



One of the largest inland caravan and leisure parks in England. Open daily between April and October, the 180 acres of parkland include 12 lakes and 2 rivers. Attractions include watersports, tennis, mini-golf, children's play areas, swimming pools, café and shop. Telephone 01908 563360 for more information.

Cosgrove Park



The canal is carried across the Cuse valley on an aqueduct. The first stone in 1811. It has been re-painted to celebrate its bicentenary. but collapsed not long

The Iron Trunk Aqueduct

Walk 1 – Grand Union Canal (North)

Start at the Navigation Inn. Head south along the road for approximately 400 metres until you reach a bridleway heading south-east to Cosgrove. When you reach the village, turn east on Bridge Road and cross over the Ornamental Bridge. Follow

the road a little further, then head north on a footpath alongside the Grand Union Canal to return to the road a short distance from the Navigation Inn.
Walk approx 1.6 miles/ 2.5kms. 30 minutes. Easy terrain.

Walk 2 – Iron Aqueduct Circular

Start at the junction of the Buckinghamshire Arm with the Grand Union Canal. Walk south-east along the towpath to the iron aqueduct. Follow the path over the aqueduct and then turn left, down to the cattle tunnel and under the canal. From here follow the south bank of the Great

Ouse to Wolverton Mill. Cross the bridge and follow the footpath north back to Cosgrove. At Cosgrove cross the canal using the lock walkway to return to your starting point.
Walk approx 1.8 miles/ 3kms. 35 minutes. Easy terrain with stiles.

Walk 3 – River Tove

Start at the Cosgrove Lodge Hotel and follow the footpath north-east, passing St. Vincent's Well, then on your way towards The Priory and the River Tove. Cross over the river and then turn north-west to follow the footpath to the road. Turn west and head along the road to the Navigation Inn. At the Inn

follow the canal towpath south into Cosgrove, passing the Ornamental Bridge. At the Barley Mow, you can cross under the canal via the Horse Tunnel and turn east along Main Street to return to the entrance to the hotel.
Walk 2.2 miles/3.5kms. 45 minutes. Easy/moderate terrain.

Around 1820, an ice house was built between Cosgrove Hall and the Buckingham Canal. It was largely underground and cut from the canal every winter (until 1900) stored and sold to local fishermen and butchers the following summer.

The Ice House

A public wharf was established approximately 2 miles north of the village where the canal crossed the road to Castlethorpe. It was one of the busiest on the Grand Union with large quantities of coal, coke, bricks and Staffordshire tile passing through the wharf.

Castlethorpe Wharf

For more information on maps and cycle routes for canals, rivers and lakes please go to: www.waterscape.com

www.buckinghamcanal.org.uk

The canal thrived and in the early 1800s an extension was built. This new branch linked Old Stratford and Buckingham and was called the

Buckingham Arm

The Grand Junction, later the Grand Union Canal was first authorised by an Act of Parliament in 1793, and was the first direct continuous link between London and Birmingham. The Grand Union is still in use today with a number of

The Grand Union Canal

South-east of the Hall and church on the south bank of the canal is the site of a Roman villa, bathhouse and temple excavated in the 1950s and 60s. Many finds including an urn of silver coins were found during construction of the canal.

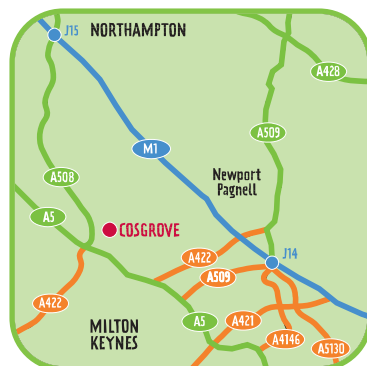
Roman Site

Full of reminders of its industrial past, Cosgrove lies alongside the Grand Union Canal. The wharfs, pubs, moorings and other fixtures of the waterways tradition are an integral part of the canal-side walks in and around the village.

Cosgrove lies in the south-east of the county, approximately 8 miles south-east of Towcester. Wolverton is the nearest train station, which is 5 miles away. Lockable cycle racks are provided at the Navigation Inn.

Northamptonshire County Council is committed to encouraging sustainable travel to become a cleaner, greener and more prosperous county.

Plan ahead - it may be easier to cycle or catch a bus to the start of your walk than to drive. Consider car sharing if you can - fewer cars means fewer queues. If you need to drive please consider the needs of cyclists, pedestrians and local access by parking considerately in the villages.



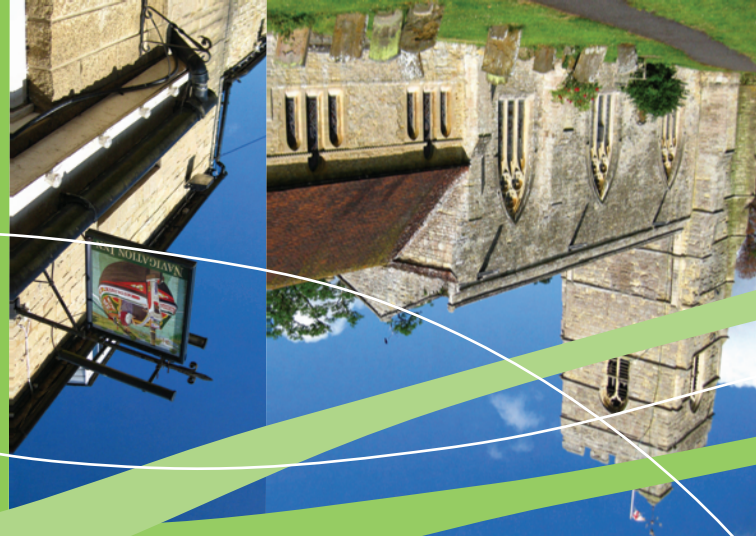
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St. Vincent's Well (enclosed by iron railings behind the old National School) in the High Street is said to have some believe give the water remedial qualities.

