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### SHORT WALKS FROM BEDFORD PRIORY PARK

There are several options for shorter walks. In order of length they are:

Option 1: Make a circular tour of Priory Park, following the signs along the footpath. A larger version of the map is available at the Visitor Centre.



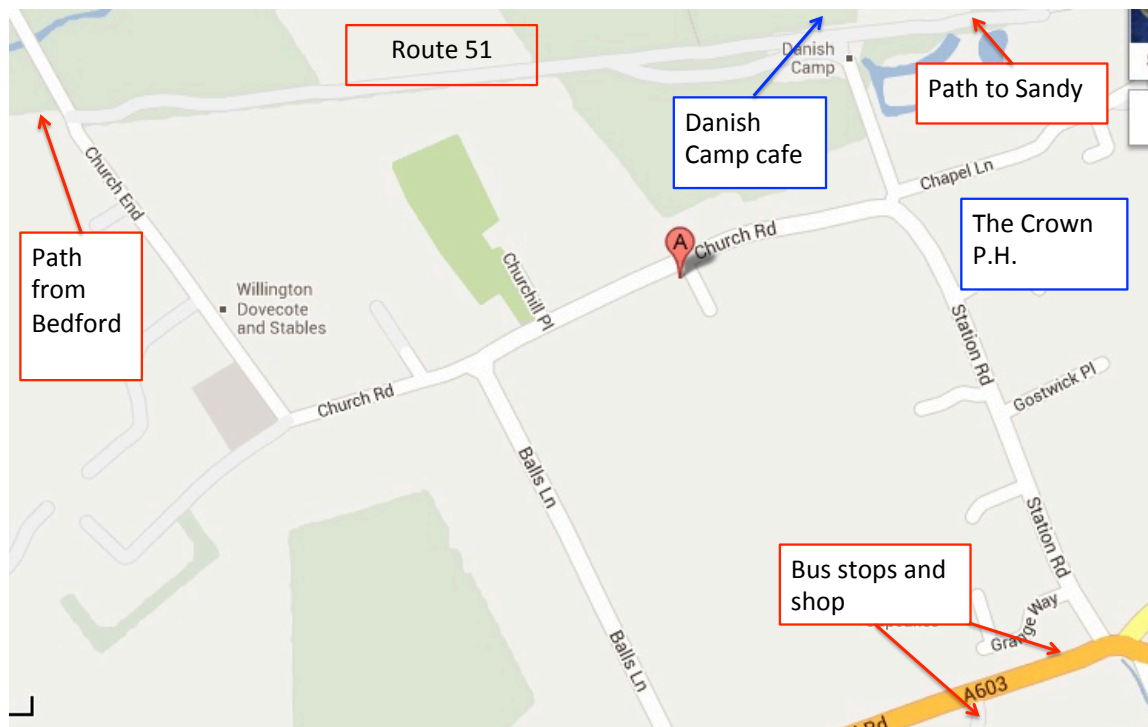
Option 2: If you are planning to return to Bedford town centre, you could walk back to the centre of Bedford along the river bank via Mill Meadows – **see map above**.

Option 3: Walk along the route towards Sandy until you come to the bridge over the dual carriageway by-pass (approx. 1 mile). Then return the same way.

Option 4: Walk along the route to Sandy as far as Willington (2 miles), then continue to Sandy or return to Bedford by bus. (see map – next page)

**See map over page**

## Map of Willington village, 2 miles east of Priory Park



As you near Willington, turn left off the path, either along Church End and Balls Lane (signed 'Dovecot'), or turn off at Danish Camp and go along Station Road. Both lead to the A603 Bedford Road (see map). Balls lane has a National Trust site with a Tudor barn and dovecot - a substantial building - and the church is 'possibly the finest Perpendicular church in Bedfordshire'. Station Road has a pub: the Crown. On the A603 there is a general shop and bus stops. The main bus service is the half hourly Bedford – Sandy. So you can either return to Bedford, or go on to Sandy. The road is busy and if you need the Bedford bus stop or the shop, you should walk to the crossing. Even if you plan to walk the full route, a quick diversion around Willington village is worthwhile.