

SWC Bedfordshire walks – Sandy and Biggleswade

- **Main Walk: Sandy to Biggleswade via Northill and Old Warden 19.5km (12.2m), toughness 4/10.**
- **Long Walk: Sandy Circular - Main Walk plus route from Biggleswade back to Sandy 26.1km (16.3m), toughness 5/10.**
- **Short Birdwatching Walk: Biggleswade to Sandy 7.7km (4.8m), toughness 1/10. You can lengthen this walk by exploring the trails in the reserve. There is no lunch pub on this walk.**

Main Walk

This Bedfordshire walk was inspired by the weekly Country diary in the Guardian newspaper where, from time to time, a nature writer, Derek Niemann, writes about the flora and fauna around Sandy.

Although this is an area of large arable fields there is no sloggng through crops or over ploughed land. The walk is mainly flat and before lunch mainly follows the Greensand Ridge Walk. The route is a mix of attractive broad grassy tracks along field edges and woodland trails. Along the way you will see a number of information boards telling you about the animals, trees and plants you may see around you. Binoculars are useful as the area is rich in bird-life and a healthy population of muntjac deer and brown hares.

You visit two lovely villages – Northill and Old Warden which both have excellent pubs. Just after lunch following a short climb into Warden Warren woods you have the chance to do a couple of short “there and back” detours along permissive paths to see two refurbished Landmark Trust properties; **Queen Annes’ Summerhouse** and the **Keepers Cottage**. (The paths to these properties are only open from 1 April to 31 October.)

In May there is a lot of blossom to enjoy and October is also a good time to do this walk as the tree colour is particularly vibrant. Fast walkers taking an early train may be able to do this walk in winter before nightfall although the terrain is likely to be far muddier and it is recommended that this walk is done between **April and October**.

There are no stiles on the main walk or the long circular walk back to Sandy.

Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main walk: Sandy to Biggleswade 19.5km (12.2m) • Long Sandy circular walk via Biggleswade 26.1km (16.3m) • Short birdwatching walk Biggleswade to Sandy 7.4km (4.6m). This distance does not include exploring further trails at the RSPB nature reserve at Sandy Warren.
Maps	<p>1: 50,000 Landranger Map 153, Bedford and Huntingdon</p> <p>1:25,000 Explorer Map 208, Bedford and St Neots</p>
Toughness	Main walk 4/10; virtually flat but with one short, gentle climb just after lunch; 219m ascent and 215m of descent.

	<p>5/10 for the longer Sandy circular walk; 309m ascent and 300m descent</p> <p>1/10 for the short walk Biggleswade to Sandy</p>
Features	<p>Sandy</p> <p>Sandy (the high mark of Bedfordshire) was originally a Roman settlement and was probably an important trading centre and staging post in the Roman era. An ancient hill fort, now heavily wooded and known as "Caesar's Camp" although more commonly called "the sand hills" or "the lookout", still overlooks the town. (At the start of the walk you can make a short detour to visit this.)</p> <p>Sandy is referred to in the Domesday Book, as Sandeia, a derivation from the Old English Sandieg, meaning a sand-island. In 1086 Sandy was listed in the Domesday Book as being held by Eudo Fitzhubert, who is likely to have been the tenant. In addition there were also two mills listed, and both of these would have been water-powered. There are still references to one of them in the road name "Mill Lane" which runs along the river Ivel. However the mill has since been replaced by housing. Further down the river from the site where the mill once stood is Sandye Place Academy where it is believed there was a Danish camp which was built to protect Danelaw in 886. Evidence at The Riddy a Local Nature Reserve just south of Sandy, shows that mill-building has taken place on this site since at least the time of the Norman era though the last mill was built here in 1857.</p> <p>River Ivel and the Riddy Nature reserve</p> <p>This is a 25km tributary of the Great River Ouse and rises in Herfordshire..It has become known for its excellent fishing (barbel, carp and roach). Parts of it are navigable by canoes and around Biggleswade there are some attractive short riverside walks. The Riddy Nature reserve is a 8.4ha flood meadow and is home to a wide variety of grasses, flowering plants and aquatic plants. Water voles are present too.</p> <p>Greensand Ridge walk</p> <p>A 64km (40m) trail that traverses Bedfordshire. You can find full details of the walk and the route here</p> <p>Northill</p> <p>A beautiful village with many thatched cottages and buildings some of which date back to the 14th century including the Anglican Church of St Mary which has been sensitively restored over the centuries and has some fine examples of 17th century painted glass. Next to the Church is the Crown Public House which offers good quality food but comes perhaps a little too early in the walk for your pub lunch. Nonetheless this is a fine place for an early refreshment stop or a rest on the benches by the duck pond and green in front of the pub.</p> <p>The Abbey Church of St Leonard in Old Warden</p> <p>This church with origins dating back to the 12th century is a Grade 1 listed</p>

