

## FLORE WALK 2 – TEXT DESCRIPTION AND DIRECTIONS

*The text below is in six numbered paragraphs. On the accompanying map there are six points marked.*

*The six points on the map show in each case the starting point in relation to the three text paragraphs, below.*

- 1) From Flore Post Office walk along the High Street towards Weedon Bec, crossing to the north side using the pedestrian crossing nearby. Walk around the “Flore Bends” towards Weedon and past the entrance to Hillside Road. After passing the private entrance on the right look for a footpath sign on the opposite side of the main road pointing across the road, and for a footpath stile on your right.
- 2) After going over the stile walk diagonally across the small paddock/orchard to the far right corner and the kissing gate. Cross the beyond field down towards Flore Hill Farm and another kissing gate to the left of the farm entrance and buildings.
- 3) Continue walking down-hill, crossing the field to a third kissing gate, after which turn right and follow the footpath by crossing a field then following a hedgerow to the old barn adjacent to the new Bypass.
- 4) At this point look left towards the balancing pond that is fenced off. There is a footpath kissing gate through which you should continue walking, skirting around the pond to another kissing gate at the far side of the pond. Having gone through this gate continue down the side of the bypass embankment to another kissing gate and just beyond this to the brook, which is in fact the nascent River Nene. Turn right under the new bridge.
- 5) Follow the River Nene up stream to the foot bridge and after going over the river and across small field and stile you will reach the A5. Turn left. Do not cross A5 at this point, but at the lane to Dodford. Beware – traffic on the A5 often travels rather fast. Walk up the lane a short distance as far as Canal bridge and go down steps at the right of the bridge onto the tow path. Turn right along the side of the canal.

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- 6) Follow the tow path under the “skew” bridge (which carries the A5 over the canal) to the next canal bridge and leave the tow path turning right to take the back road from the A5 towards Brockhall. Leave the road to the right by the signed path and steps to the right a little way before the bridge over the M1 motorway. Walk down the embankment via the 19 steps to the gate and footpath across two fields, reaching the stile at the entrance to Broamenthill Spinney. On exiting the spinney turn right, following the footpath up the edge of the field for a short distance and then turning left onto the path which heads across the field. Then at a mature tree in the hedgerow follow the path as it continues alongside the field hedge. The path emerges onto Brockhall Road between the M1 motorway bridge and the new bypass bridge. Turn right at this point over the bypass bridge and then continue back to Flore and the Post Office by following Brockhall Road all the way.