**1st MK Walk & Glide Festival**

**SATURDAY 16 October**

**Four Walk One Way (WOW) Cruises. Enjoy a 3-mile walk led by a Parks Trust Guide combined with a one-way cruise on Electra to complete a circular route: Campbell Wharf-Simpson Village, or Simpson Village-Waterhall Park.**

**Where?** Two route Options (Campbell Wharf – Simpson Village, or Simpson Village – Waterhall Park) and two ways of doing each one (Glide then Walk/Walk then Glide). Select your Option carefully from the list below set out in order of start time.

**When?** Saturday 16 October only.

**How long?** 3 mile one-way walk led by a trained Parks Trust Walk Leader (90 minutes including stops), combined with a 75 minute cruise on Electra, plus 15 minutes meeting, boarding and briefing time, and time for a snack stop on walks in the middle of the day – total 3-3.5 hours.

**How much?** Adult £9 (please note these cruises are open to adults plus teens aged 12+).

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A Walk One Way (WOW) cruise gliding along the Grand Union canal on Electra, Milton Keynes’ new all-electric trip boat, allows you to go further and explore more of Milton Keynes’ wonderful parkland.

Electra has small card-only Galley Bar on board serving hot, cold and alcoholic drinks, plus a few snacks.

Please note: No dogs permitted on board except assistance dogs.

Each walk will be led by an experienced Parks Trust Walk Leader who will also join you on the boat, sharing what they know about the canalside. All walks are roughly 3 miles long and will take about an hour, with some short stops to look at points of interest. Please ensure you come dressed appropriately for the weather and with sturdy footwear as it may be wet/muddy in areas. Some of the paths may be unsurfaced and very uneven so unfortunately these walks may not be suitable for wheelchairs and some mobility issues.

**Option 1 Glide then Walk: Campbell Wharf to Simpson Village return, 09.00 to 12.15**

Start with a cruise on Electra. Be at Campbell Wharf What3Words: ///readers.locals.aimlessly promptly at 9.00am, ready to board the 09.15 cruise. There is public car parking and street parking within 10 minutes’ walk – see map on the Electra website <https://www.bmkwaterway.org/mkcommunityboatelectra/>

Glide along the Grand Union canal past the start of the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway, Woolstone and Woughton, and arrive at Simpson Village at 10.30, disembarking on the towpath near bridge 92.

Your Parks Trust guide will then lead you back to Campbell Wharf on a walk through the beautiful Ouzel Valley park, following the river Ouzel and looking out for wildlife along the way. Arrive back about 12.15 <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1694680>

**Option 2 Cruise then Walk: Simpson Village to Waterhall Park return, 11.00 to 14.30**

Start with a cruise on Electra, leaving from Simpson Village at Bridge 92 on the Grand Union Canal. Park at the carpark next to The Caldecotte Xperience off Simpson Road, Simpson Village. What3Words: ///shades.pill.ants [Please note: Simpson Road will be closed from Fenny Stratford into Simpson Village, so all road access will need to be via Simpson Village.] Cross the road and take the earth path that leads you to the canal towpath.

Meet Electra on the towpath just south of Grand Union canal bridge 92, promptly at 11.00, ready to board the 11.15 cruise on Electra. Glide along the canal through Simpson and Fenny Stratford Lock and arrive at Waterhall Park around 12.30, disembarking on the towpath near to the bridge.

Your guided walk led by the Parks Trust, with a short picnic stop (bring your own), will take you bring you back off the towpath to let you explore some of the beautiful parklands adjacent to the canal including Waterhall Park and Caldecotte South <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1694674>, arriving back at the car park about 14.30.

**Option 3 Walk then Glide: Simpson Village to Waterhall Park return, 11.15 to 14.30**

Start with a guided walk lead by The Parks Trust where you will be taken off the towpath to explore some of the beautiful parklands adjacent to the canal including Caldecotte South and Waterhall Park. <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1694674>

Meet your guide promptly at 11.15 at the carpark next to The Caldecotte Xperience off Simpson Road, Simpson Village. What3Words: ///shades.pill.ants [Please note: Simpson Road will be closed from Fenny Stratford into Simpson Village, so all road access will need to be via Simpson Village.]

You’ll arrive at Water Eaton Mill in time for a short picnic stop (bring your own) before you board Electra, which will be moored on the canal towpath nearby, for the 13:15 return cruise to Simpson Village, passing through Fenny Stratford Lock, and returning to Bridge 92 about 14:30.

