

**Route Summary:** A route to discover a magical secret garden packed with history. The route follows the pathways through the Waterworks and Middlesex Filter Beds Nature Reserves.

**Distance:** 2 miles

**Terrain:** Surfaced pathways including a small section of cobbles, wooden boardwalk, grass pathway and several bridges.



**Starting Point:** Waterworks Centre car park Lammas Road, off Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, London, E10 7NU

- Proceed to the right of the **Waterworks Centre** building.
- Turn immediately right and proceed across the grey bridge over the **Flood Relief Channel** onto the Nature Reserve.
- Follow the pathway, passing the **wildflower meadow** on the left and the **Wildlife Garden** on the right.
- Proceed along the path. *(There is a short detour into a filter bed along a boardwalk on the left) leading to the **bird hide** and **wildlife and heritage information panels**.*
- Retrace the route along the pathway crossing the grey bridge back towards the Waterworks Centre building.
- At the end of the bridge, turn right along the pathway, following the fence line
- Turn right at the end of the tree line onto the surfaced pathway and continue along the edge of the grass area.
- Turn left across Friends Bridge over the **River Lea** onto **Hackney Marshes**.
- Continue ahead on the surfaced path, in a southerly direction.
- Turn right onto the grass path and proceed to the black double gates at the entrance of the **Middlesex Filter Beds**.
- Continue through the gates and follow the pathway around the edge of the site, passing **wildlife and heritage information panels** to '**Natures Throne**' artwork and the weir at the western edge. Return through the middle of the Beds, passing the **Magic Fish** artwork at the end of the path.
- Turn right and exit the Middlesex Filter Beds through the black gates and retrace the route back to the Waterworks Centre building.

**Toilets:**

- Waterworks Centre

**Refreshments:**

- Waterworks Golf Centre