St. Vincent's Well

Built in the 17th century by the Rigby family, was originally known as the Manor House and the Priory in around 1810.

The Priory



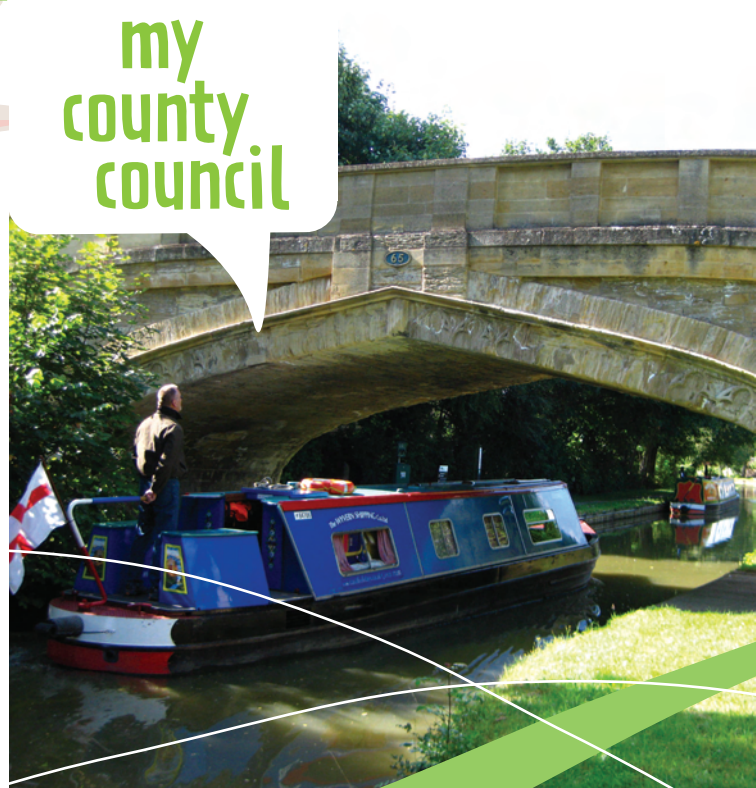
Built in the early 18th century on the site of an earlier house, Cosgrove Hall was owned by the Furtho family. The Hall is not open to the public.

Cosgrove Hall & Estate

The Parish church tower is over 70 feet tall and contains six bells with early 13th century but has been heavily restored. The one 'Santa Maria' dating to the 15th century.

St. Peter and St. Paul Church

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Cosgrove

Riverside & Grand Union Canal Walks

Including Old Wolverton





The Naigation Inn

The Naigation Inn is a good starting point for a walk along the canal towpath into Cosgrove, passing the Ornamental Bridge. Cycle parking is provided.



The minimum recommended level of physical activity for adults is 30 minutes of moderate activity 5 days or more times a week. For more information on local walking schemes visit www.whi.org.uk

Why not make walking an enjoyable active hobby combining exercise and exploring the countryside.



A walk along a Toll Path

Following the Countryside Code

Remember that the countryside is a living working place and the improvements made to these routes could not be made without the support of the landowners, so please follow the Countryside Code:

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people.

www.naturalengland.org.uk

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Tel: 0845 601 1113* (charged at local rate).
Email: streetdoctor@northamptonshire.gov.uk or go to our website.



KEY

- Suggested Walks Route
- Grafton Way
- Footpath
- Permissive Route
- Grand Union Canal Walk
- Bridleway
- Bus Stop
- Stile
- Kissing Gate
- Footbridge
- Toilets
- Viewpoint
- Public House/Inn
- Parking



Places Of Interest

- 1 Church of St. Peter and St. Paul
- 2 Cosgrove Hall
- 3 Cosgrove Locks
- 4 The Priory
- 5 The Cosgrove Lodge Hotel
- 6 Cosgrove Park
- 7 The Ice House
- 8 St. Vincent's Well
- 9 Ornamental Bridge
- 10 Horse Tunnel
- 11 The Iron Aqueduct
- 12 The Quarries
- 13 Wolverton Mill
- 14 Site of Roman Villa
- 15 The Barley Mow (Public House)
- 16 The Navigation Inn (Public House)

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Ornamental Bridge

The gothic style bridge over the Grand Union Canal was built in the 1790s at the insistence of a local landowner (the Biggins family). It is one of only two ornamental bridges over the Grand Union Canal.



Finding your way

All the paths described in this leaflet are marked by distinctive waymarkers along the route. The map in this leaflet should enable you to follow any of the marked routes. The 11.5 mile long country path the Grafton Way runs from Cosgrove to Greens Norton. More detailed information about the surrounding countryside and other walks may be found on Ordnance Survey Explorer map 207 and Landranger map 152, covering the Cosgrove area.