

Discover Ramsey's dramatic landscapes, charming wildlife and fascinating rural history.



**Mortuary Chapels** Cemeteries such as these create arenas for the display of wealth and social status, both amongst those buried here and those who came to promenade under the trees.  
[www.ramseymortuarychapels.org.uk](http://www.ramseymortuarychapels.org.uk)

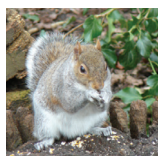


**Ramsey Rural Museum** is open on Thursdays 10am-5pm, Sundays and Bank holidays 2pm-5pm between April and September. Take time for a rest in the café or investigate the rural past.  
[www.ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk)



**The Walled Garden** is a typical Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden situated within the boundaries of the medieval Ramsey Abbey. It has taken years for volunteers to renovate the one acre site, but now, 20 years on, a beautiful and captivating garden is here for all to enjoy – see the continuing restoration.

Open Sundays & Bank Holiday Monday 2pm-5pm Easter to the end of October. Access is via the Rural Museum.  
[www.ramseywalledgarden.org](http://www.ramseywalledgarden.org)



**Booth's Hill** The castle at Booth's Hill dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> century civil wars, when powerful barons ruled areas of England in various states of lawlessness.

The remains of the castle were passed to the de Ramsey family after the Dissolution of the abbey, who used the site to construct an ice house. Now it is a refuge for wildlife, including a colony of bats.



**The 1940s Camp** A unique site where the clock is turned back. Events are held throughout the year including the 1940s Weekend in August.  
[www.ramsey1940s.co.uk](http://www.ramsey1940s.co.uk)



**Abbey Green** where you can see both Ramsey Abbey Gatehouse and St. Thomas à Becket Church. The gatehouse is all that remains of the wealthy and once great, Benedictine Abbey at Ramsey. Open 2pm-5pm every first Sunday in the month April to October inclusive (National Trust). The Parish Church dates from around 1180 and is thought to have been built as a hospital or guest house for the Abbey. See the interpretation board on Abbey Green for lots more fascinating information about the site.



**Gauntlet Auto Project**  
 Registered charity no. 1057537

The enhanced wildlife friendly spectator area at the Gauntlet was created during a five week training course run by Groundwork with funding from Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust via Tesco Bags of Help scheme. The program included the erection of barn owl boxes and the planting of flowers, especially those attracting bees - which provide the vital task of pollination.

Gauntlet was established in 1995 and is run mainly by young people and a voluntary management committee including County Council representatives, youth and social work professionals, engineers, mechanics and youth representatives. Their aim is to work as a youth project encouraging members to become involved in the running of the project.

They seek to promote: safe motorbike riding, young peoples' self esteem, mechanical and IT skills, youth volunteering and good citizenship. They aim to work especially with disadvantaged, disaffected and disabled young people and also to promote the family.

Gauntlet is open on Saturday morning for 11-16 year olds from 10 am-12.30pm. For group bookings at other times please contact: Unit 5 Park Farm, Wood Lane, Ramsey, Cambridgeshire PE26 2XA. Telephone: (01487) 711161 enquiries@gauntlet.biz



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# Ramsey

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**Countryside Trail**

Approx 5km/3 miles  
 1hr 30mins



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## Discover Ramsey's rural charm

1 Cross Great Whyte onto the left hand pavement of New Road, and walk past the public toilets and The Old Forge. Cross Newtown Road and Mill Lane.

2 Stay on the left hand footpath into Church Green, note the old horse-chestnut trees.

3 With the duck pond on your right, turn left along the path between the garden fences. This will bring you onto Wood Lane avoiding the corner of the road. Turn left and walk to the cemetery.

4 At the cemetery, cross over Wood Lane into Drove Road - the track leading to Ramsey Rural Museum. Walk through the kissing gate (if the main gates are shut) and turn left in front of the barn, following the public footpath sign.

5 Keep the barn to your right, follow the field edge alongside the ditch and then around to the right, following the hedge to its end.

Optional route to Park Farm. From the Rural Museum follow the route marked across the field heading towards the 1940s camp. Turn right and follow the hedge to the corner of the field, turn left and follow the field edge to Park Farm - home of the Gauntlet Auto Project. Retrace your steps back to the Rural Museum.

6 At the end of the hedge, turn right and you will see Ramsey Leisure Centre. Turn sharp right to walk back along the other side of the hedge. Continue past the playing field, and look for excellent views of the Abbey.