	<p>building with many outstanding architectural features. It is on your route and around 400m before you reach your recommended lunch-time pub in Old Warden. It is an ideal picnic spot with plenty of seating and is really worth a visit.</p> <p>Old Warden A picturesque, quiet village with a host of interesting houses, thatched cottages, beautifully manicured gardens and a quality country pub hosting many good ales and good traditional food. This is your recommended lunch stop.</p> <p>Shuttleworth Estate and Bird of Prey Centre This is not on your walk route but if you have a map or gps and you don't want to walk through Warden Warren or visit the Landmark Trust properties then you may care to try this alternative. There is a charge and full details about the centre and its attractions are on its extensive website here</p> <p>The Shuttleworth Estate has other attractions – including a Swiss Garden. More details are on their web site here</p> <p>Old Warden aerodrome and the Shuttleworth collection If you are a fan of old aircraft then you may care to detour off the route and visit the aerodrome. (There are no written instructions; you will need a map or gps device.) Between May and October there are a number of airshows and flying displays. Here is a website showing the timetable. If you google “Old Warden aerodrome” you will find lots more information about the aerodrome and its attractions.</p> <p>Warden Warren and Landmark Trust properties Just after lunch you climb up into woodland on a grassy track and have the chance to take a couple of short detours to see tucked away in the woods two beautifully restored Landmark Trust properties:</p> <p>Queen Annes Summerhouse- one of the poshest “bedsits” you will ever see! Visit this web site to learn a lot more</p> <p>The Keepers Cottage a model cottage for four people. See here for full details.</p> <p>Biggleswade A market town mentioned in the Domesday Book with a now rapidly growing population. The River Ivel runs just outside the main town and there are some attractive signposted riverside walks and cycle ways.</p>
<p>Walk options</p>	<p>Shortening the walk</p> <p>If you are interested in bird-watching then a short walk option could be to walk from Biggleswade station to Sandy and explore some of the paths and trails through the attractive RSPB reserve of woodland, heath and acid grassland at</p>

	<p>Sandy Warren. This is also the national HQ – the Lodge – of the RSPB and it has an extensive web site which you can find can find here. See Section E of the walk instructions.</p> <p>Lengthening the walk</p> <p>Before you enter the main town of Biggleswade you have the option to extend the walk back to Sandy making a long Sandy circular walk of 25.9km (16.2m). This also takes you through the RSPB reserve on your way to Sandy.</p>
Transport	<p>Both Sandy and Biggleswade are on the Great Northern line to Peterborough running out of London Kings Cross station.</p>
Suggested trains	<p>Weekends</p> <p>On Saturdays you have the option to take a fast train at 9.22am arriving at Sandy just after 10am or a slower train at 9.35am arriving at Sandy at 10.33am .</p> <p>The earlier fast train should mean you get to the recommended lunch-time pub which is 13km (7.6m) or 62% into the walk around 1.15pm. With the later train you will reach the pub about 30mins later.</p> <p>The corresponding trains after 10am will get you to the earlier pub option between 12 and 12.30am but you will have much further to walk after lunch.</p> <p>On Sunday there is one train an hour and to get you to the pub at a reasonable time you should catch the 09.23am</p> <p>There are two trains an hour back from Biggleswade to London on a Saturday and one on a Sunday.</p> <p>Weekdays</p> <p>Your best bet is the slow 9.35 train (arrives 10.33) but if you want the best Network card deal then you will need to catch the 10.22 which means you will not start walking until around 11.10 which in turn means the early lunch pub is the best option but makes for a long 14.3km (8.9m) stretch in the afternoon.</p> <p>Sandy is one stop beyond Biggleswade so buy a day return to Sandy</p>
Lunch and Tea	<p>Lunch</p> <p>The Crown Northill. (01767 627337)</p> <p>You will only have done a quarter of the walk when you reach this attractive pub but it still makes a lovely stop for a short break. Should you wish to eat here there is an extensive menu including good vegetarian options. See the web site here for full details</p> <p>Hare and Hounds, Old Warden (01767 627225)</p>

This is your recommended lunch-time pub and when you get here you will have done over 60% of the walk and so probably in need of refreshments! The pub has an extensive main menu and puddings. Their web site [here](#) gives full details. There is attractive outside seating at the rear of the pub.

