

Fen Rivers Way - 50 miles

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Grid Reference – GR TL 461 572. (Ordnance Survey).

Location – The Fen Rivers Way, is a long distance path running for nearly 50 miles (80kms) between the historic settlements of Cambridge and King's Lynn, which traces the course of the rivers that drain slowly across the Fens into the Wash.

Description – This distinctive Fenland landscape has been heavily influenced by man. The journey along the Fen Rivers Way is rich in both history and wildlife. From Cambridge, the Fen Rivers Way follows the River Cam through riverside pastures fringed with willows and on into the Fens. The Cam Washes are an area designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest because of the special habitats and wildlife. Wicken Fen National Trust Nature Reserve remains as a fascinating fragment of a Fenland wilderness of former times.

Approaching Ely, the River Cam joins the River Great Ouse, which the Fen Rivers Way follows all the way to King's Lynn and the Wash. Entering Norfolk, the River Great Ouse gives panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.

Other Relevant Information – Along the way there are plenty of places for rest and refreshment, with Youth Hostels and some campsites. For further information on the Fenland region, including places to stay or visit, you can contact the following Tourist Information Centres: Kings Lynn 01553 763044; Downham Market 01366 387440; Ely 01353 662062; Cambridge 0906 586 2526.

Public Transport – The route is easily accessible by public transport. A regular train service connects Cambridge and King's Lynn, with stops at Waterbeach, Ely, Littleport, Downham Market and Watlington. Tel: National Rail Enquiries 08457 484950.

Buses operate between Cambridge and King's Lynn, so either end of the route can be used as a starting point. Local services also operate to intermediate stops, Bus information available from the National Travel Line 0870 608 2608.

Parking – Available along the route.

Cambridge to Ely map and route description available from Cambridgeshire County Council 01223 717445 or from Fens River Way Association.

