



## Stage 15 - DUDDINGTON TO GREAT EASTON

**Distance** - 29.3 km / 18.2 miles

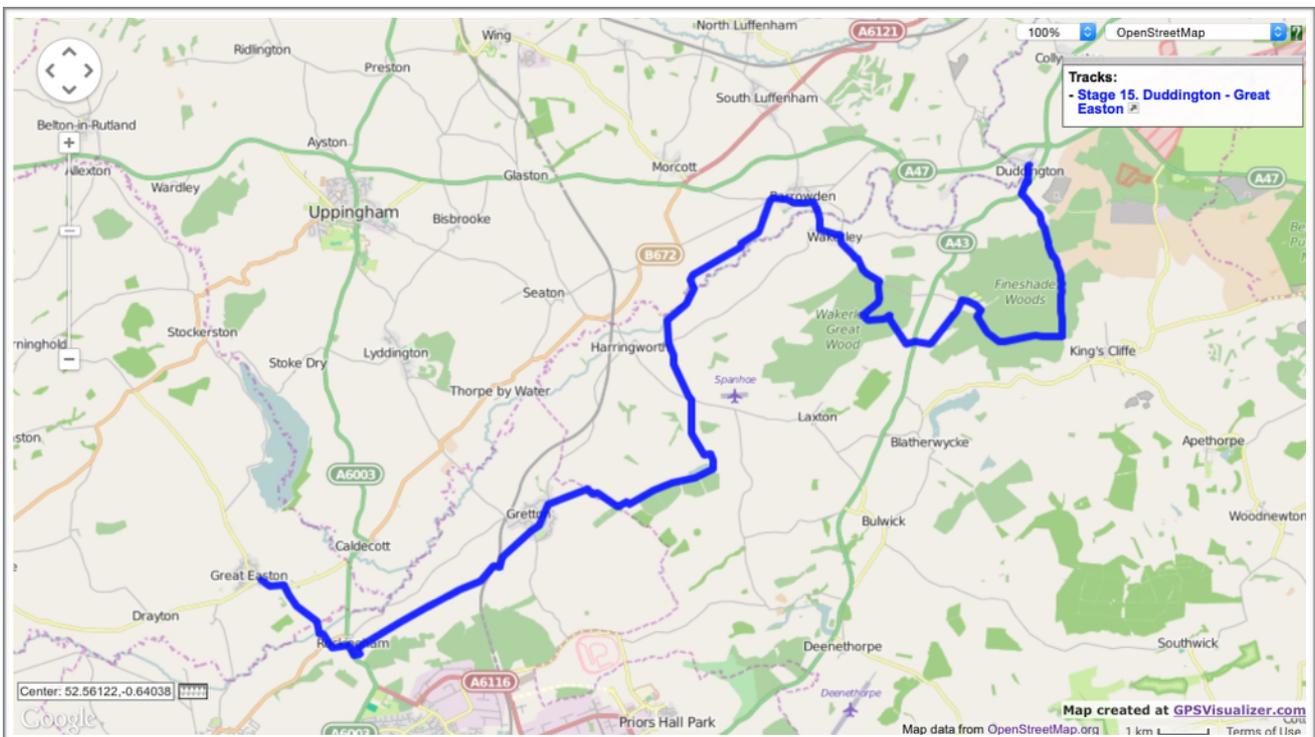
**Explorer maps** - 234 Rutland Water, 224 Corby, Kettering & Wellingborough.

**Time:** 7 - 7.5 hours average time based on Naismith's rule

**Total ascent** - 260m

**Total descent** - 243m

**Description** From Duddington continue on the Jurassic Way through Rockingham Forest and past Fineshade Abbey on the site of St Mary's Priory (Augustinian). Through Wakerley Great Wood an historic ancient woodland, medieval villages of Wakerley, Barrowden, Gretton, past Rockingham Castle to reach Great Easton. The way is easy going, the odd small hill but with mostly only slight undulating terrain.

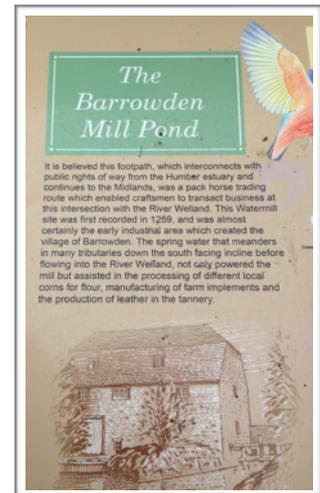


## Walk description

1 - At Duddington walk past the mill on the right, turn right on Main Street and at the end of the village right onto the A43. Just past the cemetery turn left on the bridleway (Jurassic Way), through the woods. At the end of Hollow Wood (path t-junction) turn right (JW), ignore the track off right and where the track bears right, ignore the left track to arrive at Fineshade Top Lodge. Cafe and refreshments and toilets are available here as well as overnight sleeping platforms.



2 - Passing Finnesshade Top Lodge bear left down the road and the footpath left after passing over the railway bridge. Pass the site of Finesshade Abbey and cross over the A43. After the first field turn right heading to the copse and St Mary's wood beyond. *The path although direct through the woods to the road, at the time of writing it was difficult to navigate through. Make a way through on the forest paths to come out to the left of Wakerley Spinney and the road.* Turn left at the road and after the s bend turn left into the field, ignore the path left but continue to Main Street in Wakerley. Turn left and after Waverley Road on the right take the path right to cross a footbridge to reach Mill Lane and then Main Street in Barrowdon. Turning right there is the very useful 'Barrowden & Wakerley Community Shop' here, with local produce, cafe, internet and toilet facilities. Barrowden was also the birthplace of the travel pioneer Thomas Cook.



3 - In Barrowden turn left along the main street to walk through the village and take the last road on the left towards the cattery. Turn left signed Jurassic way along the old railway line and then across Turtle Bridge. Turn right to pass through two fields and at the third cross diagonally up to about the mid point at the top and the road to Shotley. Turn left and right to pass through Shotley continuing on the Jurassic Way.



4 - After passing Harringworth Lodge and the Lodge pond bear right to continue on the track (JW), ignore first track right and then right through the woods to arrive at Gretton. Turn left on Kirby rd to the end and then right on Corby Road and first left to re-join the Jurassic Way to Rockingham village. At the main road turn right and then left just past the pub - signed JW. After crossing the road walk down the track but before reaching the end turn left into the field and then right to cross over the River Welland to reach Caldecott Road. Turn left into Great Easton