

## Walk - Wolverton to Old Bradwell

This walk gives great variety including railway heritage, the canal, parkland with Roman remains and the famous concrete cows.

**About 3k (2 miles) one way** with the option of return by bus or return by foot by a slightly different route. A Milton Keynes Official City Atlas would be a good map to take to check your route. The ground in the short tunnel under the railway line can be wet and muddy after rain so have good footwear. Although very short, some may like a torch to enter the tunnel coming from the daylight.

1 From Still Green Cohousing, walk down Creed Street and cross at the mini-roundabout, turning towards the railway station along Stratford Road. Having walked over the bridge, cross by the central bollard in the road and retrace your steps a little way until you see the path down into the Secret Garden.



2 Wander through the Secret Garden. In the open area with planted beds, lawn and seating (pictured), you can see the foundations of two houses built for railway managers in the early days of Wolverton's development as a railway town. Continue through pleasant woodland paths (pictured) to join the canal towpath.



3 Turning right alongside the Grand Union canal, admire the long mural of a steam train (pictured) on the retaining wall to your right and barges passing by on the water. Pass under the railway line, through a short tunnel built for railway workers to cross the line safely on their walk to work from their homes in New Bradwell. The canal opens out and you pass a beautiful wild flower meadow on your right.



4. Take the path up to the right away from the canal to join the Redway, turning right and then into the estate of Bluebridge, walking through to Miller's Way. Walk through



the underpass into Bancroft Park. Look out for the Pétanque Club tucked away down below the car park if you wish and then wander downhill to have a look at the site of a Roman Villa (pictured).

5 Walk across the footbridge over the stream and turn down to your right to follow the water along until you see

the Concrete Cows on the opposite bank. Herons and egrets can often be seen along this stretch of water. Go under the Monks Way road bridge and turn right along a Redway over the stream. Turn down right to walk along the other side of the water and to visit the cows (pictured)!



6 From here, you can:

- wander back through a pleasant old orchard beside the stream crossing back into Bancroft Park and retracing your steps to Wolverton, or
- go back out on to the Redway and follow signs to Bradwell Abbey (less than 10 minutes walk) where there is a lot to explore, including The City Discovery Centre, in addition to the Abbey (a Scheduled Ancient Monument), or
- go back out on to the Redway, crossing back over the stream and up beside the Bradwell Village Tennis courts, Bowling Club and sports field to turn out left on to Monks Way, where you can catch a number 6 bus back to Church Street Wolverton..