



RIGHTS OF WAY NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Cosgrove



The Grand Union Canal, Cosgrove



The Priory, Cosgrove



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WALK 1

GRAND UNION CANAL WALK (north)

Start at the Navigation Inn **16**. Head south along the road for approximately 400 metres until you reach a brideway heading south-east to Cosgrove. When you reach the village, turn east on Bridge Road and cross over the Ornamental Bridge **9**. Follow the road a little further, then head north on a footpath alongside the Grand Union Canal to return to the road a short distance from the Navigation Inn.

Walk: Approx. 1.6 miles, 30 mins, terrain = easy



Grand Union Canal Walk, Cosgrove

WALK 2

WESTERN CIRCULAR

Start at the junction of the Buckinghamshire Arm with the Grand Union Canal. Walk south-east along the towpath to the iron aqueduct. Follow the path over the aqueduct and then turn right, down to the cattle tunnel and under the canal. From here follow the south

bank of the Great Ouse to Wolverton Mill. Cross the bridge and follow the footpath north back to Cosgrove. At Cosgrove cross the canal using the lock walkway to return to your starting point.

Walk: Approx. 1.8 miles, 35 mins, terrain = easy

WALK 3

RIVER TOVE WALK

Start at the New Cosgrove Lodge Hotel **5** and follow the footpath north-east, passing St. Vincent's Well **8** on your way towards the Priory **4** and the River Tove. Cross over the river and then turn north-west to follow the footpath to the Road. Turn west and head along the road to the Navigation Inn **16**.

At the Inn follow the canal towpath south into Cosgrove, passing the Ornamental Bridge **9**. At the Barley Mow **15**, you can cross under the canal via the Horse Tunnel **9** and turn east along Main Street to return to the entrance to the hotel.

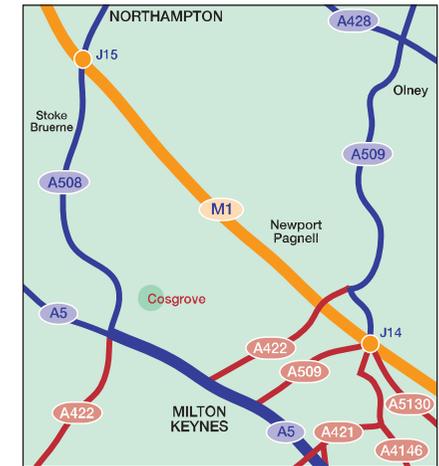
Walk: 2.2 miles, 45 mins, terrain = easy/moderate



The Barley Mow Public House, Cosgrove

COSGROVE

Full of reminders of its industrial past, Cosgrove lies alongside the Grand Union Canal. The wharfs, pubs, moorings and other fixtures of the waterways tradition are an integral part of the canal-side walks in and around the village.



Cosgrove lies in the south-east of the county, approximately 8 miles south-east of Towcester.

For information about public transport to Cosgrove please contact Traveline on 0870 608 2608.

Car parking within Cosgrove is limited. When parking please take into consideration local access needs. Lockable cycle racks are provided at the Navigation Inn.

If you wish to report any problems with any of the routes shown in this leaflet, please contact Rights of Way, Northamptonshire County Council, Riverside House, Bedford Road, Northampton NN1 5NX. Tel: 01604 654465.

This information can be made available in other languages and formats upon request, such as large print, Braille, audio cassette and floppy disk.



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COSGROVE



St. Peter and St. Paul Church

St. Peter and St. Paul Church ¹

The parish church probably dates from the early 13th century but has been heavily restored. The tower is over 70 feet tall and contains six bells with one 'Santa Maria' dating to the 15th century.

Cosgrove Hall and Estate ²

Built in the early 18th century on the site of an earlier house, Cosgrove Hall was owned by the

Furtho Family. The Hall was formerly the headquarters of a company selling English reproduction furniture. The Hall is not open to the public.

The Priory ⁴

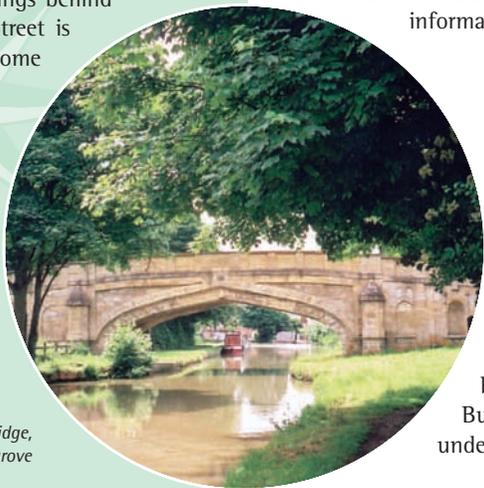
Built in the 17th century by the Rigby family, The Priory is now the UK headquarters of the Pericom Group. Originally known as the Manor House the name was changed to The Priory in around 1810.

