

Barton Hills and Springs



Parking addresses: Church Road, Barton-le-Clay, Bedford, MK45 4LA.
Or else park in: Old Road, Barton-le-Clay, Bedford, MK45 4LB.

Parking: Whichever road you park in, spaces are quite limited, and you park your vehicle on the opposite side of the road to the residents. If all parking spots are gone, you can park further out in adjacent roads, but the moral of the story is to get there early enough.

If you park in Old Road (because parking space in Church Road is limited), you simply need to walk through the park entrance in Old Road, then across the park (100 metres), then through the alley opposite the park entrance. In other words, find your way to the parallel road via the park.



Between Old Road and Church Road there is a park and this alleyway.



Visitors can park for free on one side of the road.

Walk: This is a circular walk which begins at the end of Church Road, Barton. Begin the walk with the horse paddock at the end of Church Road to your right. At the end of the field pass through a gate to start the hill climb. The ascent is not too arduous. There is some hill climbing, followed by brief plateaus, and then sets of steps which help to mitigate the overall climbing effort. Once at the top of the first hill, just follow the path along and around, until you can clearly see that the path begins to lead you back on the final leg of a U-shaped route.

If you want to go down to see Barton Springs you must descend via the worn hill path, as opposed to the main path that is accessed through the final gate on the hills. This descent is fairly steep and there is a railing to assist for the final few metres.

Total walk time is probably 90 minutes or less, depending on how long you intend to spend sitting around at the top of the hills.

Food and drink: The nearest place to eat that we are familiar with is The Olde Watermill shopping village, where they have a cafe.

Address: The Olde Watermill Shopping Village, Barton Mill Lane off Faldo Road, Barton-Le-Clay, MK45 4RF.

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