from our doorstep and stretching an impressive 7 miles through woodland and heath, Devil's Dyke is another great route for keen ramblers to explore. Devil's Dyke or Devil's Ditch is a linear earthen barrier, thought to be of Anglo-Saxon origin. It runs in an almost straight line from Woodditton south of Newmarket to Reach north-west of Newmarket.



### ST MARY'S CHURCH

Woodditton is an ancient village, first mentioned in an instrument of King Canute and in Domesday Book. The present church has been a feature of the village for over 500 years. Parts of the north aisle are 14th century. The bells were restored in 1984, having been silent for 28 years. They are now rung for practice on Tuesday evenings and for weddings and services by a very enthusiastic team.

## OUR INNS



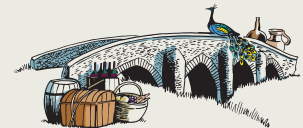
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