**Option 4: Walk then Glide: Campbell Wharf to Simpson Village return, 13:30 to 16.30**

Meet your Parks Trust walk guide at the new bridge at Campbell Wharf overlooking the marina What3Words:///slippery.supported.overtones promptly at 13:30. There is public car parking and street parking within 10 minutes’ walk – see map on the Electra website <https://www.bmkwaterway.org/mkcommunityboatelectra/>

Your guide will lead you on a walk through the beautiful Ouzel Valley park, following the river Ouzel and looking out for wildlife along the way. <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1694680>

You will arrive in Simpson Village ready to board Electra, which will be moored on the canal towpath just south of bridge 92, nearby, ready to board the 15:15 cruise back to Campbell Wharf. Your cruise will take you past Woughton, Woolstone and the start of the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway, arriving back at Campbell Wharf around 16:30.

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**When?** Sunday 17 October only.

**How long?** 3 mile one-way walk led by a trained Parks Trust Walk Leader (90 minutes including stops) , combined with a 75 minute cruise on Electra, plus 15 minutes meeting, boarding and briefing time, and time for a snack stop on walks in the middle of the day – total 3-3.5 hours.

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**Option 1 Glide then Walk: Campbell Wharf to Great Linford return 9.00 to 12.15**

Start with a cruise on Electra. Be at Campbell Wharf What3Words: ///readers.locals.aimlessly promptly at 9.00am, ready to board the 09.15 cruise. There is public car parking and street parking within 10 minutes’ walk – see map on the Electra website <https://www.bmkwaterway.org/mkcommunityboatelectra/>

Glide along the canal past the Gyosei Art Trail, the Gyosei Art Trail and Linford Wharf, and arrive in Great Linford Railway Bridge at 10.30, disembarking on the towpath.

On your way back, discover the delights of Great Linford Manor Park and the Canal Boardwalk with a guided walk form The Parks Trust.. Look out for sculptures on the art trail and find out more about the historic brick kilns along the way. Arrive back around 12.15. <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1693977>

**Option 2 Glide then Walk: Great Linford to New Bradwell return, 11 to 14.30**

Start with a cruise on Electra. Park at the Arts Centre Carpark on Parklands, Great Linford What3Words: ///bedrooms.flitting.acquaint and allow a good 10 minutes to walk to the canalside. Then walk north to cross the canal on the Railway Bridge and find Electra on the towpath.

Be there promptly at 11.00 ready, to board the 11.15 cruise to New Bradwell. Glide along the canal through Stanton Low and New Bradwell, stopping just before the V6 aqueduct around 12:30.

Your Parks Trust guide will take you on a scenic return walk through New Bradwell and Stanton Low Park, taking in a picnic stop some historical points of interest along the way including Bradwell Windmill and the ruins of St Peters church, returning to the Railway Bridge around 14.30. <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1694755>

**Option 3 Walk then Glide: Great Linford to New Bradwell return, 11.15 – 14.30**

Meet your Parks Trust Guide at the Arts Centre Carpark on Parklands, Great Linford What3Words: ///bedrooms.flitting.acquaint promptly at 11.15.

Enjoy a scenic walk lead by The Parks Trust through Stanton Low Park and New Bradwell. Your Parks Trust guide will show you some historical points of interest along the way including the ruins of St Peters church and the Bradwell Windmill, with time for a short picnic stop (bring your own). <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1694755>

You’ll arrive at New Bradwell to board Electra, which will be moored on the canal towpath just south of the V6 aqueduct, in time for the 13:15 cruise back to Great Linford, passing through New Bradwell and the countryside at Stanton Low, under the beautiful traditional canal bridge 75. You’ll arrive back at Great Linford Railway Bridge around 14.30, with a short stroll back to the car park.

**Option 4 Walk then Glide: Campbell Wharf to Great Linford return, 13.30 to 16.30**

Meet your Parks Trust guide promptly at 13.30 on the new bridge at Campbell Wharf, overlooking the marina. What3Words:///slippery.supported.overtones There is public car parking and street parking within 10 minutes’ walk – see map on the Electra website <https://www.bmkwaterway.org/mkcommunityboatelectra/>

On your walk to Great Linford, enjoy the delights of the Canal Boardwalk and Great Linford Manor Park with your guide from The Parks Trust. Look out for sculptures on the art trail and find out more about the historic brick kilns along the way. <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1693977>

You’ll arrive on the canal towpath at Great Linford Railway Bridge, ready to board Electra for the 15:15 cruise back to Campbell Wharf. Your cruise will take you past Great Linford, Linford Wharf, Giffard Park, Pennylands, and Campbell Park, arriving back at Campbell Wharf around 16:30.