



Meldreth Thatched Cottages Trail

Meldreth's 19 picturesque thatched cottages line leafy lanes with timeless rural charm; follow the walking map to discover each one and enjoy this treasured part of its heritage.



Difficulty: Easy



Duration: 2 hours



Distance: 4.2 miles

Meldreth Station provides step-free access to Platform 2 for Cambridge-bound trains. However, Platform 1 London-bound is only accessible via steps.



Meldreth is a historic village inviting you to explore its beautiful thatched cottages, Grade I listed medieval parish church, and the peaceful Melwood nature reserve just a short walk from the station.



1 Melwood Nature Reserve

A quiet woodland haven managed for wildlife, with shaded paths, veteran trees and a gentle chalk stream at its heart — ideal for peaceful walks and spotting local species.



2 Topcliffe Mill

A historic mill site beside the River Mel, offering a glimpse into Meldreth's industrial past and the peaceful riverside landscape that has shaped the village for centuries.



3 Holy Trinity Church

A beautiful Grade I listed church dating back to the 12th century, with a striking Norman tower and intricate stonework set within a tranquil churchyard at the north end of the village.



4 The British Queen

A welcoming, family-run pub with a pleasant garden and strong community atmosphere, just a short walk from the station — a perfect stop for post-walk refreshments.



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From Meldreth Station, take the path across the field towards Melbourn. Where it meets Station Road, turn right to visit 61 Orchard Cottage and 63.



Continue along Station Road, passing under the road bridge, to visit 9 Fieldgate Cottage and 3 Meldreth Thatch. Cross the railway bridge and bear left into Whitecroft Road to visit 9 Walnut Cottage and numbers 27, 30 and 32.



Turn left into Chiswick End to visit 23 and 34 Fordham's Cottage, then return to Whitecroft Road.



Turn left to visit 41 Bluebell Cottage, then retrace your steps down Whitecroft Road.



Turn left into Elin Way and follow it to the High Street.



Turn left to visit 70 Keys Cottage and 51 The Old Bell. You may also want to stop at the British Queen, a traditional freehouse, or continue to Applecote, 85 High Street.



Continue to North End and visit 9-11 Willow Way Cottage, 13 Homeland, 19 The Cottage and 29 The Old Town House, then carry on to Holy Trinity Church.



From here, either continue to number 98 and return, or turn right onto the footpath to Topcliffe Mill.



Follow the path around the left side of the mill and across the field into Melwood Local Nature Reserve.



At Flambards Close, cross the river and return to the High Street.



Turn left on the High Street to return to Meldreth Station.