St. Vincent's Well ⁸

St. Vincent's Well (enclosed by iron railings behind the old National School) in the High Street is said to have a high iron content, which some believe give the water remedial qualities.

Roman Site ¹⁴

South-east of the Hall and church on the south bank of the canal is the site of a Roman villa, bathhouse and temple excavated in the 1950s and 60s. Many finds including an urn of silver coins were found during construction of the canal.



The Ornamental Bridge, Cosgrove



The Grand Union Canal, Cosgrove

The Grand Union Canal

The Grand Junction, later the Grand Union Canal was first authorised by an Act of Parliament in 1793, and was the first direct continuous link between London and Birmingham.

The Grand Union is still in use today with a number of marinas, boat yards and hire companies catering for those using its waters. The Grand Union Canal Walk, a 147 mile long towpath walk from Little Venice in London to Gas Street Basin in Birmingham, was opened in 1993.

Buckingham Arm

The canal thrived and in the early 1800s an extension was built. This new branch linked Old Stratford and Buckingham and was called the Buckingham Canal. The canal is no longer in use but a canal restoration project is taking place at the present time. Contact Buckingham Canal Society or British Waterways for more information.

Ornamental Bridge ⁹

The gothic style bridge over the Grand Union Canal was built in 1790s at the insistence of a local landowner (the Biggins family). It is one of only two ornamental bridges over the Grand Union Canal.

The Ice House ⁷

Around 1820, an ice house was built between Cosgrove Hall and the Buckingham Canal. It was largely underground and with thick walls. Ice was cut

from the canal every winter (until 1900) and would remain frozen until it could be sold to local fishmongers and butchers the following summer.

Castlethorpe Wharf

A public wharf was established approximately 2 miles north of the village where the canal crossed the road to Castlethorpe. It was one of the busiest on the Grand Union with large quantities of coal, coke, bricks and Staffordshire tile passing through the wharf.

The Iron Aqueduct ¹¹

The canal is carried across the Ouse valley on an aqueduct. The first stone aqueduct was built in 1805 but collapsed not long after - it was replaced with the current Iron Aqueduct in 1811.

Cosgrove Leisure Park ⁶

One of the largest inland caravan and leisure parks in England. Open daily between March and October, the 180 acres of parkland include 12 lakes and 2 rivers. Attractions include watersports, tennis, mini-golf, children's play areas, swimming pools, café and shop.

Tel: 01908 563360 for more information.



The Quarries ¹²

Site of a medieval limestone quarry, the Quarries is now a calcareous grassland - with a rich plant community of limestone-loving plants such as the spotted cat's ear and fragrant orchid. The site also provides a welcome home for rare insects such as the ground beetle and for birds such as the skylark and the barn owl.



A local scene

SAFE WALKING

Be prepared - always wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear, take refreshments and directions. Take care when crossing or walking on roadways (walk facing oncoming traffic). The countryside is a living, working environment, so please follow the Country Code.

- ❖ Keep to the line of the paths
- ❖ Leave gates as you find them
- ❖ Respect the countryside - leave wildlife, livestock, crops and machinery alone
- ❖ Keep your dogs under control
- ❖ Take your litter home.



Cosgrove Village

PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1 Church of St. Peter and St. Paul
- 2 Cosgrove Hall
- 3 Cosgrove Locks
- 4 The Priory
- 5 New Cosgrove Lodge Hotel
- 6 Cosgrove Leisure Park
- 7 The Ice House
- 8 St. Vincent's Well
- 9 Ornamental Bridge
- 10 Horse Tunnel
- 11 The Iron Aqueduct
- 12 The Quarries
- 13 Wolverton Mill
- 14 Roman Villa (site of)
- 15 The Barley Mow (Public House)
- 16 The Navigation Inn (Public House)



Life On the Grand Union Canal



The Ornamental Bridge

KEY

- Right of Way
- Path/Track
- Grand Union Canal Walk
- Suggested Walk Routes
- Grafton Way
- Bus Stop
- View Point
- Public House
- Stile/Gate



FINDING YOUR WAY

A number of Rights of Way are shown in this leaflet. These Rights of Way are marked with sign posts, waymark discs and markers.

The 11.5 mile long county path, the Grafton Way, runs from Cosgrove to Greens Norton.

Leaflets and details available from Tourist Information Centres - nearest one located at Tourist Information Centre, 2 Bridge Street, Brackley, Northants, NN13 7EP. Tel: 01280 700111.

For more detailed information about the surrounding countryside or other possible walks you could use Ordnance Survey maps - Landranger 152 and Explorer 192 maps cover the Cosgrove area.



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1 : 10,000

The Horse Tunnel

