



RIGHTS OF WAY NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Brigstock & Fermyn Woods



Lyveden New Bield



Brigstock village-sign on green



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Lyveden New Bield, sheep and tree saplings

WALK 1 Lyveden Way

A linear walk from the Country Park to Lyveden New Bield. The route leaves the Park and heads east along the perimeter of Fermyn Woods and Tresham Coppice. Then east across open countryside towards Lady Wood Head, follow the perimeter of the wood east towards Lyveden New Bield. Distance 8 miles - moderate terrain.



Fermyn Woods Country Park

WALK 2 Woodland Walk

A circular walk which begins at the Country Park. Follow the purple bands.

Distance 1 mile - hard-surface.



Forestry plantation
in southern wood

WALK 3 Fermyn Forest Walk

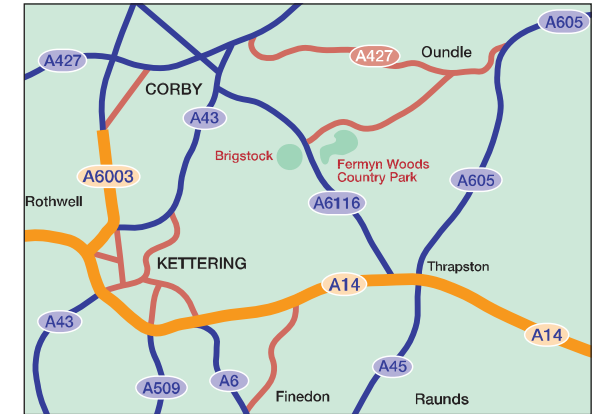
Commences at the Country Park. Follow the orange bands.

Distance 1 1/2 miles - combined hard-surface / soft track.

A network of public footpaths and bridleways combine with circular trails to provide access to some of the best countryside in the County.

BRIGSTOCK & FERMYN WOODS

The Northampton village of Brigstock is closely linked to Fermyn Woods Country Park which provides a gateway to an area of great historical interest and outstanding beauty.



Brigstock is situated in the north-east of the county approx. 5 miles from Thrapston.

For information about public transport to Brigstock please contact Traveline on 0870 608 2608.

Car parking within Brigstock is limited. When parking please take into consideration local access needs. Ample car parking is available at Fermyn Woods Country Park.

If you wish to report any problems with any of the routes shown in this leaflet, please contact Rights of Way, Northamptonshire County Council, Riverside House, Bedford Road, Northampton NN1 5NX. Tel: 01604 654465.

This information can be made available in other languages and formats upon request, such as large print, Braille, audio cassette and floppy disk. Contact Rights of Way.





BRIGSTOCK

Brigstock lies within an area of great historical interest and natural beauty. Once the largest settlement in Rockingham Forest, it commanded an important position between the Royal Parks of Farming (Fermyn) Woods and Geddington Chase. Remnants of the woods and coppices still exist in the parish.

Although the present village only dates from Saxon times, the area has been settled since at least the early Bronze Age around 1500BC.



St. Andrew's Church - Brigstock

St. Andrew's Church

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St. Andrew's is one of the earliest churches in the county, the round tower and the clock chamber with its Saxon window date from 750-800AD. One of the great mysteries of the church is the large, circular extension to the west tower which seems too big to have contained just a staircase.

The Manor House

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The original manor was built in c.1150 as a Royal Hunting Lodge. Various Kings hunted the Royal Parks of Geddington and Farming (Fermyn) Woods. King John stayed at the manor several times and held court in February 1207.

Market Cross

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In 1466 Edward IV granted Brigstock a market which was held on Hall Hill. The ancient market cross bears a series of dates connected with the Queens of England - the earliest being ER 1586.

Brigstock village sign on green and market cross



Brigstock village Cottages by the green

The Water Mill

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A mill was recorded in the Domesday Book, 1085, and the present one was in use until 1910. The mill is now a private dwelling but the water wheel is still intact.



