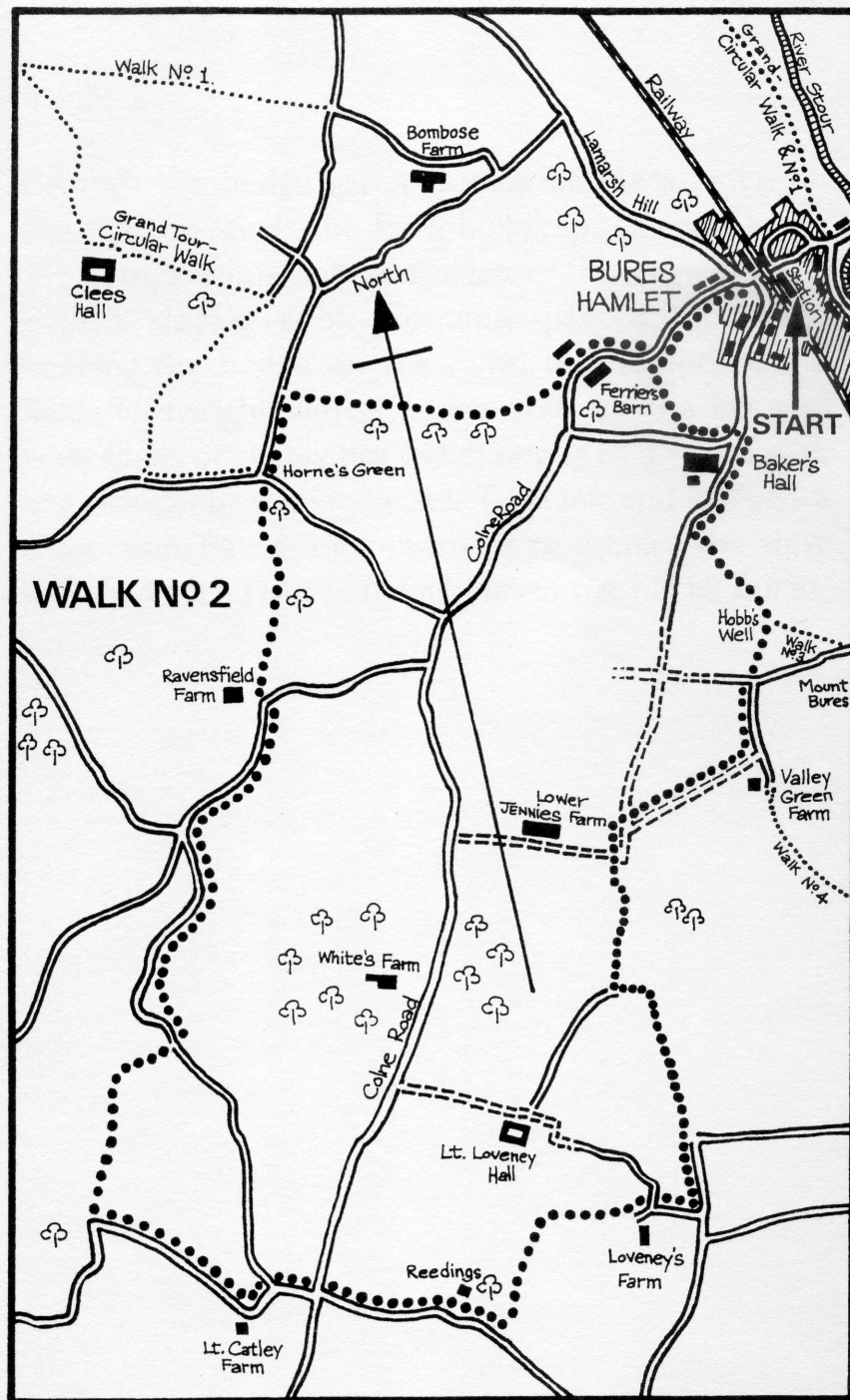


Walk 2

Distance: 11.5 km (7.2 miles)

Within ten minutes of setting off walkers will find themselves in a beautiful, wild and seemingly remote place ...and things get better. This is one of the most varied of the walks presented and is full of surprises.



1. Leave the station car-park and turn left and then immediately left again into Station Hill. Go under the railway bridge and past the turning to White Colne. Turn left at the Public Bridleway and No Entry signs and enter a metalled lane with trees and hedges on both sides and a stream on the left.
2. Continue up the lane to the top with Ferriers Barn on the left and a pond on the right. Ignore the track leading into the former quarry on the right. Go past Ferriers Barn on the left and a large house on the right. Where the lane turns sharply to the left take

the footpath, indicated by a waymark sign, on the right. Descend into a field and keep to the right-hand edge but do not go uphill to the right.

