

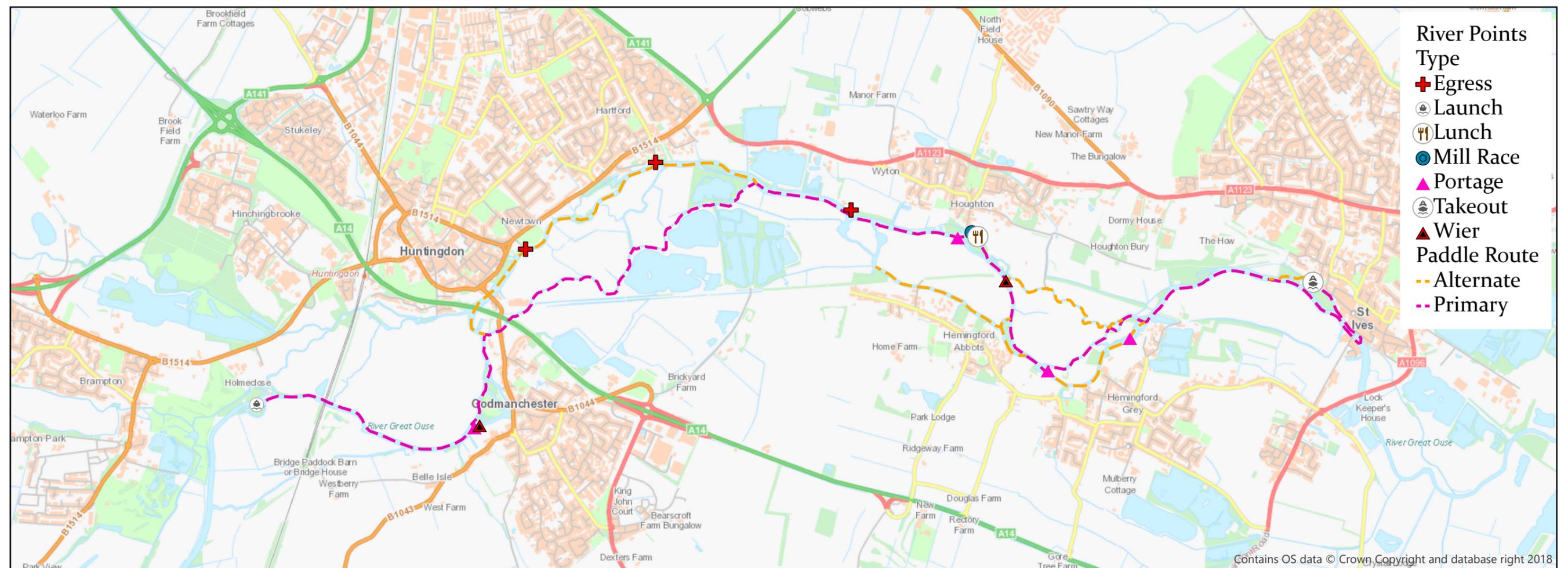
The plan for the trip is to meet up at Brampton Mill, Bromholme Ln, Brampton, Huntingdon PE28 4NE, by 9:30 and aim to be on the water by 10:30. We cannot leave any vehicles in the carpark at the Mill (they open at 11) so any vehicles will need to be left in the layby at the start of Bronholme Lane.

As this is a one-way paddle there will need to be a shuttle to St Ives with vehicles being left at One Leisure, Westwood Rd, Saint Ives PE27 6WU. This a couple of hundred meters from the takeout if people need a portage trolley.

The plan will be to launch from Brampton Mill, portaging at Godmanchester and carrying on down the backwaters until we return to the main river at Wyton Moorings. We will then carry on down to the National Trust facility at Houghton Mill where will stop for lunch (good cakes are available here). Usually on a Sunday at lunchtime the mill is operational and there is a good flow from the mill race that if anyone is inclined is fun to play in. Please wear a helmet though as it can be shallow. We will then proceed after lunch/play down to St Ives via the Hemingford's (depending in time we may take the longer route), which will either involve a portage or running a weir. Upon arriving in St Ives, we will paddle under the historic bridge in the town centre (good photo op!) and take out by the church.

Please be considerate changing as these will be public areas and there is quite a well-used footpath. If anyone has not been sufficiently full of cake at the lunch stop St Ives has some good cafes.

This Paddle is organised by Huntingdon Canoe Club for clubs within the Region. Once on the water, the Clubs will be responsible for their paddlers and will be expected to provide their own On Water Leaders as if it was one of their normal club trips.



Organising Club: Huntingdon: Distance: 12km/7.5 miles (depending on route): The Ouse is an EA waterway and BC cards or appropriate licences should be carried. :Changing/Toilets: There are no changing or toilet facilities at either end, nearest services is Brampton Hut or Cambridge Services depending on direction. Toilets are available at the National Trust facility at the lunch stop but if using please buy something. :Hazards: There is the option to run some of the weirs instead of portaging but this will require a helmet. We will be paddling backwaters which have some overhanging vegetation. Leisure boats will be on the main river. :Equipment: Please bring normal equipment for a day on the river including a packed lunch, drinks and warm clothes/wet weather gear. : Finish: By 4:00pm

This paddle is open to all Clubs in the East Region. Please inform the organiser in advance to confirm attendance and so they can keep you informed if conditions change etc. Please ensure your paddlers are likely to be capable of the trip. The ultimate decision lies with the attending clubs and their On Water leader(s). Any kayak or Open Canoes are appropriate for this trip, though glass boats could potentially be damaged at the egress (shallow concrete). Short play boats will be hard work to paddle this distance.