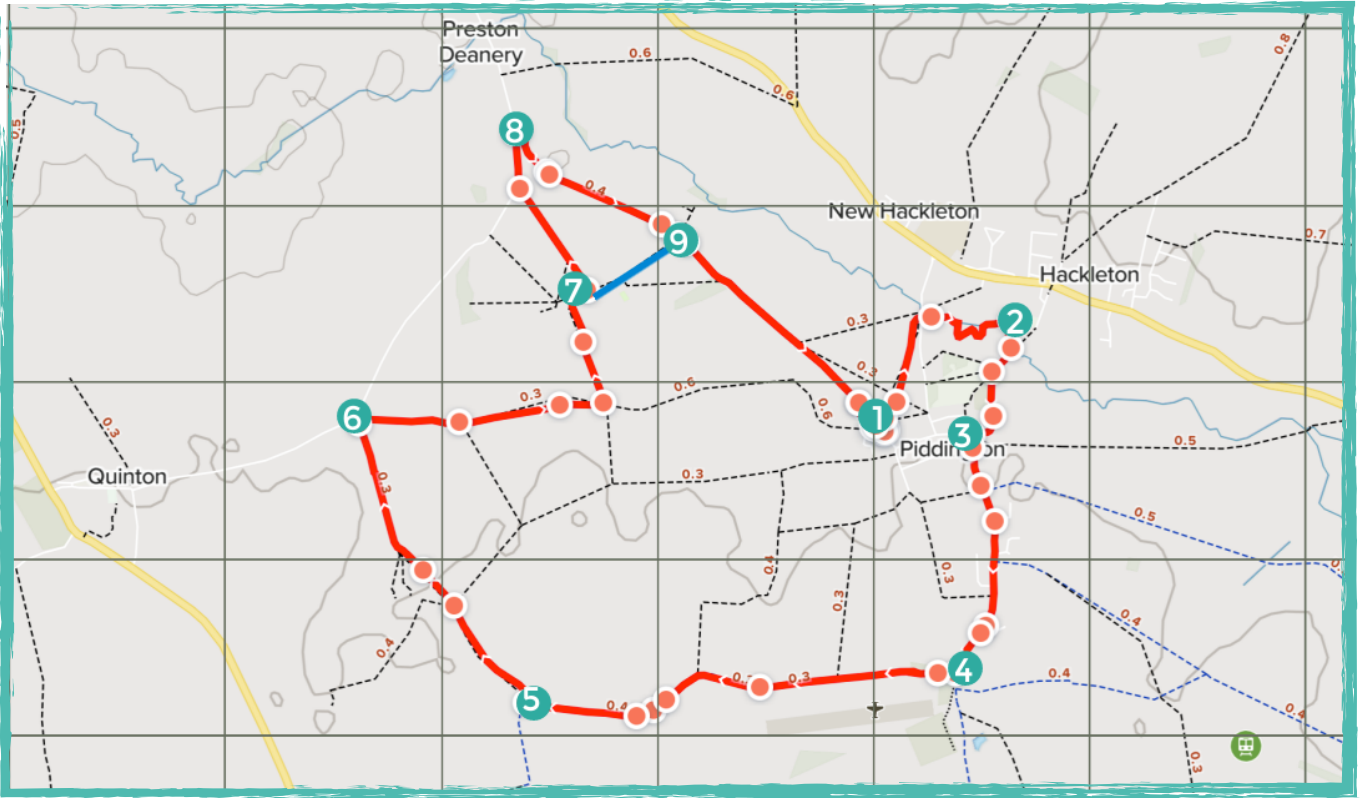


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DISTANCE

5 miles
8 km
10500 steps



PRAM FRIENDLY

No. This is not pram friendly.



DOG FRIENDLY

We have a dog friendly section on this walk (no stiles)



ESTIMATED TIME

Approx 1hr 50 mins



DIFFICULTY

Moderate, fairly flat.



REFRESHMENTS

There are no refreshment stops in Piddington, but there is a pub at approx 1 mile in.



Georgia & Belle

WALK AUTHOR

This walk was developed for Adventure Geek by Georgia Francis who lives in Northampton.

Georgia's favourite local trail is the Woburn Safari Park Trail and her all-time favourite walk is the Inca Trail.

POINTERS

Thank you to Mike, Caroline, Claire, Georgia, and Andrea for being our expert pointers.

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PHOTO CHALLENGE:

Can you spot the museum, a hidden dog sign and the beacon?



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Follow this route on Alltrails: [Here](#) (including GPX files)



To follow the route on OS Maps click [here](#).



P1. Let's take a hike! Your walk starts from St John the Baptist Church, Church End, Piddington, Northampton NN7 2DE. For the exact location of the starting point [click here](#) and then open in Google Maps. With the church behind you take the footpath to the left.



1a. You will see a little gate that leads into the field. Take this path and enjoy the scenery.