For both pubs you should ring beforehand as they are likely to be busy on summer weekends and bank holidays..

Around 400m before you reach the Hare and Hounds there is the superb **Abbey Church of St Leonards** which is a fine spot for a picnic lunch.

Tea

Biggleswade has a number of pubs and cafes dotted around the central area but for tea, coffee and cakes your best bet is the popular **Surfin café** in Market Place which is en route to the station . Open until 5pm at weekends but 6.30pm on weekdays. However it may stay open later in the summer so check out its web site [here](#) for details It has indoor and outdoor seating and is 5 minutes walk from the station.

There are other cafes and restaurants in the Market Square and High Street area if you want an evening meal. Its worth doing a Google maps search to find out about options.

The Bell in Sandy and just 60m from the station is a fairly basic pub with a garden at the back. They will make you an Instant coffee and a cup of tea on request.

Note: for most of the morning before lunch you will be following the Greensand Ridge Walk (GRW). This is well signposted, often by yellow-topped footpath posts, but in summer some may be partially hidden by foliage.

A. Sandy Station to the Crown at Northill 5.3km, (3.3m.)

1. Leave Sandy station via the ticket barriers on the platform you arrived on. Turn right out of the station and go up the station approach road which soon merges with Station Road. You pass the Bell PH away to your left.
2. Cross the road 30m before a traffic roundabout to go left down the B1042 towards Sandy Town Centre. ! In 200m turn left down **Ivel Road/ leading to Ivel View**. In 50m you pass a fire brigade station on your right. In 130m you pass **Ivel View** on your left and continue ahead. In a further 30m where the road swings sharp left you continue ahead down a tarmac path to cross a bridge over a branch of the river Ivel .
3. Here you have a choice of routes : (1) bear right with the tarmac path, heading for a weir and the Riddy Nature reserve or (2) go through a metal gate on your right to take a narrow but attractive riverside path (river on your right) which may be over-grown in summer. After 200m this path swings sharp left and in a further 50m you reach the bridge over the weir.

4. Cross over the bridge and bear left on the path crossing a further bridge and ignoring any paths off. After 200m the path becomes a road called the Baulk and you continue ahead.. You reach a T junction with the busy A1 and turn left. In 100m cross over a footbridge descending on the steps to your left to turn right down a side road and in 30m turn left down a narrow path following a sign for the GRW .
5. In 50m the narrow enclosed path opens up into a suburban road. You pass a small parking area to continue down the road to reach a T junction with a road called the Green. (Opposite you there is an attractive town green.) Turn left here and in 100m pick up a GRW sign to cross the grassy area heading just to the right of Elm Farm. In 70m you reach a footpath sign and continue along this narrow track following a sign to Northill Green two miles. You are now on the GRW. In 70m reach open arable fields to your left and right.
6. In 150m turn left with the track for a few metres and then right continue ahead in the same direction the field edge to your right.. You cross a, small bridge with a footpath sign and continue ahead the field edge and a ditch to your right. In 60m at a T junction with a track and a footpath sign you turn left and then in 80m turn right on a narrow path with a footpath post and information board and continue ahead with a line of trees either side of you. You can use the wide track immediately to your left if you prefer
7. In 400m you reach a car-blocking barrier and you cross a tarmac road (Vinegar Hill) to continue on a wide track in the same direction following a GRW sign. In 200m you pass a footpath post on your right and bear left with the track. In 70m there is a GRW post to your left and you turn right with the track. In 200m you cross a bridge with a footpath sign and continue on an enclosed path. In 100m the enclosed path comes to an end and you continue ahead. In 300m you pass an information board about Caldicott House Farm conservation area to continue in the same direction passing a footpath post in 30m. and heading towards a road (Thorncote Road) which should be visible ahead of you.
8. At the junction with the tarmac road (Thorncote Road) there is a footpath sign on your right. Here you turn left along the road using the grass verge to go through the attractive village of Northill. In 300m you reach Bedford Road on your right and the Parish Church of St Mary Virgin just ahead of you . The Crown pub and village green is 50m beyond Bedford Road on your right.

