

Distance:	2 miles
Starting point:	River Lee Country Park, Hooks Marsh car park, Fishers Green Lane, Crooked Mile, Waltham Abbey EN9 2ED
Route summary:	A circular walk taking in a variety of wildlife habitats. Discover a wealth of wildlife including dragonflies, waders and wildfowl. The route travels along the west side of Hooks Marsh Lake and Hall Marsh Scrape, returning along Walton's Walk
Terrain:	Surfaced and grass pathways (some of which are narrow and uneven) and several bridges, one with a steep incline

Directions

- Exit Hooks Marsh car park, from the western end through the bollards towards the green high bridge
 - Proceed over this bridge and continue passing between **Seventy Acres** Lake on the right and **Hooks Marsh Lake** on the left
 - Turn left, on the north-west edge of Hooks Marsh Lake, signposted 'Hall Marsh'
 - Continue south on this unmade path along the western edge of Hooks Marsh Lake with **Hall Marsh Ditch** on the right
 - At the southern end, cross over a small wooden bridge and turn right at the pathway junction
 - Continue along the pathway, passing the **Plover Viewing Screen** overlooking **Hall Marsh Scrape**, along the southern end of **Friday Lake**
 - Bear to the left, heading south with Hall Marsh Scrape on the left
 - Continue south, passing the entrance path on the left (*Snipe Hide is a short diversion along this pathway*)
 - Proceed on the main path, turning left, opposite the **Flood Relief Channel**
 - Proceed north along the pathway back to Hooks Marsh car park
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Things to note

- Public transport links to the starting point at Hooks Marsh are limited

- Car parking charges apply at Hooks Marsh car park