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Little & Great Houghton
Riverside Walks

Walk 1
Little Houghton and the River Nene

A good place to start is in the village (take care where to park). The stocks and whipping post are in the centre of the village - just opposite the church. Head north-west, down Meadow Lane and follow the path and waymarks down to the lakes. After crossing the river near the Northampton Boat Club, cut back down and follow the Nene Way down to Little Houghton Locks and Clifford Hill. Return back up the hill to the village. Walk - approximately 2 hours.

Walk 2
Great Houghton

Park in the lay-by on the A428 and take the footpath down and across the Hardingstone Dyke. Keep to the right and walk alongside the lakes before climbing back up the hill towards Little Houghton. You can either join Meadow Lane and see the village or, follow the waymarks to the Bedford Road and the bypass (take care when crossing). Walk up through the lakes to Cherry Tree Lane and walk through the village as far as the church before descending back down High Street towards the start. Walk - approximately 1.5 hours.

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