

4 After about 0.5k the arable land ends and some lush looking pasture is seen on the opposite side of the drain.

This is the site of Sawtry Abbey, which was flourishing between 1147 and the dissolution of the Monasteries in 1540.

5 At Abbey Farm the path crosses the drain on a wide bridge and curves to the right.

A finger board at the bridge is not always 'in line' with the correct direction, but this can be checked by passing all the buildings on your left and finding the yellow marker arrow on the gig barn which points the way you should continue - along the track away from the farm and beside the field with hedging on the left.

6 Facing roughly west, toward the motorway the track is more exposed until a spinney is reached where once was a cottage marked Edes's Lodge on the ordinance map, after that continue ahead passing the sewage farm on the right and joining a cement track to reach the road.

7 At this point there is the choice of returning along the road verge right (north) to Greenfield's or of turning left (south) again along the verge to the roundabout and back to the village via Toll Bar.



- ❖ Please remember to take your litter home.
- ❖ Broken plastic and glass can injure or kill living creatures.
- ❖ Please do not let your dogs run freely.
- ❖ Do not throw things into the water courses.
- ❖ Always stay on marked footpaths.
- ❖ On average a person walks 3 miles per hour.
- ❖ Never pick wild flowers.

#### SAFETY

- ❖ Some parts of the path may be muddy and slippery when wet.
- ❖ Please read the route directions for guidance regarding the suitability of this walk for pushchairs and wheelchairs.
- ❖ When walking along the road, take care. Always walk on the right hand side, towards the oncoming traffic.

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# Fenland Walk

Take a Walk



A walk through Sawtry Fen  
Approx 5.2km (3 1/4 miles)

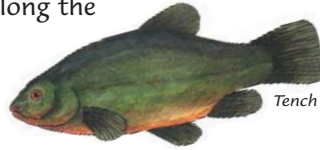


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# Welcome to Sawtry - Fenland Walk

**1** With your back to the A1(M) walk straight-ahead facing east along the length of Straight Drove. The sports field is on the left, at the end of it is the fishing lake which was constructed in 1999 and provides the village with a charming amenity for fishing, canoeing and wildlife of many species.



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**2** After about 1.75k with a conspicuous row of trees on the right the track turns a sharp right and continues for a further 1k, still with the drain on the left, but now much wider as other drains join in from the left till it reaches the Catchment Board control point.



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It is worth leaving the route here for a few metres to cross the wide bridge and see the well-banked reservoir and the 5 railway arches - the track leads to Woodwalton and immediately on the right after the bridge is a nature reserve.

**3** Return to the Catchment Board point, as the route does not cross the drains at all, but follow the finger board and walk south west along the top of the bank with the drain (and the railway) to the left and the Motorway on the right.

This is a pleasant grass track and the banks of the drain are full of interesting species and at this point more wild life is usually seen, including Red Kite.

*This walk has a spacious feel as the tracks are wide, easy to follow and the outlook is uninterrupted.*



Mute Swan



Grey heron



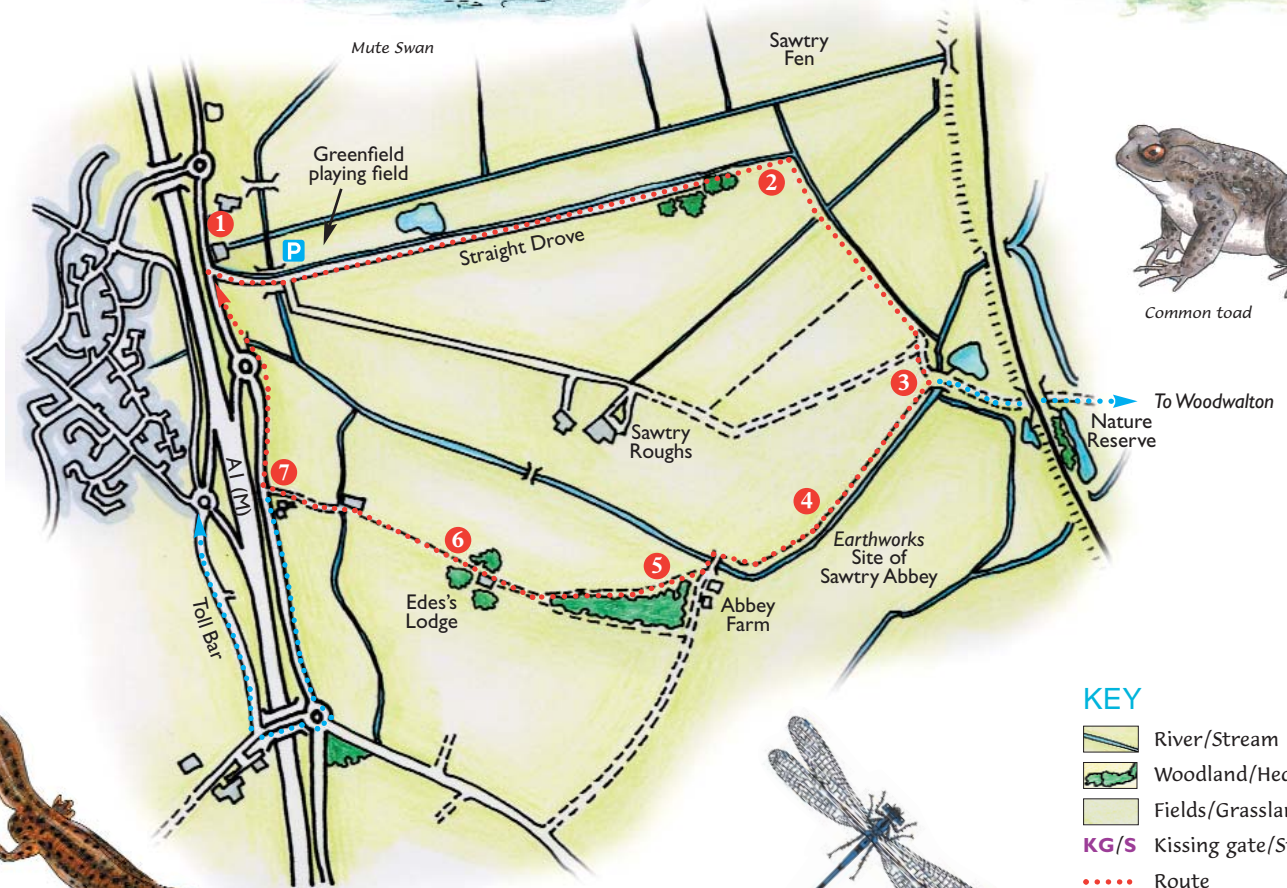
Common toad



Smooth newt



Common blue damselfly



## KEY

- River/Stream
- Woodland/Hedgerows
- Fields/Grassland
- Kissing gate/Stile
- Route
- Optional route
- Footpath