3. At a waymark sign cross into an uncultivated copse and, keeping to the righthand edge walk forward through a sometimes-boggy area. Emerge by a waymark sign onto a wide grassy path between a ditch on the left and a tall hedge on the right. Follow this path to a minor road and turn left.
4. At the T-junction go left and then after a short distance right onto a farm track*. Follow this track, sometimes between hedges, to where it meets a bend in a minor road at Ravensfield Farm. Ignore the public footpath sign on the left and turn right onto the road (this effectively is straight ahead). Follow this road down a dip, crossing a small stream and then up again to a crossroads.
5. Turn left in the direction of White Colne and continue to where on the left, just beyond a corrugated iron barn, there is a gate and a public footpath sign. Go through the gate, cross the middle of the field to a stile and public-footpath sign by a metal gate opposite. (This section of footpath merely cuts off a loop in the road, so in the event that there are unwelcoming cattle in the field it may be omitted and the road can be followed instead).
6. Continue ahead on the road for a short distance to a public footpath sign on the right opposite a thatched cottage. Climb the steps up into the field and walk ahead keeping the tree-filled hedge on the left. As the hedge turns sharply to the left cross a wooden footbridge and then immediately go over a stile. (Do not follow the smaller hedge that goes straight ahead.)
7. Once past the stile continue walking along the left-hand edge of the field to another stile and waymark sign. Continue in the same direction. Ignore the waymark sign and wooden footbridge on the left. Beneath the overhead electricity cables and just before the end of the field where the hedge turns sharply to the right exit onto a minor road by a public footpath sign through a gap in the hedge. Turn left and walk along the road ignoring both the public footpath sign on the right at Little Catley's Farm and the turning on the left just beyond Little Catley's.
8. Walk up to the crossroad with the Bures-White Colne road and go straight across walking in the direction of Wakes Colne. Go past apple orchards on the left to a dip in the road just beyond Reedings. Go left at the public footpath sign by the small bridge over the stream. Walk beside the stream just inside the right-hand edge of the small wood.
9. On emerging from the wood continue ahead with the stream or ditch on the right to a waymark sign and cross the wooden footbridge on the right. Traverse the middle of the field towards the farm buildings opposite. Do not enter the farmyard but go to the left of the tall hedge to a public footpath sign at a bend on a minor road.
10. Turn right onto the road (effectively straight ahead) and walk the short distance to the T-junction with another minor road and turn left. Where this road turns sharply to the right go left through an iron gate onto a grassy path between hedges. Good views of Bures and Mount Bures are to be had on the right.
11. Emerge at the corner of a large field and continue along its righthand edge descending to the corner of the field where a waymark sign indicates a gap in the hedge leading into a small wood. Continue on the path through the wood to a stile in the barbed-wire fence on the right. Cross the stile but do not follow the path indicated by the Conservation Walk sign. Instead turn left and walk the short distance to the next stile and cross back over the fence.
12. Go over two wooden footbridges and through a gate into a field used for motorcycle scrambling events. (The public footpath crosses the middle of the field but it is easier to follow the route described). Turn left and walk up the slope passing on the left the commentary box. At the top of the hill ignore the track on the left but bear right on the concrete track that goes around the left-hand edge of the scrambling course. On the left just beyond the redbrick toilets cross a stream and then through a metal gate.

13. Go straight ahead with a hedge on the left, through a fence and across a grassy track to the next field continuing ahead with the hedge on the left eventually exiting onto a farm track. Turn right immediately after Wood Cottage and continue straight ahead to a T-junction*.
14. Turn left and walk to where the road turns sharply to the right. Ignore the farm track on the left and cross the stile with waymark sign into a field, walk ahead keeping the hedge on the left. Cross the stile in the corner of the field to a path with a hedge on the left and a fence on the right.
15. After a few metres cross another stile. Immediately turn left over an earth-bridge passing in front of a house (Hobb's Well) and walk ahead on a path between wire fences up to a concrete roadway. Follow this roadway to the right until, just after Baker's Hall, it meets a road. Turn left onto the road, and then right at a public footpath sign opposite farmyard gates. Go through a metal gate and walk between a fence and a hedge. Cross a substantial wooden footbridge into a lane. Turn right, and walk back down to the village and the walk's starting point.

* To return to the village from Le Grand Tour de Bures you will need to reverse the walk as described up to this point.