

Paths of Old

Walk 7 – Lamport & Draughton

Distance: 4.50 miles

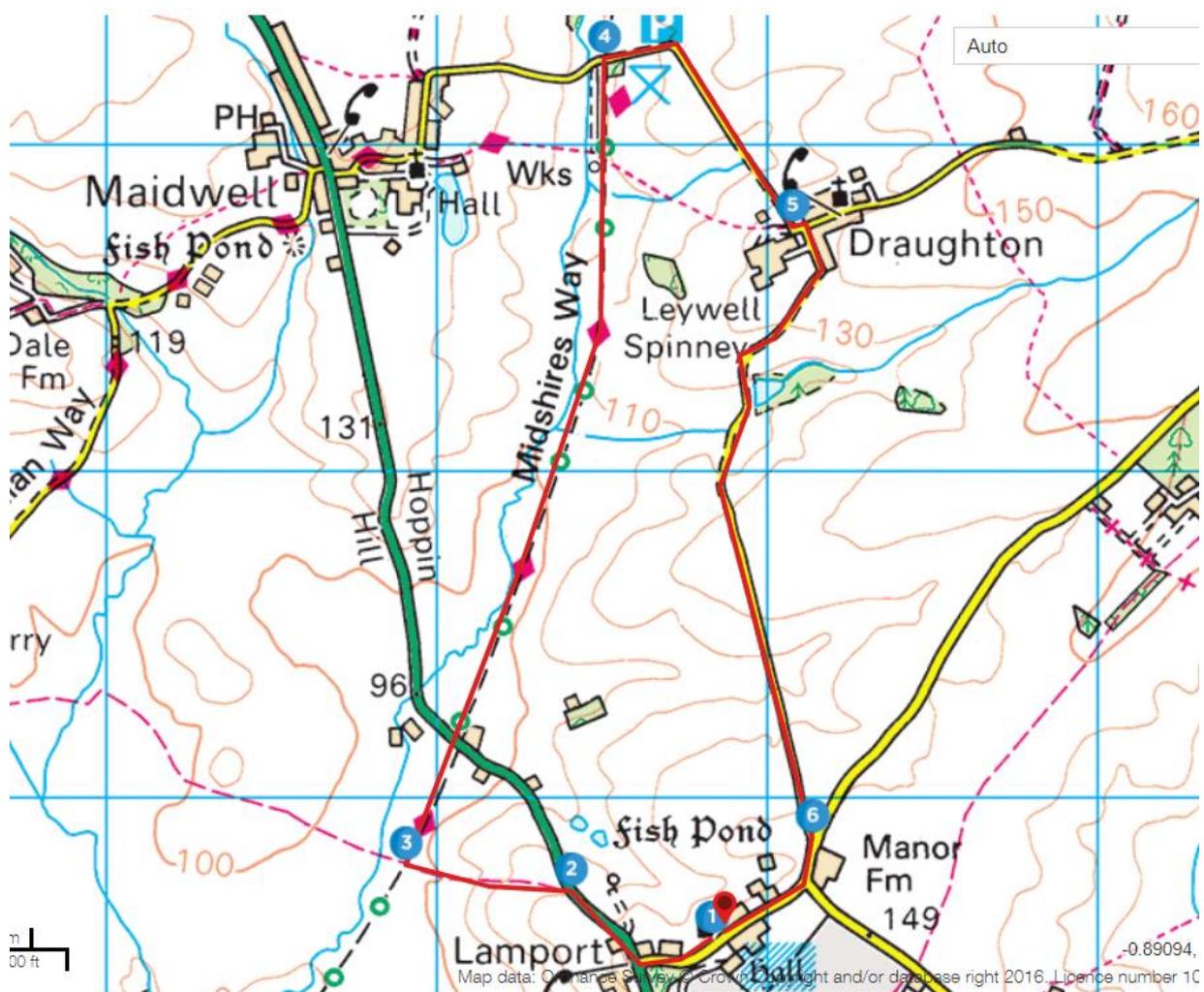
Grade: Easy

Start / Finish: Lamport Church (Grid Ref: SP758746)

Map: OS Explorer 223 Northampton & Market Harborough

Things to see: Brown Hare, Red Kite, Buzzard, Fox.

Summary: An easy route connecting Lamport and Draughton via the Brampton Valley Way. This circuit can be combined with Walk 5 to make a longer outing of approximately 7.25 miles.



Point	Description
1	There is plenty of parking on Lamport main street, so leave your car there and begin the walk from outside the church (Grid Ref: SP758746). First, head in a westerly direction towards the Lamport Swan. At the main road (A508) turn right downhill and go past the bus stop. After about 200m, carefully cross the road and take the path signposted "Bridleway to Haselbech & Brampton Valley Way" (Grid Ref: SP754749).
2	Go through the gate and head downhill, keeping to the left-hand edge of the field. At the bottom of the hill, go through the gate and join the Brampton Valley Way (Grid Ref: SP749748).
3	Turn right along the BVW, signed Draughton Car Park 1¾. The going is easy, but watch out – it's a popular cycling route, so keep your wits about you! After around quarter of a mile, carefully cross the main road and continue along the clear track towards Draughton Crossing. The next mile and a half is simple to follow, and there are plenty of seats along the way for those who need a rest.
4	Shortly before Draughton Car Park, a metal bridge spans the trail. Ignore the paths off to the side here and continue a little further to meet the road at the car park (Grid Ref: SP755773). Turn right along the lane and follow it for around half a mile into Draughton. The open countryside offers excellent views across the fields, and soon you will see the village ahead of you.
5	Head into the village. By Home Farm House, follow the road round to the left then take the first road on the right signposted Lamport and Northampton (Grid Ref: SP761768). As you leave the village the road bends to the right. From here you can see Lamport in the distance, and there are stunning views to be had across the surrounding countryside. Continue to follow the lane past a pond – look out for the wildfowl – and on to a T-junction just outside Lamport (Grid Ref: SP761749).
6	Turn right and follow the road (past the turning for Old) back to your car.

Remember: for the benefit of all please keep to the path, close all gates behind you and keep dogs on a lead, especially around livestock.