

Ride 2

Woburn - Ampthill

Distance: 9.4 miles/15.2 km

1 Cycle through Woburn, along Bedford Street, and turn left at the town centre crossroads, down Park Street, past the imposing St Mary's church on the left and head towards the Woburn Abbey Estate.

As you enter the estate grounds, be aware – there is a cattle grid across the road so you may prefer to get off and walk through the side gate.

2 Enjoy the ride through the Woburn estate past the wooded areas around Upper and Lower Drakeloe ponds, around another cattle grid and then through the deer estate where herds of deer, including red, fallow, Pere David's, Rusa, Sika and Chinese Water deer can all be seen.

As you leave the parkland there is another cattle grid then turn immediately right in the small hamlet of Froxfield and through Hills End. At the T-junction turn left into Tyrells End (one of the many 'Ends' of Eversholt) and follow the lane to the T-junction.

3 Turn left onto the Eversholt – Woburn road then, carefully, turn immediately right up the small lane through the hamlets of Lower and Upper Berry Ends. Continue to follow the lane until you reach a turning to the right and turn right along Cobblers Lane.

ALTERNATIVE OFF-ROAD ROUTE Eversholt – near Steppingley

A At the Tyrells End T-junction turn right and follow the road around the left hand bend and past the cricket pitch (on the right). At the next right hand bend turn left, off-road, past the cottages and along the brideway (BW22). Follow the hedged green lane round the left hand bend and continue to follow until you reach the metalled road. Cross straight over here carefully and continue along (BW10) past the Duke of

Bedford cottages on the right. Carry through the wood named Briar Stockings then carry on straight ahead following the brideway, past the pond on the left and past Wakes End Farm on the right. Continue on the track alongside Birchall's Wood to the T-junction with Cobblers Lane and rejoin the route as below.

4 Cross the road over the M1, bear right then turn left up the small lane and past Steppingley Copse on your right. At the end of the wood turn right and follow the quiet Rectory Road into Steppingley village.

B ALTERNATIVE OFF-ROAD ROUTE Steppingley to Center Parcs.

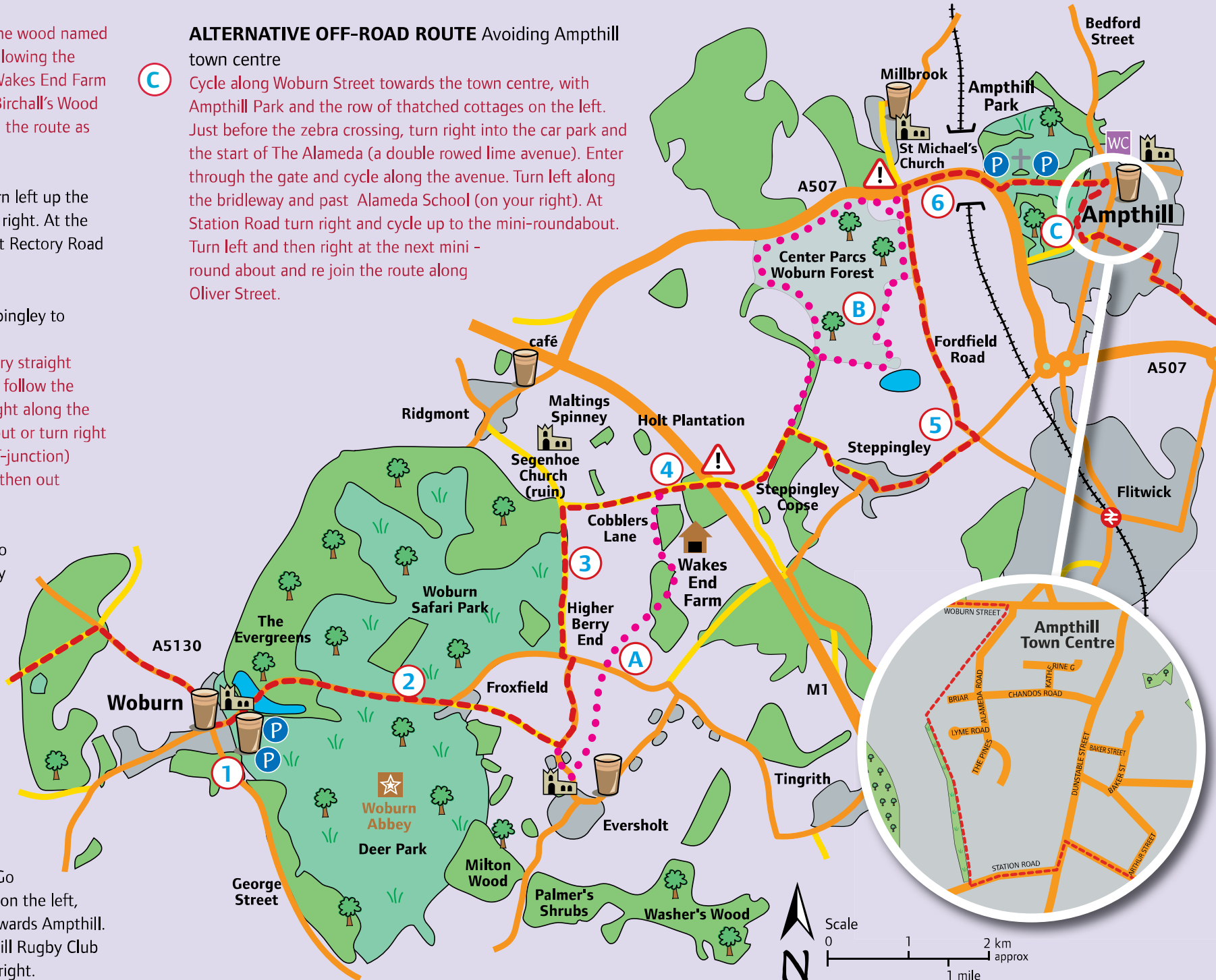
Instead of turning right down Rectory Lane carry straight ahead onto the byway, at the crossroads either follow the byway straight ahead to the north then turn right along the brideway parallel to the A507 to the roundabout or turn right and follow the brideway (turn left at the first T-junction) around Center Parcs, around the plant nursery then out onto the roundabout on the A507.