7 Cross the wooden footbridge and turn right onto Hollow Lane back towards Ramsey town centre. On a clear day look left to see Bury Church and Wistow Wood.

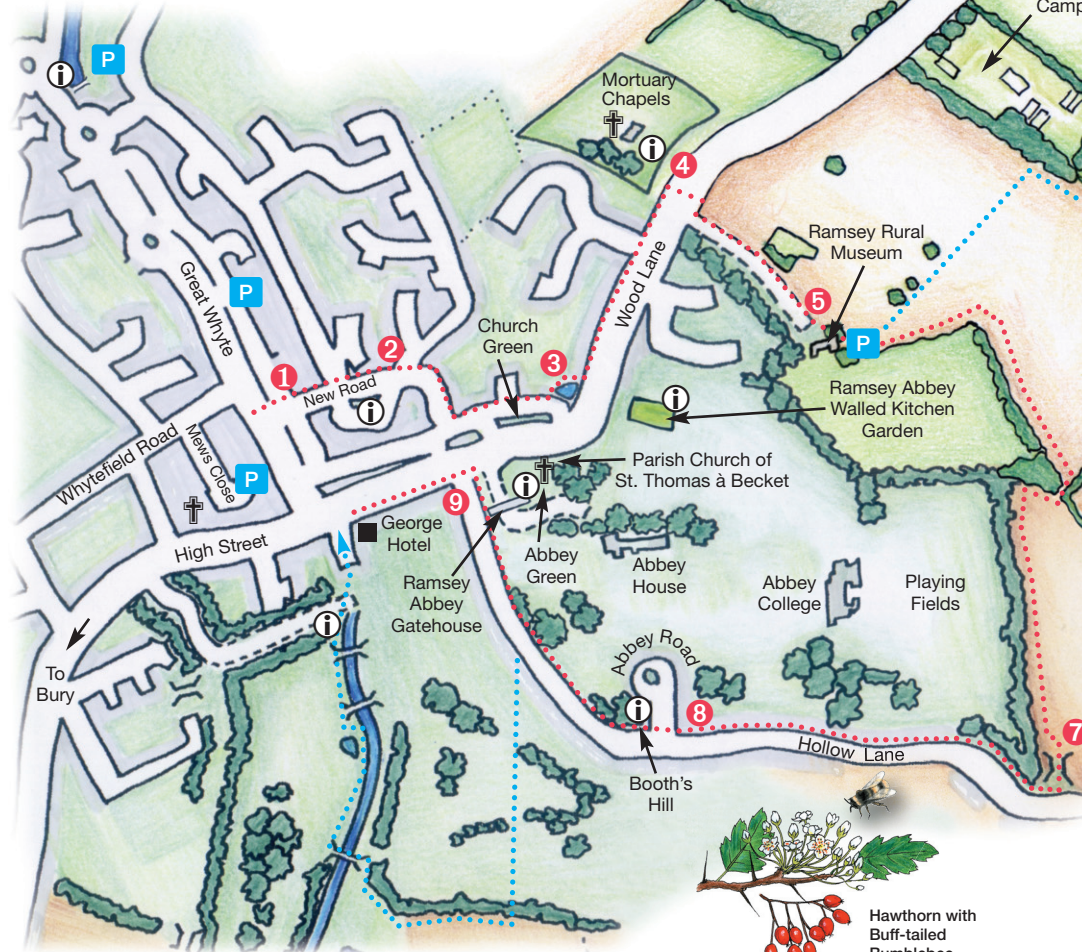
8 Cross Abbey Road and continue straight on beside the Abbey wall to Abbey Green (once known as Horse Pond Green) and the remains of the Abbey Gatehouse, which is now owned by the National Trust. Telephone 01263 733471 for access details.

Optional route to a section of the Waterway Trail (full route leaflets available from the library or to download from our website). Just past Abbey Road on the left hand side of Hollow Lane there is a public footpath which leads to the golf course, follow the route shown back to the George Hotel.

9 Cross Hollow Lane in front of Abbey Terrace and turn left into High Street. You will need to cross this carefully to return to the town centre.



Horse Chestnut



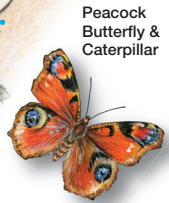
Teasel



Hare



Barn Owl



Peacock Butterfly & Caterpillar



Aster with Honey Bee



Green Woodpecker



Hawthorn with Buff-tailed Bumblebee



Information board  
Route  
Optional routes

Park in Great Whyte, Mews car park or Rainbow Surgery car park by the Rivermill Flats.