B. Crown at Northill to Hare and Hounds in Old Warden 6.9km (4.3m)

8. Return to Bedford Road and go down this, immediately passing a footpath sign, saying Copall 3 miles and an Information board about the church on your left. Just after the road swings gently to the right you pick up a two-armed GRW sign on your left and continue on this track in 50m ignoring a steel gate on your left to continue past a wooden barrier with a footpath post on your right. Go through a horse-blocking barrier and continue on a wide track heading towards Home Wood.
9. In 150m you go over cross-paths with a footpath post on your right to continue on to Home Wood. In 80m you pass a yellow –topped footpath post and in 20m you go through a metal kissing gate a footpath sign and bench on your right and enter Home Wood.. In

60m you go over a cross-roads, a footpath post and a sign saying Home Wood Fish Farm on your left and continue ahead through the woods. In 80m you cross a bridge over a ditch with a sign about muntjac deer on your left and continue through dense woodland.

- 10.!! In 100m (about 60m before a T junction with another track) you turn left at an easily missed footpath post on your left with a GRW sign and a muntjac deer sign on it. You cross a small wooden bridge and take a meandering, narrow and possibly overgrown path through dense woodland to cross another wooden bridge in 80m to reach a car-wide track where you turn left.
11. ***(You can if you wish continue past the narrow path above to reach a T junction with a car-wide track in 60m and then turn left. In summer the narrow path may be overgrown in places.)***
12. After turning left on the track you continue on the GRW and in 80m turn right following a GRW sign. In 80m bear right with the track, open fields now to your right. The path swings left to go past Highlands Farm going through gates and crossing two fields and a narrow strip of woodland. You then go along two other field edges and heading towards another narrow strip of woodland. The path is heading to the right of Sweetbrier cottage on an OS map.
- 13.! As you reach the strip of woodland there is a yellow-topped footpath post on your right. Go past this and in a few metres turn left on a narrow earth path through a strip of woodland with a wooden fence and farm buildings on your right.
14. 400m along this path you reach a 2m, two-armed bridleway sign on your right and a footpath post (possibly fallen over) on your left with signs on it. You continue ahead on your path which soon veers slightly right.
15. **! In a further 400m you reach a footpath post on your left with multiple signs on it.** Here you turn right on a clear path into open countryside. In 40m turn sharp left with the path to continue ahead in your previous direction through open countryside .
16. In 600 metres you are approaching the next field edge defined by a line of bushes and trees.. **!!10m before this field edge there is a footpath sign on your right. In a further 10m there are two footpath posts on your right.** Here you turn **left** to leave the GRW to continue on a public bridleway with the field edge to your right. (You can walk the other side of the line of bushes with the field edge on your left if you wish and this maybe the easier option.) You are heading towards **Palmers Wood** crossing over an earth bridge on your way and ignoring a path to your right further on. At the wood edge the path turns right following a footpath sign away to your left and in 50m you turn left on a sign-posted track crossing a bridge into Palmers Wood.
17. You go over a cross-roads and continue ahead. You leave Palmers Wood to continue through an open area, (note the communications mast to your left cleverly disguised as a tree!) The path continues along the edge of a wooded area to your left. Ignoring a track to your right you pass a bench on your left and continue through a former kissing gate. The path swings gently to the left and soon you go through a metal kissing gate to reach

the attractive **Abbey Church of St Leonard** and its grounds which has seating for those with a picnic lunch.

18. Just beyond the church do **not** go down the tarmac lane ahead of you but turn right through a metal kissing gate with benches and a footpath sign and continue on the clear path. In 100m go through another kissing gate and continue ahead on the track which descends quite steeply for 30m before eventually reaching a tarmac road (Bedford Road). Turn left on this road and in 30m you reach the **Hare and Hounds** on your right your recommended lunch-time pub.

