

Walk Description

Title: Keysoe – Little Staughton Map: OS Explorer 208

Distance: 7 Miles Grade 1A No Stiles Ascent: 300ft

Start: Keysoe Church – Keysoe – Bedfordshire - MK44 2HW – MapRef TL 07417

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- 1) Take the waymarked footpath opposite the church and follow the path through the equestrian centre ignoring any side paths Pass through a hedge and head straight across an arable field to a road Cross over to a waymarked footpath and walk diagonally across the field in a 2 o'clock direction Cross over a stream and a crossing footpath and take the track in front of you Walk gently uphill to a line of trees which the path passes through to another arable field Go straight over the field through a hedge to a smaller field With a hedge on the right walk into **Keysoe Row** and a road. (1 Mile)
- 2) Bear RIGHT then LEFT on to a waymarked footpath Follow the path between some houses into a field Turn LEFT and walk with some large gardens and paddocks on the left The path turns into a track and where the track bears left take the Byway through some trees on the RIGHT Walk through the small copse and follow the Byway as it winds its way through the trees and along the field margins Where the Byway turns sharp right (MapRef TL 09650 61608) Bear LEFT on to a bridleway Walk through the field with the hedge on your left Pass through a hedge into another field and turn RIGHT follow the path into a more substantial woods Walk through the woods on emerging from the woods go straight over two fields to a road and the outskirts of **Little Staughton**. (2½ Miles)
- 3) Cross over and take the **Staughton Moor** road for a short distance Turn LEFT on to a waymarked footpath With a hedge on the left follow the path which soon bears to the right and climbs gentry up hill to a track Turn LEFT and follow the track past the site of a **Manor House** with a moat on the left Ignore a path to the right and follow the track around to the LEFT still following the moat on the LEFT At the end of the moat the track becomes a path between two fields Head towards **Little Staughton** church in front of you The path joins a road Walk on the road into **Little Staughton** and a T junction Turn RIGHT and walk through the village Turn LEFT into **Green End** and walk to **The Crown Inn** on the left. (5 Miles)
- 4) Continue on the road which bears round to the right Ignore the first footpath on the left but take the second waymarked path on the LEFT just past the large bungalow on the left Follow the path which rises gently uphill Ignore a track on the right but continue on to another track on the RIGHT Follow the track which drops down to a ditch then rises again to enter into small copse Pass through the copse into another field Officially the footpath bears RIGHT and then LEFT to cross the field heading towards a single tree in the field. (At the time of

walking the farmer had redirected the footpath to head straight across the field to the tree) - Go past the tree and continue on the path to the far left hand corner oof the field – At the corner turn RIGHT on to an access track which at a house on the left turns into **Mill Road** – Climb uphill into **Keysoe** and a road – Turn RIGHT then immediately LEFT into Church Road – Walk back to the start.

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