Points of Interest

Huntingdon (A)
- The Old North Road used to pass through the High Street, entering near The Old Bridge Hotel (by the 14th century bridge), where the ring road now cuts through. This was the Roman Ermine Street which ran from London to Lincoln and beyond. There is much to see in the small town centre, although the ring road which surrounds it needs to be negotiated with care if used by cyclists.
- The town received its charter from King John in 1212 AD and contains many ancient and interesting houses, including the Manor House in Earning Street, which dates back to 1603.
- Island Hall is an important mid 18th century mansion of great charm, owned and restored by an award-winning interior designer. This Georgian house enjoys a tranquil river setting with formal gardens and an ornamental island. The house is open to groups of visitors although booking is essential (tel 01480 459676).
- The Chinese bridge is a replica of the original which was built in 1827 and designed by the architect Gallier in the then fashionable Chinese Chippendale style. From here there are splendid views of the River Great Ouse.
- buckden towers
- The Cromwell Museum was once a Grammar School, which Oliver Cromwell and (later) Samuel Pepys attended.
- Cowper house (No 29 High Street) built in the early 18th century, is where William Cowper, the poet, lived from 1765 to 1767.
- The Falcon Inn and the George Hotel date from the 16th and 17th centuries respectively. The latter has an open gallery around the courtyard, which is used annually for staging the plays of William Shakespeare.
- Hinchingbrooke House, the Tudor ancestral home of the Cromwell family is off the Brampton Road. Now a school, it is open to the public on Sunday afternoons.
- Near the railway station is a cannon - a replica of one which formed part of a Crimean War memorial. The original was taken in World War II and melted down for re-use as armaments.

Brampton (B)
- On the south side of Brampton Road, near the speed limit sign, stands Pepys’ House, a white gabled house where the famous diarist lived in his youth. It can be viewed only by appointment.
- St Mary Magdalene church, is where Samuel Pepys used to worship.

Godmanchester (G)
- Godmanchester lies across the River Great Ouse from Huntingdon and is linked by a medieval causeway and stone bridge. The town was founded as a Roman settlement on the crossroads of the Via Devana. The town is laid out in a pentagonal street pattern.
- Godmanchester lies on the London to Lincoln and the Kettering rail line.
- The Lion Hotel dates from the 15th century, although much was rebuilt in the 18th century.
- The George Inn opposite is from the 17th century.
- Hinchingbrooke House was built in 1786. During World War II it became the headquarters of the RAF Pathfinder Force.
- Former Railway Line (C)
  - About 1½ miles beyond the A1 crossing, there is a bridge over the road - a relic of the former Huntingdon to Kettering rail line.

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The Route

1 Huntingdon to Grafham Water
Leave HUNTINGDON (A) railway station (part of the National Cycle Network Route 51) and turn left on Brampton Road (B1514). Use the shared cycleway and footpath on the opposite side of the road which goes straight to Brampton (B), with Hinchinbrooke House and Hinchinbrooke Country Park on the right. Turn left at the roundabout into Church Road. After the church, turn right into the High Street, to pass the village green and continue straight on, past fields, to cross the bridge over the A1. Continue past (C) to GRAFHAM (D).

On entering Grafham village, you now have the choice to go to BUCKDEN via the roads, or GRAFHAM WATER via road and cycle route. The route to Buckden is a left turn at the T-junction, past Marlow car park on your right to another junction, where you turn left, signposted for the B661. The route to Grafham Water is a right turn at the T-junction and immediately turn left into Church Road and left again into Church Hill. At the bottom, go through the gate and follow the cycle track to the left as far as the Marlow car park, Visitor Centre and café. On leaving the car park turn right to rejoin the Buckden road.

2 Detour Around Grafham Water 8 miles/13km
An alternative for those who want to explore the cycle track around the lake is as follows. Turn right at the T-junction on entry to Grafham village and then left into Church Road, but then keep forward on Church Road to pass the church. The road (at first) and then the track encircle the lake, with a short stretch of road through PERRY village. The complete circuit leads you to Marlow car park.

The general advice for those riding around the lake is to ride anti-clockwise. This is because through Perry village the road needs to be used: in this direction you do not need to cross it. Also remember that cycling on the footpath in the village is illegal, can be dangerous and annoys the residents. Please do not do it.

3 Grafham Water to Godmanchester
From the Marlow car park exit, turn right and at the next T-junction, turn left on the B661 to enter BUCKDEN. At the A1, the road is best crossed by using the footpath and underpass to the left, just before the roundabout to emerge in the High Street (E). Turn left and at The Lion Hotel, right to OFFORD CLUNY (F). At the junction beyond the level crossing, turn left to GODMANCHER (G), signposted the B1043 (take care on this road as it can be busy at times).

4 Godmanchester to Huntingdon
At the end of West Street, turn left into The Causeway and then left again at a roundabout and keep forward for ½ mile to the traffic lights near The Old Bridge Hotel. Here riders can turn left and use the shared cycleway/footpath which runs alongside the ring road (a busy one-way system) for about ½ mile and then turn left on the B1514 to the station.