

Paths of Old

Walk 4 – Old to Loddington

Distance: 4.00 miles

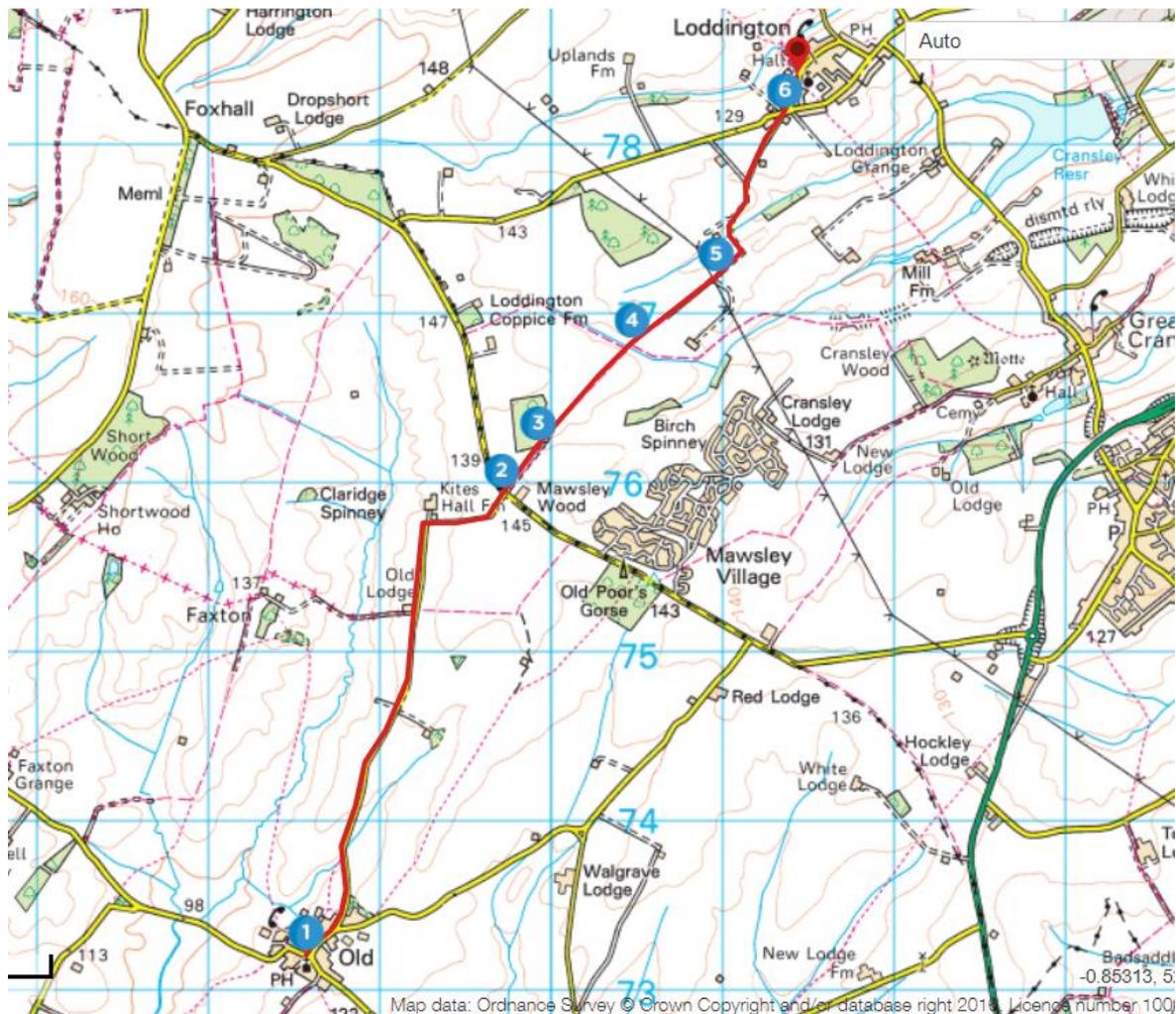
Grade: Easy

Start / Finish: The White Horse, Old (Grid Ref: SP786732) / Loddington Church (Grid Ref: 814783)

Map: OS Explorer 223 Northampton & Market Harborough and OS Explorer 224 Corby, Kettering & Wellingborough

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

Summary: A walk of around 1.5 hours (each way) to Loddington via Mill Lane



Point	Description
1	From outside the White Horse, follow Harrington Road out of the village, past Faxton End to Mill Lane on your left (0.14 miles / Grid Ref: 787734). Follow Mill Lane all the way to the end (2.03 miles / Grid Ref: 797759).
2	Directly opposite the end of Mill Lane, take the path down the drive (signposted "Bridleway"). Go between two houses and pick up the track going straight ahead beyond a gate. Soon, the track bears left to a large barn (2.32 miles / Grid Ref: 800763).
3	At the metal gate, turn right beside a wooden fence and follow it round to a stile. Cross the stile, follow the fence for a few yards, then take the obvious path diagonally to the right to a double gate in the far hedge (2.61 miles / Grid Ref: 803766). Go through these gates and continue straight ahead to a second set of double gates (2.77 miles / Grid Ref: 805768).
4	Again, go through both gates, ignoring the paths off to the side, and cross the field in the same general direction to meet a hedge in front of you. Keep ahead with the hedge on your right.
5	As you pass beneath the power lines, go through another gate and join the obvious track (3.17 miles / Grid Ref: 810772). Keep ahead again and pass a gateway / cattle grid via a small gate to the side. Soon you will reach a metalled road. Follow the road into Loddington.
6	At the road junction (3.91 miles / Grid Ref: 814782) go straight ahead into Main Street to reach the church (4.00 miles / Grid Ref: 814783). A nearby bench makes a good place for a rest and a snack. To return, either retrace your steps or arrange for a pick-up!

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.