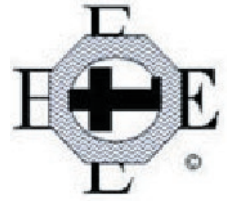


The Ely Society presents:

# The Photographer's Walk



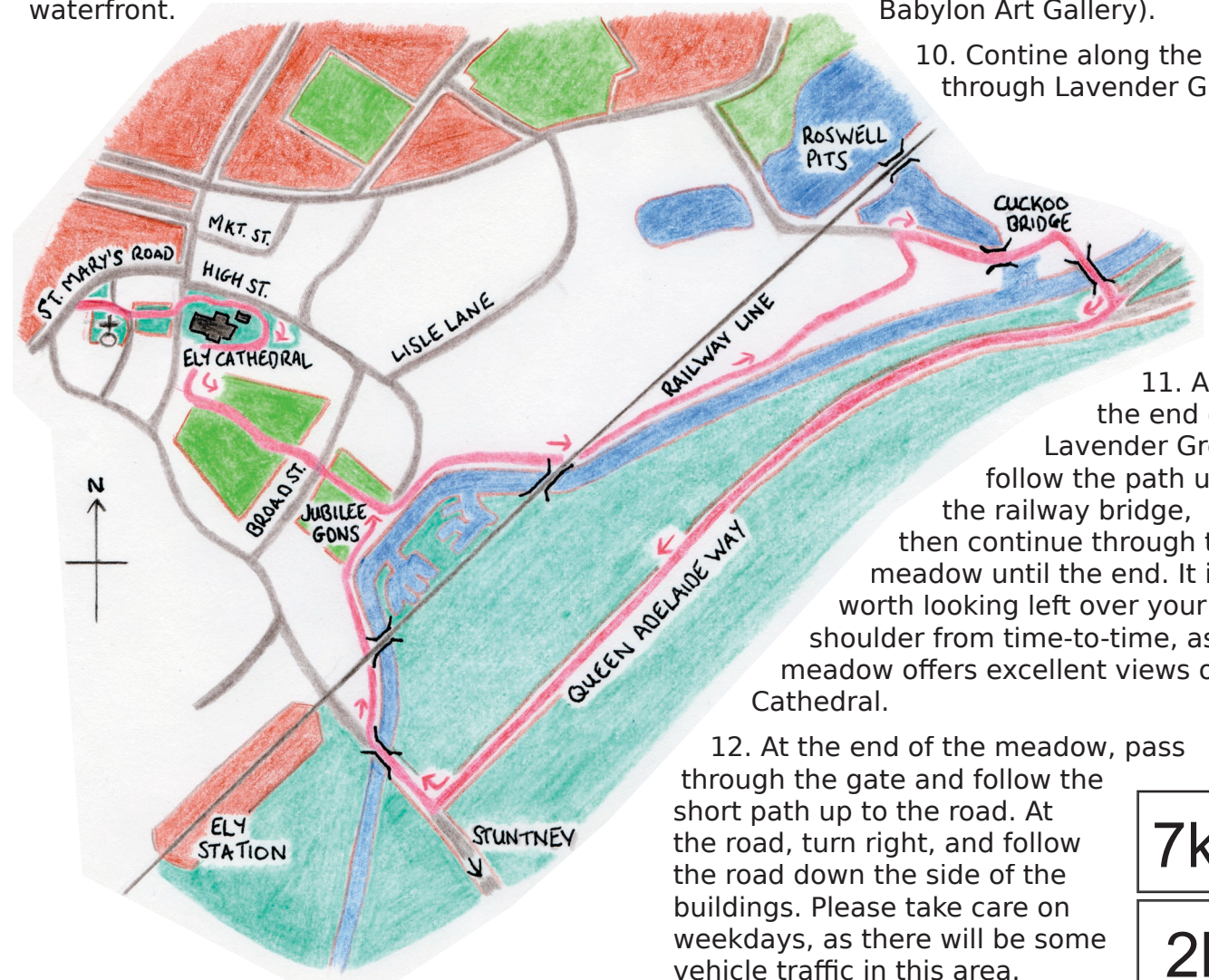
This walk starts at the Ely Tourist Information Centre (T.I.C.), in St Mary's Street. The route is shown in red on the map.