1b. Continue across the field at a 1 o'clock angle. You are looking for a metal gate in the distance.



1c. Go through the gap in the hedge to the right of the gate, turn immediately left, cross the road and go over the stile on the other side. You are following the footpath that has the stream to your left.

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1d. You are now following Wootton Brook on your left.



2. Keep the brook to your left as it works its way around the field.



2a. Soon you will see a white bridge, turn right and follow the track. There were a number of dog walkers on this section.



2b. Following the green footpath sign, turn left, over the little bridge. Keep to the path which will lead you through some allotments and emerging at the museum.

Photo challenge. Did you know that Piddington has a Roman Villa Museum? To find out more [click here](#).



2c. Continue along Chapel End until you reach the main road. Turn left onto Forest Road.

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3. Checkpoint Photo: As you walk along this road for 0.7 miles you will notice some interesting signs. Look out for Paynes Lane, and London Lane.



3a. Checkpoint photo: Continue by the Spread Eagle Pub (what a fab name for a pub!).



3b. Checkpoint photo - Keep going. The turn off point is not far.



3c. As you pass Grafton Court, keep an eye out for your photo challenge.

You have walked one mile.

Photo challenge. You will easily spot the first “Dog Poo” sign, but look around and see if you can see a second one.



4. When you reach New Farm Airfield, turn right and make your way through the farm. (Keep dogs on the lead for a few minutes otherwise they will go exploring inside the farm which can house deadly pesticides etc).

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4a - Continue over the fields. There is an area that houses old tractors and agricultural machinery to your right. Keep going straight.



4b. At the corner of the field, continue straight. You are aiming for the gas pipe.



4c. This is the perfect spot for a “wild wee” if you need one! Continue straight, following the well trodden footpath.



4d. The footpath bends round to the right.



4e. This field was fine in the crunchy icy weather but I can imagine it would be muddy in wet conditions. Continue straight.



5. You will meet a natural crossroads in the path, turn right and follow the hedge line up the hill and round to the left.

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5a. When you see the post with a few footpaths signs, keep to the right (see photo).



5b. Keeping the fence to your left, continue along the field and check out the fabulous views. When the road meets the drive/track, continue straight on.



6. If you are chatting, you may miss this one so keep your eyes peeled. Turn right and make your way across the field.



6a. Over the little wooden bridge. If it is icy then this bridge is very slippery so please be careful.

You have now walked 3 miles.



6b. When you reach the end of the field by the trees, turn left and follow the path until you reach the track.



6c. At the track, turn left.

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6d. It's quite a nice change to walk along the track and an opportunity to clear those muddy shoes. Keep on trekking!



7. If you have a dog, then please take the blue route, then jump to photo **9**.

If you want to draw the tail of the pigeon on the map, then take the red route (which has some stiles).



7a. Continue on the track then turn right onto Preston Deanery Road.



8. Opposite the cow barn you will see a hidden stile in the hedge on the right. This is a rather horrible stile with barbed wire on the bottom, so even small dogs will need to be lifted over the top. You have now walked 4 miles.



8a. When you have navigated the stile walk along the field at a 2 o'clock angle. You are now drawing the tail of the pigeon on your map.

The next stile is just to the left of the telegraph pole at the right hand end of the field.



8b. Another awkward stile to cross. The farmer is not keen on walkers with dogs! Over you go!

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8c. After the stile continue straight on the well trodden footpath.



8d. Continue straight, you will see a wire fence on your left.



9. We are now joined by the dog friendly walkers from the right.

Continue straight in the direction of the red arrow or simply look for the church in the distance and head that way!



9a. At the fork in the path, keep right.



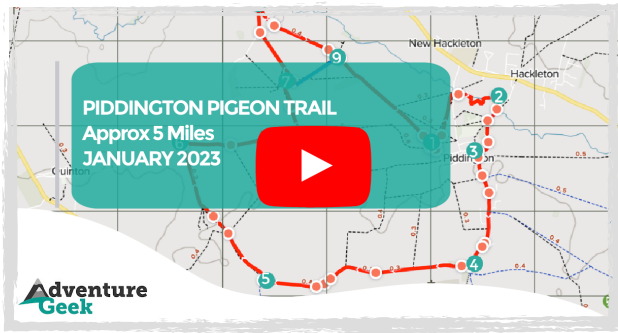
9b. We are nearly there! Go through the gate and make your way around to the front of the church.

Photo challenge - can you see the beacon?
(Placed here for the Jubilee in 2022)



9c. Yey! You made it. We hope you enjoyed your walk today.

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Spoiler Alert!

If you would like to watch the video / risk assessment of this trail then click the play button. Or [click here](#) to view on YouTube.

If there are any changes that need to be made to this walk, then please let me know. Email: julia@adventuregeek.co.uk or submit your feedback using [this form](#). Thank you.