5 Continue straight ahead and then bear left onto Flitwick Road (take care on the sometimes busy and narrow road) and around the sharp left-hand bend. Continue along the road, past the Pumping Station on the right, and cycle as far as the Steppingley roundabout. Stop here and proceed carefully before turning left along Fordfield Road. Cycle along the road, past Fordfield Farm, and the plant nursery, both on the left. To the left is also the new Center Parcs. Continue to the roundabout on the A507 Woburn Road.

6 Turn right at the roundabout and follow the cyclepath alongside the busy A507 with care. Go past Ossory Farm and Westminster Pond, both on the left, then turn left onto the B530 Woburn Street towards Ampthill. Ride past Ampthill Park, on the left and Ampthill Rugby Club and Cooper's Hill Nature Reserve, both on the right.

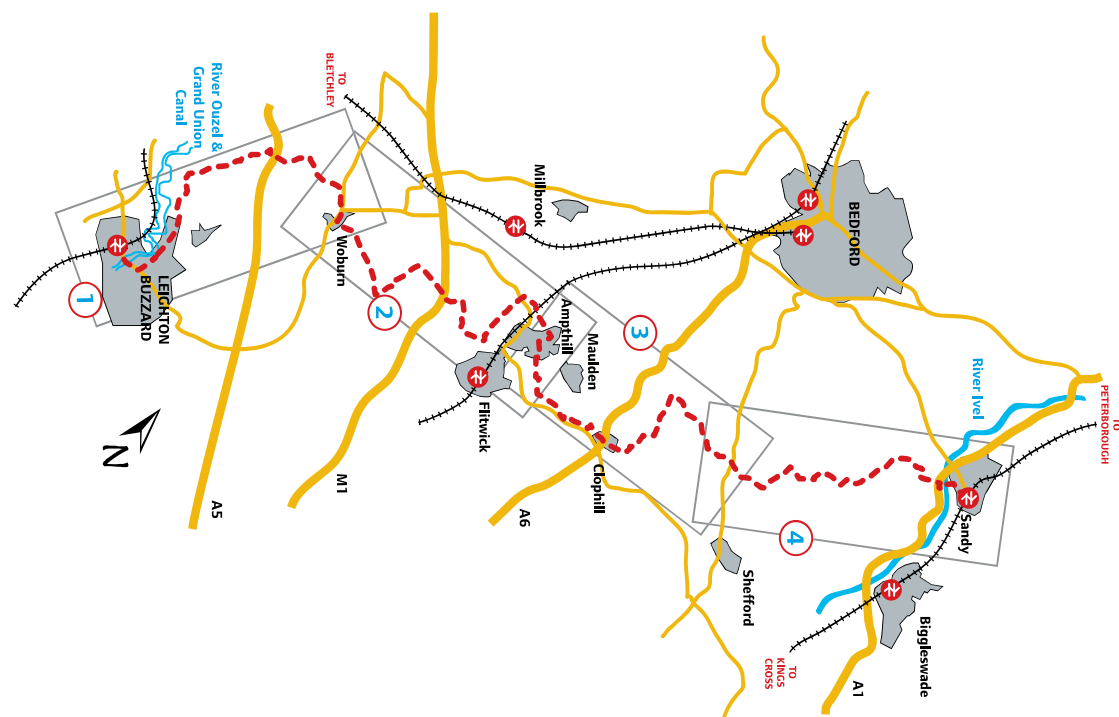
ALTERNATIVE OFF-ROAD ROUTE Avoiding Ampthill town centre

C Cycle along Woburn Street towards the town centre, with Ampthill Park and the row of thatched cottages on the left. Just before the zebra crossing, turn right into the car park and the start of The Alameda (a double rowed lime avenue). Enter through the gate and cycle along the avenue. Turn left along the brideway and past Alameda School (on your right). At Station Road turn right and cycle up to the mini-roundabout. Turn left and then right at the next mini-round about and rejoin the route along Oliver Street.



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- Bridge
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- Parking
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Welcome to the
**Greensand
Cycle Ride**