

Route Summary: A circular route exploring the wet woodland and wildlife of Gunpowder Park. The route heads west along the high path before turning south through the woodland boardwalk and returning along Sewardstone Road.

Distance: 1¾ miles

Terrain: Surfaced pathways including a wooden boardwalk.



Starting Point: Gunpowder Park car park,
Sewardstone Road, Waltham Abbey, Essex, EN9 3GP

- Enter **Gunpowder Park** entrance via the entrance to the left of the **Field Station**. Proceed on the surfaced pathway, continuing up and over the hill. (*The **Meridian viewpoint** is a short detour from the route. Turn left at the top of the hill and follow the pathway*)
- At the T-junction turn left, proceeding along the path, alongside the bridleway.
- Turn left at the next junction and then right towards the wet woodland area, **Osier Marsh**.
- Continue along the **boardwalk** through the wet woodland, passing a **bird hide** and **seasonal pond** on your right.
- At the end of boardwalk bear to the left (*a metal bird screen and seasonal pool is a short diversion to the right*) and continue along the pathway.
- Turn right at the T-junction and follow the path, passing the Hazel, Blackthorn and Elderberry shrubs.
- Pass through the bollards on the perimeter of the site and turn left onto Sewardstone Road.
- Follow the pavement up and over the hill.
- Turn left through a small metal gate, re-entering Gunpowder Park. Follow the hard surfaced path, which leads back to the Field Station. (*The **Spiral Mound viewpoint** is a short detour from the route. Turn right, in front of the Field Station*).

Toilets:

- Gunpowder Park Field Station.