

Route Summary: A circular route linking the Lee Valley Animal Adventure Park to the wetlands of River Lee Country Park. An ideal route for all ages and abilities throughout the year. The route travels west across the three waterways before turning south around North Metropolitan Pit and returning along the east side of Seventy Acres Lake.

Distance: 3 miles

Terrain: Surfaced pathways, several bridges (two with steep inclines) and several walk-around gates.



Starting Point: Lee Valley Animal Adventure Park car park
Stubbins Hall Lane, Crooked Mile, Waltham Abbey, EN9 2EG

- Proceed across the extended car park and join the surfaced pathway on the left.
- At the field gate turn right and continue, turn right at the signpost and follow the pathway to the Fishers Green overflow car park.
- Proceed through the car park and turn left onto a stony grass path alongside the **Flood Relief Channel**, heading south.
- Proceed through a walk-around gate, turning right over a bridge across the Flood Relief Channel to the two field gates.
- Proceed through the walk-around gate on the left and continue along the surfaced path passing the National Grid sub station on the right.
- Turn left, over the metal bridge, crossing the **Old River Lee**, heading south.
- Turn right over the wooden bridge, crossing **River Lee Navigation** and proceed along the causeway dividing **North Metropolitan Pit**.
- Bear to the left, heading south past **Nightingale Wood** and **Pochard Viewpoint**.
- Turn right over the red brick bridge crossing **Small River Lee**, turning left and heading south.
- Turn left, signposted Hooks Marsh, continue east over a metal bridge, crossing the Small River Lee.
- Continue past the **North Metropolitan Pit** viewing platform on the left and proceed over the bridge crossing the River Lee Navigation.
- Exit the bridge and continue ahead, keeping to the right pathway in an easterly direction, crossing the green bridge between **Seventy Acres Lake** and **Hooks Marsh Lake**.
- Proceed into **Hooks Marsh Car Park** passing the bollards and exit through the walk-around on the left side of the car park.
- Continue along the pathway heading north, passing alongside **Seventy Acres Lake** on the left and the Flood Relief Channel on the right.
- At the north end of the lake, continue through a walk-around gate and turn right over the green bridge crossing the Flood Relief Channel. (**The Wildlife Discovery Centre** is a short detour from the route – remain on the pathway passing the bridge, to the information point).

- Continue ahead through a walk-around gate into Fishers Green car park.
- Follow the pathway in front of the toilets, and take the first right turn, signposted **Lee Valley Animal Adventure Park**, continuing along the pathway to the Farms car park.

Toilets

- Lee Valley Animal Adventure Park
- Fishers Green

Refreshments

- Lee Valley Animal Adventure Park