

# 11 LINCOLNSHIRE/CAMBS STAMFORD & BARNACK

▶ Distance: 8 miles/12.9km ▶ Time: 3 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



Stamford from Burghley Park cricket pitch.

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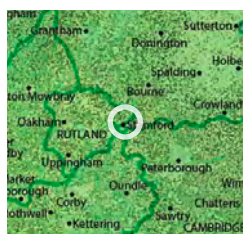
Situated on the northern bank of the Welland, Stamford is an elegant Georgian town built in the local mellow limestone, which rose to prosperity based on wool and its position roughly halfway between York and London on the Great North Road (modern-day A1).

Leaving the town centre, you cross the Welland to enter the parkland of one of England's finest Elizabethan mansions – Burghley House. With a sweeping outlook across the spires of Stamford, you later track the route of the A1's Roman forerunner – Ermine Street – across the estate's

deer park to the village of Barnack. Here you'll find the Barnack Hills and Holes National Nature Reserve, which apart from providing another en route distraction also offers a handy alternative start point. The return leg runs between the River Welland and the disused Welland Canal with distant views of Burghley House back to Stamford.

**1 Start**  
Exit car park L onto Wharf Road, turn immediate L along Albert Road and go over River Welland footbridge. Walk L and follow road around to R. Cross T-junction with B1443 to enter Burghley Park and branch R at fork to soon pass Princess Diana Memorial Garden. Track

## PLAN YOUR WALK



## ROUTE

**Start/parking** A1175 Wharf Road Long Stay car park, Stamford, grid ref TF033070, PE9 2EB, or other town centre parking. Alternative start, with free parking, at Barnack Hills & Holes National Nature Reserve

**Is it for me?** Easy navigation on mainly level route on estate parkland, canal/roverside, town centre and country lanes

**Stiles** 8

## PLANNING

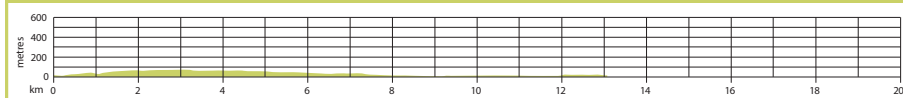
**Nearest town** Stamford  
**Refreshments** Various in Stamford and the Millstone Inn at Barnack; millstoneinnbarnack.co.uk

**Public toilets** Stamford

**Public transport** Buses 201/202 Bourne-P'boro and 205 Stamford-P'boro) and trains on Birmingham-Stansted Airport line

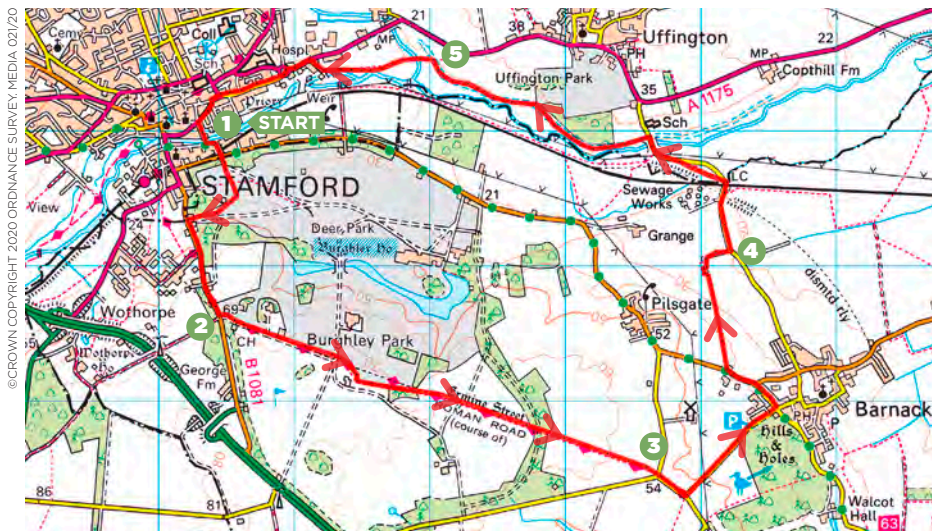
**Maps** OS Explorer 234; Landranger 141 & 142

## GRADIENT PROFILE



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boundary of cricket pitch, and veer R at driveway to exit park through Bottle Lodges. Go L along pavement of B1081.

**2 1¼ miles/2km**  
At entrance to Golf Club turn L along driveway to pass clubhouse. At junction with private park gateway bend L for 20m, and just before cattle grid climb stile R. Marker posts guide you, initially swerving R, over grassy parkland to cross rough dip via footbridge. Waymarkers now lead you through several fields and thin woodland strip. Beyond trees, follow L-hand field edge and over final field to road junction.

**3 3½ miles/5.6km**  
Pick up Heath Road opposite and bear L at

T-junction along Wittering Road. Nearing village of Barnack you pass Barnack Hills & Holes National Nature Reserve on R. At crossroads it's worth a detour ahead into village, otherwise turn L into Stamford Road and L again along B1443. After house, divert R along field edges. At pumping station follow diversion around premises, rejoin original route and branch R to Uffington Road.

**4 5 miles/8km**  
Go L and shortly after railway line negotiate gate L into field. Walk across middle of field, parallel to lane, and return to road via gate under pylon wires. Turn L and after crossing River Welland bear L through gate along elevated

path in between river and disused Welland Canal.

**5 6¼ miles/10.9km**  
Nearing Stamford, at intersection with footbridge head L by fence, cross river and keep ahead across meadow to converted cornmill. Here, veer R to road, go L and L again at roundabout, signed Burghley House, passing 12th-century priory. At roundabout maintain direction descending Wharf Road to start. **CW**

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