

A short walk in Cambridge

To get to start of walk

This is best done as an evening walk when the University is not in session. It is possible to park on Sidgwick Avenue (see map) free after five pm.

Distance of Walk

Just over two miles. With stops on the way it should take no more than one and a half hours.

Maps

Use the route map provided or use/run off any tourist map of central Cambridge. The walk route will be easily located on one of these.

Route of Walk

Start the walk at Silver Street bridge. After looking at Queens Bridge, walk down the pavement, away from Cambridge city centre and go right on the footpath round the outside of the “new” buildings of Queens College and along part of The Backs, passing King’s College to the right and Clare College, turning right to cross Garret Hostel Bridge with Trinity Hall College to the right.

Turn left when Trinity Lane is reached. The back of Gonville and Caius is directly ahead at this point. Follow Trinity Lane round; Trinity College is now on the left. Quite often the gateway to the left is open, giving a great free view of Trinity Court.

When Trinity Street is reached, turn left and walk along past the front entrance of Trinity College. Carry on beyond, passing St John’s and turn left on Bridge Street. Go down as far as Magdalene Bridge, crossing over just before to view Magdalene College opposite, and then walk along the riverside on the boardwalk.

Go through a gateway on to Jesus Green. Bear right immediately, towards the road, and then walk along the road paralleling the Green, until Portugal Street is reached. Turn up here and walk along, looking right where a side road goes off (note the rooftop bar at the Varsity Arms). Portugal Street morphs into Portugal Place and becomes pedestrian and bike only. Note the Hawks’ Club building to the left and further on the classical text warning about bikes.

Where Portugal Place meets Magdalene Street, turn left and go past The Round Church on the left. Cross over and turn right into All Saints Passage and then left into Trinity Street again. Bear left down Rose Crescent and cross the Market Square with Great St Mary’s to the right.

Go right up the small lane just before St Edward Saint and Martyr Church and right again by the Arts Theatre side entrance to emerge on to King’s Parade.

Turn left, passing the ‘Grasshopper Clock’. Cross over and go right up the somewhat unprepossessing lane that passes between Kings and St Catharine’s Colleges and then swing left up Queens Lane passing Queens College on the right. At Silver Street, turn right and return to the starting point.

Additional background notes about places on this walk are available on this website.

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