

Otter Discovery Trail

Ware to Waltham Abbey

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Distance: 1.75 miles

Starting point: River Lee Country Park, Fishers Green car park, Stubbins Hall Lane, Crooked Mile,

Waltham Abbey EN9 2EF

Route summary: A circular route around the glorious Seventy Acres Lake. Discover the habitat and

behaviour of one of England's best loved mammals

Terrain: Surfaced paths with one bridge with a steep incline

Directions

- Proceed into the park through the walk-around gates opposite the main car parking area
- Follow the pathway, crossing the bridge over the Flood Relief Channel
- At the end of the bridge turn left, through the walk-around and head south along the pathway, keeping **Seventy Acres Lake** on the right and the **Old River Lee** on the left
- Proceed through the walk-around gate, into Hooks Marsh car park
- > Bear to the right and exit from the western end through the bollards towards the high green bridge
- Proceed over this bridge and continue, passing between Seventy Acres Lake on the right and Hooks Marsh Lake on the left
- Bear to the right and continue north on the surfaced pathway between the lake on the right and the River Lee Navigation on the left
- Proceed past the entrance to Cheshunt Lock and continue to the northern tip of the lake
- Bear to the right around the edge of the lake, turning right at the pathway junction, alongside the Old River Lee, passing an information panel on the left
- Pass the **Wildlife Discovery Centre** on the right, turning left back over the bridge, retracing the route back to the car park. (**Lee Valley Animal Adventure Park** is a short detour from the route follow the pathway in front of the toilets, and take the first right turn and continue along the pathway to the farm car park)

Toilets

- > Fishers Green car park
- Lee Valley Animal Adventure Park 5 minutes from route

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Refreshments

- > Wildlife Discovery Centre
- ➤ Lee Valley Animal Adventure Park 5 minutes from route

Things to note

- Public transport links to the starting point are limited
 Car parking charges apply at Fishers Green car park