Lyveden New Bield

Lyveden New Bield

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Lyveden New Bield dominates the local landscape. It was the creation of Sir Thomas Tresham, who was a devout Catholic during the reign of the protestant queen, Elizabeth I (it was his son, Francis Tresham, who later became embroiled in the Gunpowder Plot). When Sir Thomas died in 1605, the lodge and gardens were still incomplete.



The moat and spiral hill, Lyveden

The original garden of mounts, terraces and canals can again be enjoyed following restoration work. The new orchard contains over 300 varieties of old English apples, pears, cherries and plums.

Lyveden is owned and managed by the National Trust and is open to visitors. For opening times and

dates, please ring 01832 205358 or visit the website on: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden



Blossom on trees at Fermyn Woods Country Park

Fermyn Woods Country Park

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Located next to the A6116 between Corby and Thrapston and near the limestone village of Brigstock, the Country Park is a working partnership between Northamptonshire County Council and Forest

Enterprise. Fermyn Woods

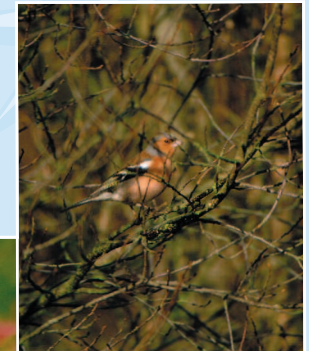
forms part of the ancient woodlands of Rockingham Forest.

The area is steeped in history and rich in wildlife with a landscape that may have changed little over the past two thousand years.



Hawthorn berries

Today the woods are home to a range of plants and animals - from colourful butterflies, secretive badgers and fallow deer to the majestic red kite.



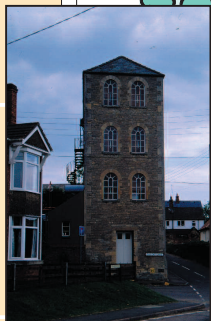
Chaffinch



Small Tortoiseshell Butterfly

Country Park Telephone: 01536 373625
fermyn@northamptonshire.gov.uk

'The Matchbox' -
 Old Clothing Factory, Brigstock



Red Kite over
 Country Park



FINDING YOUR WAY

A number of paths and trails are shown on this map, of which some are Rights of Way. These Rights of Way are marked with sign posts, waymark discs and markers.

For more detailed information about the surrounding countryside or other possible walks you could use Ordnance Survey maps - the Landranger 141 and Explorer 224/227 maps cover the Brigstock area.

SAFE WALKING

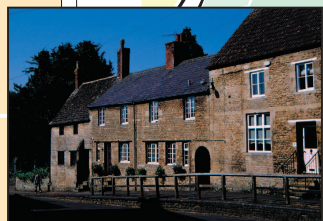
Be prepared - always wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear, take refreshments and directions. Take care when crossing or walking on roadways (walk facing oncoming traffic).

The countryside is a living, working environment, so please follow the Country Code.

- ❖ Keep to the line of the paths
- ❖ Leave gates as you find them
- ❖ Respect the countryside - leave wildlife, livestock, crops and machinery alone
- ❖ Keep your dogs under control
- ❖ Take your litter home.



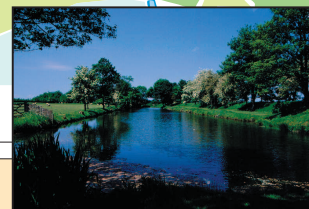
Cottages -
 Brigstock



St. Andrew's Church
 - Brigstock



The moat - Lyveden



KEY

- Suggested Walk Routes
- Lyveden Way Footpath
- Footpath
- Lyveden Way Bridleway
- Bridleway (Gated)
- Woodland Walk
- Feryn Forest Walk
- Parking
- Seat/Resting Place
- Public House

PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1 Feryn Woods Country Park
- 2 Lyveden New Bield
- 3 St. Andrew's Church
- 4 The Market Cross
- 5 The Manor House
- 6 The Water Mill
- 7 The Old Three Cocks (Public House)
- 8 The Green Dragon (Public House)