

Points of Interest (POI)

A. Beaumont Tree

The Beaumont Tree was an ancient elm on the parish boundary between Silsoe and Flitton. A legend arose that the tree grew from an Elm stake that had been thrust through the body of a highwayman who had been shot on the road nearby in 1751. It became the custom of locals to nail locks of hair and toenails to it as the Flitton Church clock struck midnight. This was to ward off the ague, a type of malaria once prevalent in this marshy district.

B. Silsoe Lockup

In Church Road is an ironstone lock-up erected 1796. It is octagonal with a pointed head to the doorway. It was used as a temporary place for stray animals or drunks, and its central pole, now removed, was used to chain prisoners in transit between Bedford and Luton.



General Information

You will walk across surface types ranging from hard surfaces to field footpaths through undulating countryside which is mostly level.

Facilities in Clophill

Post Office, Stores and Café. The Green.
01525 860 988

The Green Man. The Green. Italian restaurant.
01525 860352

The Flying Horse. The Green. Country pub and dining. 01525 860 293

The Stone Jug. Back Street. Traditional village pub with food. 01525 860352

There are no public toilets in the village.

Facilities in Wardhedges

The Jolly Coopers is a traditional country pub with garden and 40 seater restaurant serving traditional home cooked country fayre and specialising in fish dishes. 01525 860626

Facilities in Silsoe

Star and Garter, High Street. Pub Restaurant.
01525 860250

The George, High Street. Pub and Lucky House Chinese restaurant. 01525 860 218

How to get to Clophill

The village is situated near the intersection of the A6 between Bedford and Luton and the A507 between Ampthill and Shefford. There are half-hourly buses from Bedford and Luton and a less frequent service from Biggleswade and Ampthill.

Postcode for Sat Nav – MK45 4AD

CLOPHILL DISCOVERY WALKS

Walk 2

**Clophill to Wardhedges
(with optional pub stop)
then Silsoe and back.**

**4.15 miles
(shortened version 2.8 miles)**

***One of a series of circular walks starting
at The Green, Clophill.***

This walk takes you south over undulating countryside to Wardhedges, with an opportunity for a lunch break, then to the village of Silsoe before returning to Clophill.

All the walks in the series:-

1. Clophill to Appley Corner and back through Chicksands Wood.
2. Clophill to Wardhedges (with optional pub stop) then Silsoe and back.
3. Clophill to Maulden and back through Maulden Wood.
4. Clophill to Haynes (with optional pub stop) and back.
5. Clophill to Historic Cainhoe Castle and back.
6. Public Footpaths around the Village of Clophill.

1. Starting at The Green, cross the River Flit over the new bridge then cross the A507 using the footbridge and continue along Old Silsoe Road to the A6 road.

2. Cross The A6 using the traffic island for safety. Take the public footpath to the left of the petrol station and continue through Simpsonhill Plantation (where there is an disused sand quarry sometimes used for raves) and past Firs Farm.

3. Continue with the hedge on your left until you come to a yellow public footpath post. For the shorter walk turn left and follow the footpath until you come to the northern end of Silsoe High Street where you should turn left and continue from instruction 8.

For the longer walk continue straight on until you come to a road by Beaumont Farm. (POI A).

4. Cross the road and continue along the public footpath. It continues up the hill then turns left at a wire fence and goes through a plantation of young trees.

5. Turn right when the path meets a public bridleway near a white gate and continue to the road. Turn right along the road then right towards Flitton when you will see the Jolly Coopers public house where you can stop for refreshments. (Phone for opening times.)

6. To continue the walk retrace your steps and turn left onto Silsoe Road. After 50 yards cross the road and take the public footpath which leads through a gap in the hedge towards Silsoe. Carry straight on passing Silsoe Horticultural Centre and then via Holly Walk and Church Road to Silsoe High Street. (POI B)

7. Turn left along the High Street and continue north past Newbury Lane.

8. Continue north along the High Street and out of the village until you reach the A6 road after ¾ mile. The footpath is, unfortunately, overgrown.

9. Cross the A6 and turn left along the footpath for 100 yards then turn into Warren Wood at the footpath sign. Walk along the avenue of trees until you come to the exit onto the A507. It is hidden amongst the laurels.

10. Carefully cross the A507 and continue along The Causeway until you come to Clophill High Street. Turn left and return to The Green.