C. Hare and Hounds, Old Warden to Biggleswade Station 7.4km (4.6m)

17. Turn right out of the pub and continue along the road through the village. In 80m just before a T junction take a path to your right to go uphill into attractive, mixed woodland. (**Warden Warren**) The path soon levels out and you continue through the woodland noting the two options on your left to detour to visit the Landmark Trust properties. (See walk notes)
18. The trail reaches a 5 barred gate and kissing gate and in a further 15m you come to a tarmac road where you turn left. In 200m the road starts to gently climb and bear to the left. In a further 70m you take a public bridleway sign to your left crossing open fields. You continue ahead on the path with woods on your left and open fields to your right **ignoring all footpath posts to your left.**
19. After about 1km you come to a double wooden field gate and footpath signs. You go through a gap to the left of the gates to turn right on a tarmac road. You continue on the road passing a small lay-by on your left and continue over a cross-path, the road soon swinging to the left. You pass an attractive detached house and stables on your left. You then pass Kingshill Farm and Shuttleworth College on your left.
20. You eventually reach the busy **B658**. You cross this with care passing road signs for Sandy and Biggleswade and continue straight ahead passing a metal field gate and go along the wide track soon passing a small reservoir to your left. You continue on this meandering earth track through lightly wooded countryside ignoring ways off. You pass a large reservoir to your right. You continue on the track noting the large wind turbines ahead in the distance to your right. (You will have seen these from the train on your outward journey.) You cross a wooden bridge and continue on the now narrower dirt track.
21. You go past a car-barrier and cross **Gypsy Lane** and following the footpath sign continue on the track towards the roar of the clearly visible A1 ahead of you. **!!** In 200m you reach a yellow-topped footpath post to your right. You cross an old brick bridge and bear right to go through a wooden barrier onto a made-up path and then go through one of the 5 tunnels under the A1. (Remember to duck if you are over 1.75m!.) Once through the tunnels immediately turn sharp left and follow a path with the A1 above you to your left and in 80m pick up your onward direction by turning sharp right with the path.
22. Continue on the path as it turns sharp right and heads towards Biggleswade. You reach a number of footpath signs and a childrens play area just beyond these to your right

immediately followed by a bridge over the river Ivel . (***To continue with the long circular walk back to Sandy do not cross the bridge but turn left along a signed riverside path. See Section D below for walk instructions.***)

23. Continue over the bridge along Mill Lane. Turn left at the T junction with the B659, St Andrews Street. At the traffic roundabout turn right into the High Street. Continue down the High Street for 70m to take the first right into Hitchen Street and then in 40m turn left into Market Place where you will soon see the large **Surfin café** your recommended tea stop. Continue past the café for 50m to turn right into Station Road and in a further 200m you will reach Biggleswade Station. Use the pedestrian bridge over the railway lines for Platforms 1 and 2 and trains back to London.

Section D. Optional extension back to Sandy Station. Biggleswade to Sandy Station 7.0km (4.4m)

24. Do not cross the bridge over the River Ivel into Mill Lane but take a signed riverside path (**the Biggleswade Green Wheel**) to your left. Initially behind a fence there is a caravan park on your left. Continue on this tarmac path across bridges and through metal gates with the river on your right until you reach the busy A6001 Shortmead Street.
25. Cross the busy road with care and turn right across the bridge. In 30m you turn left on a path heading in the same direction on the other side of the river following a sign to Biggleswade Common. Go through a gap –a former kissing gate - on a narrow path the river just away to your left.
26. In 70m go through a metal kissing gate!! Here you leave the riverside path to take a narrow grassy path just to its right which soon merges with a car-wide grassy track. You are heading towards the edge of a wooded area which juts out into the field
27. At the corner of the field you reach the wooded area and a fence immediately to your right. You continue on a narrow path, the wooded area and fence just to your right, and head for a yellow topped footpath post 70m away. You go past the footpath post which is 10m away to your left and you continue along the narrow grassy path.
28. You pass a cottage and other brick buildings on your right and you continue on the path. The path swings round to the right and you are heading towards a large brick building – Shortmead House. The path soon swings left with Shortmead House now away to your right.
29. You emerge from the wooded area with bramble bushes on your left and right and a field ahead of you. !! Here the path splits and you take a narrow, faint path to your right heading towards a just visible metal kissing gate 50m away in shrubbery.. Go through the kissing gate . There are solar panels and horse paddocks away to your left. You bear right with the track with shrubbery immediately to your right and soon passing a brick building again on your right. You reach a yellow-topped footpath post with signs on it and here you turn left on a clear track heading towards a railway crossing 70m ahead of you

