

# A Taste of Milton Keynes

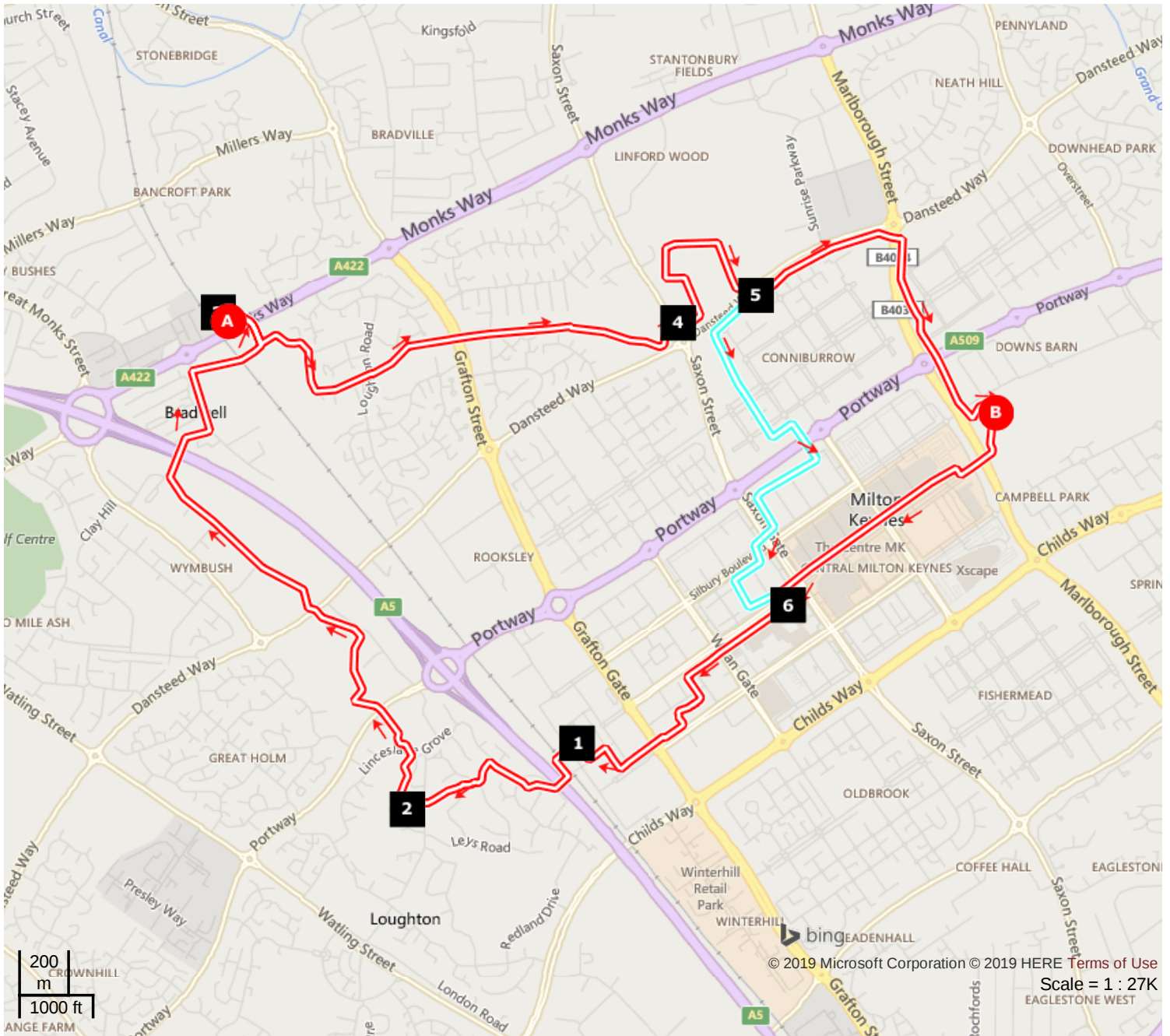
Starts at Milton Keynes Station

| 7.7miles 12.3km | Easy



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Milton Keynes is one of the ten finalists of the Ramblers' Britain's Best Walking Neighbourhood Awards 2019: this walk takes in the old and new of Milton Keynes, using greenways away from the main roads, and great views from the Light Pyramid.



