

ISE VALLEY VAGABONDS

Kettering Permanent Trail BWF App No PT57

START & FINISH: London Road Pay & Display Car Park, London Road, Kettering,
Northants NN15 7QA

OS map 141 Grid Ref SP869784 Distance 14km

Fee £1.00

Route last updated on 20 April 2011

This route description is valid from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012

This walk has been established by members of the Ise Valley Vagabonds Walking Club (BWF Club No 70) and is a qualifying event in the IVV award scheme. It can be walked at any time.

Leave the car park by the entrance and exit to go onto London Road. Turn right and walk towards the traffic lights. At the traffic lights, turn right and go past Kettering Borough Council offices on the right.

QUESTION 1. KETTERING IS TWINNED WITH 2 TOWNS. WHICH ARE THEY?

At the next traffic lights, turn right. Keep ahead to go past The George Hotel and then The Royal Hotel and then straight ahead into the pedestrian area. Stay in the pedestrian area as it bears to the right and passes Newlands Shopping Centre. At the crossroads turn left into Newland Street. At the traffic lights go straight on into Rockingham Road. Take the fifth turning right into William Street. At the end of the street, turn left to walk towards the entrance to the park. Go into the park (Rockingham Road Park) and turn immediately right and walk along the path with the railings on the right. At the far side of the park, turn left onto the road and in 50 meters, turn right into Balfour Street. At the end of the street, turn left. Where the road goes round to the right, stay with it, turning right into North Park Drive. Follow the road for 1km to the far end and turn left. Stay on the footpath on the left hand side until you reach the village of Weekley. Just on the bend there is a turning to the right marked 'Village Only'. Cross the road with extreme care and walk into the village. Ignore the turning to the left and continue straight on.

QUESTION 2. ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE, WHAT IS THE NAME OF HOUSE NUMBER 29?

After house number 20 where the road bears round to the left, there is a metal gate in front of you. Go through and follow the bridleway around to the right, heading for a gate in the far corner of the field. Cross the stile and walk ahead to the road. Turn left and cross the River Ise into Warkton. Take the first turning right towards the church.

QUESTION 3. TO WHICH SAINT IS THE CHURCH DEDICATED?

At the T junction, turn right. At Fedwells Farm turn right onto the bridleway to Kettering. Go through the gate and follow the path to another gate. Go through and turn right for a few meters, then bear left towards a metal gate. Just beyond it, on its' right, is a marker post and a small wooden gate. Go left through the gate and turn

right to follow the bridleway, with a hedge on the right and a wire fence on the left. After 100 meters there is a marker post. Turn right to cross the plank bridge and stile. Walk ahead through 2 fields, crossing the stile between them, always with the hedge on the left. Cross the stile and turn left to walk with the River Ise on the right. Follow the river, keeping it on the right at all times, for 2.2km passing under a road bridge on the way. Go through the bollards and ahead to cross the barrier onto a tarmac road. Turn right to cross the river. At the road, turn left. Follow Eastleigh Road around to the right. At the end of the road, turn left and walk to the traffic lights. Cross straight over with care and bear left to go through the small gateway into Wicksteed Park. Walk straight ahead and through the gates into the amusement park, heading towards the clock tower. At the clock tower buildings and International Food Precinct sign, turn left and walk with the buildings on the right to go through the gate and yellow barriers. Go straight ahead on the tarmac path, heading towards the miniature railway station. Still on the tarmac path, cross the railway line and keep ahead towards the boating lakes and bird cages. At the water chute, turn right and almost immediately left over the railway line. Then turn right and follow the railway line clockwise around the large lake. Take care on the red footbridges at the far end of the lake as the train approaches from behind and the bridges are quite narrow. As you approach the amusements again, there is a small gravel track off to the left. Turn left onto this track and follow it around the left hand bend. Go through the gateway and straight up the hill. Go through the large metal gates in front of you to leave Wicksteed Park. Go straight ahead on the road. This is Paradise Lane. At the main road, turn left and walk to the pedestrian crossing. Cross the road and walk along the footpath between house numbers 144 and 146. At the end of the footpath turn left and follow the road up the hill past a childrens play area on the left.

QUESTION 4. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE CHILDRENS PLAY AREA?

At the top of the hill, turn left then immediately right onto a footpath between a shop and a pub. Pass through the bollards and out onto the road and continue straight ahead. Pass Slade Crescent to turn right just before Ostler's Way. Ahead for 600 metres, passing Bishop Stopford School and the fire station. Turn right into Broadway. Follow this road to the end and turn left to go back to the car park, passing the Pollard Evangelical Church.

QUESTION 5. ACCORDING TO THE PLAQUE, WHO WAS THE FOUNDER OF THIS HALL?

We hope you have enjoyed the walk!

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**ISE VALLEY VAGABONDS
PERMANENT TRAIL REGISTRATION FORM**

TRAIL	Kettering Permanent Trail 2012(1)	
ROUTE UPDATED	20 April 2011	
DATE WALKED		
NAME		
ADDRESS		
ADDITIONAL WALKERS		
ENTRY FEE	Walkers @ £1.00 each	Total £
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED		£
Please put my IVV stamps on a new set of Insert cards Yes/No		
ANSWERS		
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Comments		
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