30. With the **green light showing** go through a gate and cross the railway lines. Here you have a choice of directions. The **recommended route** is to continue on the wide track ahead of you through open farmland. In 200m you come to a T junction and a yellow topped footpath post. Here you turn left along **Furzenhall Road**, a rough tarmac lane, soon passing some brick buildings on your right. In 400m you take a track on your right heading towards **Furzenhall Farm**. (Go to para 32)
31. **(The alternative route instead of taking the wide track ahead of you is to immediately turn left on a path with the railway line just to your left. You ignore a potential path to your right in 100m but in a further 100m you take a clear track heading diagonally across the field to your right. This will bring you to the track heading to Furzenhall Farm.) This track across the field is likely to be muddy after rain.)**
32. In 50m you reach Furzenhall Farm and turn left on a rough track. In 40m you go through a metal gate to the left of a metal fieldgate noting the bridleway sign on your left and the signs on the post of the fieldgate. You are now on Biggleswade Common. In 30m there is a footpath post to your right and a wooden bench to your left and you continue on the clear path across the open common.
33. Eventually you reach a bench and information board on your left and you go through a metal gate to cross a bridge over a stream and continue ahead on a clear track through attractive woodland. You pass over a long abandoned and barely perceptible railway track and you continue on through more open wooded area.
34. You reach a T junction with a wide track. There is a footpath post and a metal fieldgate to your right. You go ahead through two stone columns and a metal gate. You have now entered **the Lodge an RSPB reserve and its national headquarters**. You then turn left on a track following a sign for shop and toilets 1000m.
35. You pass a 3 armed footpath sign on your right and you continue on this attractive woodland trail going gently uphill. You reach a tarmac road and a zebra crossing. Cross the road on the zebra crossing to take the signed trail into woodland passing an RSPB board on your right and in 5m a small "no dogs" sign just on your left. In 30m you reach a 3-armed footpath sign at a T junction. You take the right hand path with a sign saying shop and parking 500m. You continue on this track soon noticing a tarmac road just away to your right.
36. Your track leaves the mature woodland and enters an open area with some newly planted trees away to your left. You pass a wooden lodge to your right and an information board on your left to continue on the track. (You will hear traffic noise ahead of you on a main road.) 70m beyond the Lodge you reach a T junction and 3 armed footpath sign. For the shop and toilets take the track to your right. Your onward route to Sandy however is to turn left on the wide track following the signs to Galley Hill and Sandy.
37. You continue on this wide track, the main road 30m away to your right through woodland. You pass a wooden gate on your right to continue on the track as it swings sharply away to the left away from the road. You reach a T junction and 3 armed footpath sign. Here you take the track sign posted to Sandy 1000m bearing sharply right. The track goes

gently downhill passing to the right of a wooden fieldgate. You go through a wooden gate reaching a main road (**Potton Road**) in 10m where you turn left along the pavement.

38. You pass Sandy town council cemetery on your left and in a further 100m you reach a traffic roundabout. To go immediately to Sandy Station turn sharp left down a station approach road – ignoring the first road to the left. Use the pedestrian tarmac path which in 70m swings right to take you onto the platform for your train back to London.
39. If you wish to have a drink at **the Bell** cross over the railway bridge ahead of you and then turn sharp left down the Station Approach Road and the pub is away to your right. Continue down the approach road to reach Sandy Station and use the pedestrian footbridge to cross over the rail tracks for the platform for London bound trains.
40. Instead of turning left for the Bell or the station you can continue ahead on the main road into Sandy High Street and the Town Centre just 2 mins walk away to check out a further pub the **-Sir William Peel**. There are one or two shops and an Indian restaurant – **the Ghandi** but any cafes are likely to be closed by the time you reach the town.

Section E. Short bird-watching walk from Biggleswade to Sandy 7.7km (4.8m)

This walk is **ideal for birdwatchers** and you can lengthen your walk depending on how much you want to explore the trails in the reserve. There is free access to all the reserve trails for walkers. If you do wish to explore the trails and paths in the RSPB reserve more fully there is a basic map at the end of this document.

Directions : Biggleswade station to the Biggleswade Green Wheel path (700m about 10 mins walk)

Leave Biggleswade station and go down the Station Approach Road. Cross over Station Road and into Saffron Road and continue on this road as it swings left. You cross over Hitchin Street and into Teal Road which swings to the right. You pass Sandpiper Close on your left. You soon reach Mill Lane where you turn left reaching a bridge in 40m. Cross the bridge and turn **right** down the riverside path the **Biggleswade Green Wheel**. From here you follow the instructions in **Section D**, 2nd sentence para 24.

Map: RSPB The Lodge Nature Reserve, Potton Road, Sandy, SG19 2DL

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The reserve has an extensive and informative web site. See [here](#) for full details.

The reserve does not have a café but there is a shop where you can buy sandwiches and get a drink. There is also a picnic area with tables and seats so you could bring a picnic.



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