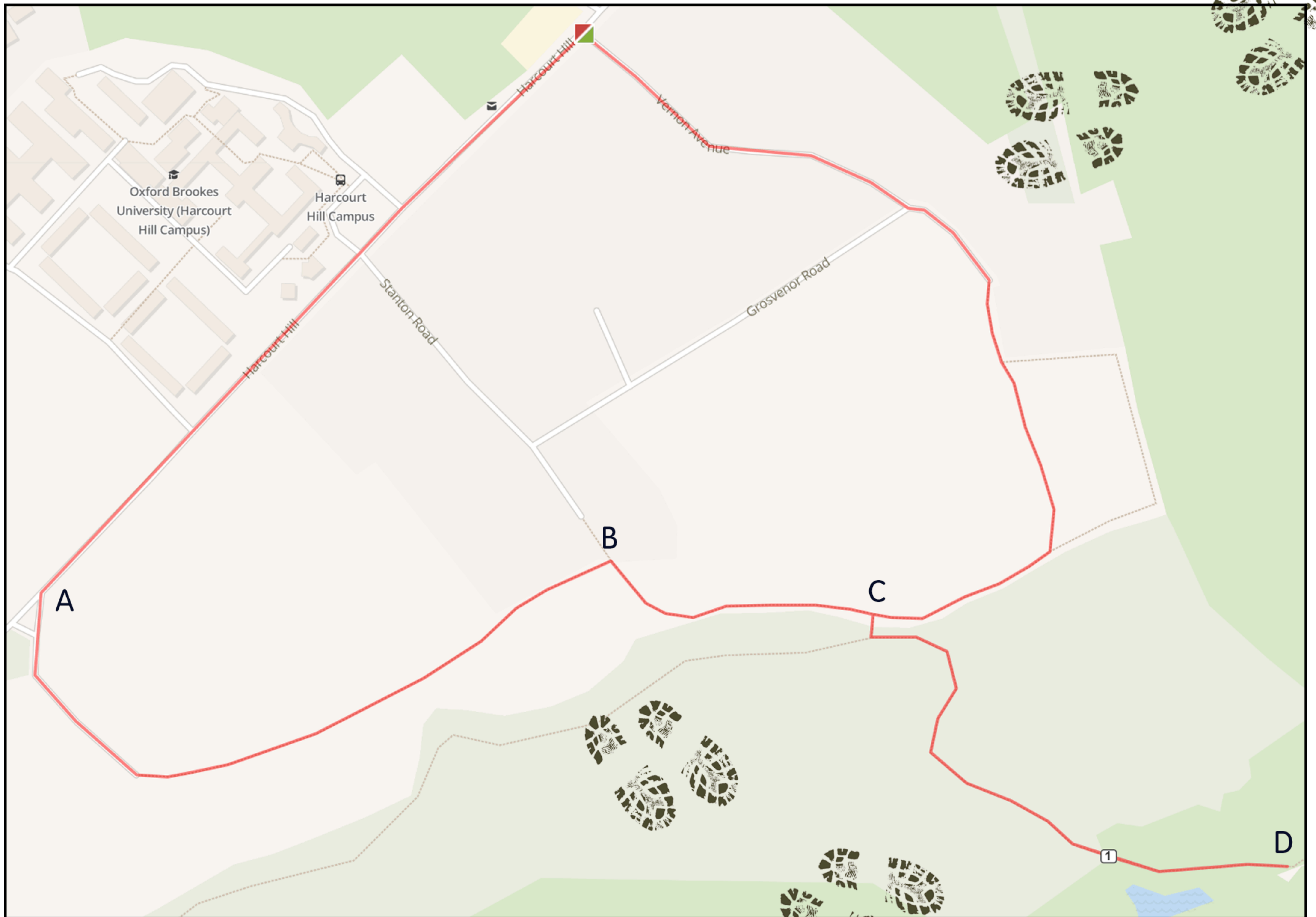


Hinksey Heights Nature Reserve

Shorter walk with buggy or longer walk without buggy



Directions and activities:

1 You can start the walk at the top of Harcourt Hill. Harcourt Hill turns right into the college campus but keep walking straight along the wide footpath. There are usually horses in the field on the left further along the track.

2 Take the turning left at Point A and follow the path to Point B. At B there is a sign on the fence - 'no cycling'. If you have a buggy, turn left here and follow Grosvenor Road back to Harcourt Hill.

If you are walking without a buggy, turn right at the 'no cycling' sign and follow the path round to Point C. At C turn right into the woods and turn left, following the path and boardwalk to the pond. This is a deep pond (too deep for pond dipping, so take care). Canada Geese can often be seen here. Along the boardwalk look out for painted stones - local families have been leaving them along the walk. From the pond retrace your steps along the boardwalk and at C follow the path round to Vernon Avenue which leads back to Harcourt Hill.

Alternative starts:

If you want to you can walk from the Hinksey Heights Golf Course. There is a nature trail car park there. The Hinksey Heights Golf Club car park is just off the A34. Follow the path to the left of the dog kennels and it loops down to the pond. This is not suitable for buggies.

For a longer walk you can start from the top of Elms Rise and link up with either Raleigh Park, the Louie Memorial Field or through the Turner Drive housing estate.

