

Great Doddington

Earls Barton to Great Doddington, 0.5 miles, 2 locks

In the spring it is possible to moor close to Great Doddington, during the late summer the reeds might be too high to be able to get in. For sure you will need the gangplank for this one and some pretty nifty mooring skills. Moor on the right bank going downstream. What you get is glorious views out of both windows, up the hill to the village of Great Doddington one side and right across the open meadow towards the dismantled railway line on the other.

At the lock just before (Doddington Lock) it is possible to put on water. The chap who lives in the lock cottage will allow passing boats to use his hose which is already connected to a tap. To get to the water you will need to moor on the downstream side lock landing where you will see the yellow hose. Of course it is always respectful to knock the door before proceeding with filling just to let him know you are there.

At the mooring there is a footpath across the meadow to the disused rail line which is now a long distance walk, and crossing that brings you to Sywell Country Park with fabulous walks around the man made lakes, there is tons of wildlife so its worth taking the binoculars. Crossing the little iron walk bridge behind the mooring will take you up to the village of Great Doddington where there is a shop for provisions, unfortunately the Post Office has now gone.

This village is well worth a look, there is a pub there too. Walking through the village it is possible to take the Nene Valley Way back across the fields to the lock in front of the moorings. You will walk through a fascinating farm here, I will say no more! Cross the lock up the lane then back along the disused rail line and across the meadow to make a nice circular walk. See the map. [Buses](#) run from Gt Doddington to Wellingborough at 50 mins past each hour, returning at 05 past the hour and takes just 10 minutes.



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