1. Exiting the T.I.C., turn right. After 100m you will see Palace Green in front of you, together with the front tower of Ely Cathedral. Enter Palace Green and follow the path on the left.
2. Cross over the road and continue to follow the paved path along the left side of the Cathedral. This path loops around the Cathedral, offering views from all sides.
3. Continue along the path towards the south side of the Cathedral (where the path turns into a small car-park).
4. Opposite the south entrance of Ely Cathedral is Firmary Lane. Firmary Lane is thought to be the largest collection of medieval monastic buildings (still in daily use) in Western Europe.
5. Firmary Lane is a dead-end, so you will have to retrace your steps back out. Exiting Firmary Lane, continue along the road (away from the Cathedral). The buildings on your right belong now to the King's School, but used to form the boundary of the monastery.
6. At the corner of the field, turn left and walk downhill through Cherry Hill Park. The park offers the "classic" view of Ely Cathedral.
7. Continue downhill through the park. At the road, cross over and enter the Jubilee Gardens.

8. The path through the Jubilee Gardens leads down to the River Great Ouse. At this point, turn left and follow the path along the waterfront.

9. At the end of the waterfront, turn right (in front of Peacocks Tea Room), and walk further along the river (Paganus Way, in front of the Babylon Art Gallery).

10. Continue along the river through Lavender Green.



11. At the end of Lavender Green, follow the path under the railway bridge, then continue through the meadow until the end. It is worth looking left over your shoulder from time-to-time, as the meadow offers excellent views of Ely Cathedral.

12. At the end of the meadow, pass through the gate and follow the short path up to the road. At the road, turn right, and follow the road down the side of the buildings. Please take care on weekdays, as there will be some vehicle traffic in this area.

7km

2hr

13. Continue always straight ahead, between the fences. After around 100m, a “public footpath” sign will be seen, indicating straight-on.

14. Follow the gravel track over Cuckoo Bridge. This area is a haven for water wildlife.

15. Continue to follow the gravel track. After a short distance there is another bridge, over the main river, which will bring you out onto the Queen Adelaide Way.

16. Turn right, and follow Queen Adelaide Way to the end, walking along the top of the bank on the right of the road. On the right side, you will see how Ely Cathedral dominates the city. On the left, you can see a typical fen landscape, with the village of Stuntney in the distance.

17. At the end of Queen Adelaide Way, turn right and, after around 100m, take the footpath over the river bridge. Just over the bridge, take the path on the right down to the river.

18. Follow the river path in the direction of the city, towards the Cutter Inn. Just past the Inn, you will arrive again at the Jubilee Gardens.

19. This walk ends here. If you are retracing your steps to the T.I.C., then it is recommended to pass through the archways of the Porta situated at the top of Cherry Hill Park, then turn right. As well as allowing investigation of the Porta itself, this route will provide further views of Ely Cathedral.

### **About this walk**

- *Distance:* Approximately 7km.
- *Footwear:* This route is almost completely paved, with the exception of a small section near Cuckoo bridge. This section can be muddy after heavy rain, and strong footwear is recommended.

This walk is not recommended for wheelchair users, nor is it suitable for pushchairs.

- *Waymarking:* This route is not signposted. However, it does make some use of existing footpaths that are marked.

- *Refreshments:* There are many opportunities for refreshments, particularly in the first half of the walk.

- *Public toilets* (including baby changing facilities) are available near Ely Cathedral and in Ship Lane car park (next to The Maltings and Jubilee Gardens).

### **The Country Code**

The countryside is a place for all to enjoy, but please:

- protect the wildlife that lives there;
- respect the quiet of the countryside;
- take your litter home.

The countryside is also a place of work, so please:

- keep to paths;
- use gates and stiles to cross fences;
- keep dogs under control.

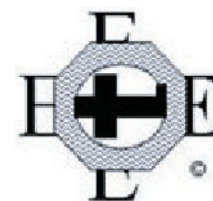
### **About the Ely Society**

Established in 1971 to resist the environmental destruction of the post-war years, we are the Civic Society for the City of Ely, having a membership drawn largely from the residents of the City. We are dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of this historic place and our objectives have remained constant since the Society was formed:

- Encourage awareness of, and pride in, the City of Ely;
- Safeguard the character of Ely;
- Support the development of the social, economic and cultural potential of the community;
- Organise an annual programme of meetings, events and visits on a wide range of local interests.

If you would like to know more about the Ely Society, please visit our web-site at the address shown below.

[www.ElySociety.org.uk](http://www.ElySociety.org.uk)



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