— Main Route    — Alternative Route    **H** Point of Interest    **4** Waypoint



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## **Starts at**

Milton Keynes Central station 302 Eldergate Milton Keynes Buckinghamshire MK9 1LA

## **Ends at**

as above

## **Getting there**

By road: M1 motorway (at junction 14)

By Train: West Coast Main Line with regular services to London Euston and Birmingham New Street

Regular local bus services

## **Route instructions**

**[1]** With your back to the station turn right. At the end of the building right again and cross the footbridge. Turn right, then left to descend to the play park. Take the steps and cross into Lincelade Grove. Take the second left, Turvill End, and take the track at the end. Cross the road and go through the church yard, taking the path ahead. At the road, cross, then left down the path. Before the bridge turn right.

**[2]** Follow the path crossing the road to continue. Pass under the road bridge. The path bears left, continue on the path, and then cross the bridge on the right. Continue on this path around the lakes. Passing the car park, continue to the weir and here turn right under the road. Cross the footbridge and turn right, then take the next left finally to arrive on Garamonde Drive. Walk straight ahead until reaching the redway, turn right and over the bridge above the A5. Continue straight and cross Alstron Drive and turn left. When the roundabout comes into view take the path on the right. Pass under the railway, and just prior to the bridge turn left. Follow the path under the road, to visit the Concrete Cows (A).

*(A) The cows are the work of sculpture, created in 1978 by the Canadian artist Liz Leyh. There are three cows and three calves, approximately half life size. They are constructed from scrap, skinned with fibre glass reinforced concrete donated by a local builders.*

**[3]** Retrace your steps and take the bridge, continue straight ahead following the left side of the playing field. Turn right along Abbey Road and continue in to Vicarage Road. Cross Loughton Road and take the redway ahead. At a path junction turn right and follow this path for about 0.5 mile. At the 5 way path junction take the 2nd left passing to the left of the play area. As the path nears the road and ignore the underpass continue on the path taking the next underpass on the right.

**[4]** Entering the Linford Wood take the 2nd path on the left. Follow this path finally taking a large wide path on the right signed Art Trail. Follow this path, crossing a wide track to join a path and turn right. As you approach the road bear right and take the underpass.

**[5]** Turn left on the redway. Go under the road then turn right on the redway and continue up hill. After crossing the bridge take the right fork in the path under the road. Take the next path on the left, and follow this as it descends through the park. Take the next right path and slowly climb round and up to the Light Pyramid (B), for view across to Bedfordshire.

Turning back head along the path through the Milton Keynes Rose, go over the bridge and take the underpass ahead bearing right to climb some steps. With the car park to your right go straight ahead, keeping the shopping centre on your right. Pass through the market, heading finally through the underpass to come up with the church on your right. Keep on and cross the road to Exchange House.

*(B) Commissioned in 2012 as part of the Campbell Park Art Plan to replace the original basket beacon, which was situated on the belvedere but hit by lightning in 2002 and as a result had to be removed. The*

*Light Pyramid was first lit for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 4th June 2012 and is still lit to commemorate special local and national events. Made of steel and painted white the Light Pyramid overlooks great views of North East Milton Keynes and Bedfordshire.*

If you would like to take a shortcut, and bypass the Light Pyramid, turn right on the redway. Continue and turn left at the end and left again before the underpass. Continue on the tree lined path and playing fields. Cross Conniburrow Boulevard, continuing in the same direction. At the end turn left, and then taking the steps on the right up and over the footbridge.

Cross the car park and turn right at the buildings to the end of the car park tuning left on the redway. Take the underpass ahead and then straight on turning left at the end of the building. Turn right to cross next to the trees, take the left path across the Fred Roche Gardens. Go between the building and turn right, then take the road crossing on the left. Re-joining the route at [6]

**[6]** Turn right and continue with the buildings on your left. Continue under the next underpass and turn left at the end of the car park. Walk to the end and enter Grafton Park. Turning right follow the winding path through the park finally turning left behind the Dome Restaurant. Turn right and follow the path under the next 2 underpasses, before turning right on the path through the building. Turn left and follow the path finally turning right back to the station.

### **Additional 'Point of Interest' information**

Do you think Milton Keynes should win the Ramblers' Britain's Best Walking Neighbourhood Award 2019?

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**2019: <http://www.ramblers.org.uk/vote>**

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The Light Pyramid on The Belvedere at Milton Keynes  
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Linford Wood



Path to the Light Pyramid



Redway

