

PLACES OF INTEREST

Newe House. This fine Jacobean structure, built in 1622, features Dutch gables and a two story porch with triangular pediments.

St. Mary's Church. A beautiful cruciform buildings of flint, with Barnack stone dressings, built around 1100 A.D. The unusual octagonal crossing tower was added in the 14th century.

Nether Hall. Built around 1600, on site of an earlier house which until the 14th century was the home of Lord Longford's family, who still have Pakenham as their surname. The parish boundary between Thurston and Pakenham runs through the middle of the house. Owned in the 19th century by the Greene family, it was used as a Country Club until fairly recently.

The Dell. Is the site of an old chalk workings. It became a walled garden belonging to The Lodge before it was left to the village as a recreational area.

PAKENHAM is unique in having both a working windmill and watermill. Although not on the circular footpath route they are easily accessible and well worth a visit

Watermill. A fine 18th century working watermill. The Domesday Survey records show that there was a watermill on the present site since 1086, thus corn has been ground here for 900 years. Bought and restored by the Suffolk Preservation Society in 1978, it is open to the public from Easter to September.

Windmill. Often seen on the screen in the early days of television and more recently in 'Campion'. This magnificent five storey tarred brick tower mill was built about 1816. It was restored to full working order in the 1950's Open to the public by appointment.

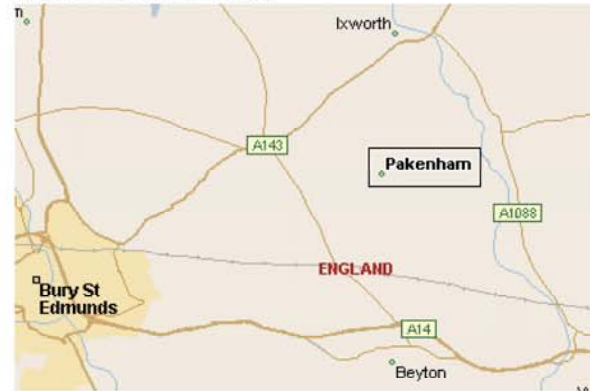
FURTHER READING:

Pakenham – Village of Two Mills by N.R. Whitwell.
Published on www.pakenham-village.co.uk



The circular walk described in this leaflet lies 5 miles north east of Bury St Edmunds in the Parish of Pakenham. It is approximately 5½ miles long with opportunities for shortcuts back to the start. The route is clearly marked with public footpath signs and yellow way mark arrows displaying a circular walk symbol and should take about 2¾ hours to complete. Although the route can be described as easy walking, waterproof footwear should be worn except in the driest of weather conditions.

The following Ordnance survey sheet would be useful to show the rights of way in adjoining areas: Pathfinder series sheet TL 86/96 Bury St Edmunds and Woolpit.



HOW TO GET THERE.....

By Road:

From Bury St Edmunds:
Off the A143 at the Bunbury Arms

From the A14
Off the 1088 at Stowlangtoft

Parking:

Ample parking is available in the Village car park at the rear of the church. Please park with care and consideration
The start of the walk is approximately opposite Newe House

Refreshments:

The Fox. Food available during opening hours.
Village Post Office & Store.
(Early closing: Wednesday.)
Watermill. (Open: Sat. Sun. 1.30 - 5pm.
Thurs 10 – 4pm Easter to Oct)



PAKENHAM

VILLAGE OF TWO MILLS

CIRCULAR WALK



The walk: From the **Village** car park follow the road back down **Church Hill**, turning right at junction with **The Street** along **Fen Road** for about 200 yards observing **Newe House** to your right (point 1 on the map). Turn left onto **footpath ①** which will cross the river and on to **The Owell** estate, where the path passes behind some garages and gardens arriving at the playing field. ② Turn right onto the footpath which takes you across arable fields to **Old Hall Farm**. ③ Turn right passing by farm buildings down a track. Before you reach the bottom of the track turn right following the edge of a ditch. Turn left across the ditch into water meadows crossing two bridges before arriving at **Fen Road ④**. Turn left along Fen Road keeping straight and passing between houses and bungalows downhill to a forked junction. Turn right at the fork and continue for a short distance until the road meets a farm track at **Baileypool**. ⑤ A footpath lies alongside this track which takes you through varied farmland before eventually reaching **Bull Road**. ⑥ Cross Bull Road and follow the wide vehicle track leading to **Beaumonts Hall Farm**, passing between ponds and keeping to the left of the large modern storage barns. Continue on the track leading to **Pakenham Wood**, and bear right to follow around the perimeter of the wood. ⑦ At the bottom of the track turn left into the wood and at the far side of the wood turn right onto the farm track emerging finally at the rear of **Newe House**. ⑧ Pass through the kissing gate and bear left following around the top of the meadow (**The Close**), and enter the churchyard through another kissing gate, to **St Mary's Church** with its unusual octagonal tower.

Leave the churchyard via the main gate and cross over the road to **Nether Hall drive ⑨** continuing until you reach the kissing gate. The route leads straight across beautiful parkland, with a magnificent view to your right of Nether Hall. Leave the parkland by a kissing gate and turn right into **Sheep Lane**, which takes you to **Thurston Road**.

Turn right and continue along the road until you reach **Home Farm Lane ⑩** which is the next turning on the right. Follow this lane to emerge at the top of **The Street**. On the opposite side of the road is **The Dell**, an old chalk pit which is well worth a visit, especially in early Spring when it is carpeted with Snowdrops and Aconites. Continue down **The Street** past the **Village Hall and Shop** and the **Old Village Pump** alongside **The Fox Public House**. Finally, continue to the junction with **Church Hill** and return to the car park at the church.



FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work
- Guard against all risk of fire
- Fasten all gates
- Keep your dogs under close control
- Keep to public paths across farmland
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone
- Take your litter home
- Help to keep all water clean
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees
- Take special care on country roads
- Make no unnecessary noise.



-  Circular Walk
-  Short Cuts
-  Other Footpaths
-  Metalled Roads

