# **Rambling Rivers**



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**Distance:** 3 miles

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

Waltham Abbey EN9 2EF

Route summary: A picturesque route visiting the four main rivers that wind their way through River Lee

Country Park. The route travels north along the Flood Relief Channel past Seventy

Acres Lake before heading south past Cheshunt Lake and Bowyers Water

**Terrain:** All surfaced pathways including a section of towpath (steep decline onto the towpath),

several bridges and kissing gates

## **Directions**

- From the car park cross over the road and go through the staggered wooden gates, follow the pathway pass the picnic benches and cross the Flood Relief Channel via the green bridge
- Turn right, follow the pathways north, The **Wildlife Discovery Centre is located** on your left and the **Old River Lee** will be on the right. (The **Lee Valley Animal Adventure Park** is a short detour from the car park follow the pathway in front of the toilets, and take the first right turn, signposted to the Lee Valley Animal Adventure Park and continue along the pathway to the farm car park)
- Follow the path through a series of bends and bear to the left at the path junction, heading to the east and then in a southerly direction
- > Continue on the path around Seventy Acres Lake, passing Cheshunt Lock on your right
- At the next path junction, bear to the right and proceed up the small slope and onto the bridge crossing the River Lee Navigation
- At the bottom of the bridge, bear to the right down onto the towpath, turning to the right under the bridge
- > Continue along the towpath passing Cheshunt Lake on the right
- Turn right along the surfaced pathway leading into Pindar car park
- Continue through to the centre of car park and turn left proceeding south along the surfaced path.
- Turn left at the end and proceed south, alongside the Small River Lee, passing through Turnershill Marsh
- At the small angler's car park, take the right hand path and continue
- Cross over a small wooden bridge, and continue along the pathway in a southerly direction, passing Bowyers Water on your right

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- At the junction at the end of the lake bear left, heading south and then bear left at the next fork, heading in an east direction
- Follow the pathway towards the river, proceed up the steep bridge incline and turn right onto the bridge over the River Lee Navigation
- Proceed through the kissing gate and continue along the pathway across the Showground area towards the Flood Relief Channel
- Pass through the kissing gate and turn left onto Waltons Walk, heading north with the Flood Relief Channel on your right, passing Hall Marsh Scrape on your left, the Dave Stoker sluices on your right and Hooks Marsh Lake on the left
- Pass alongside the metal field gate and proceed into Hooks Marsh Car Park and through the walkaround on the far side of the car park
- Continue along the pathway, heading north, passing alongside Seventy Acres Lake on your left and the Flood Relief Channel on your right
- On reaching the green bridge, turn right crossing the Flood Relief Channel, follow this pathway to the car park through the staggered wooden gates

# Alternative car parks and starting points

River Lee Country Park, Pindar and Cheshunt Country Walk car parks, Windmill Lane, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire EN8 9AJ

#### **Toilets**

- > Fishers Green car park
- ➤ Lee Valley Animal Adventure Park 10 minutes from route

## Refreshments

- Wildlife Discovery Centre
- ➤ Lee Valley Animal Adventure Park 10 minutes from route

## Things to note

- Public transport links:
  - o To the starting point at Fishers Green are limited
  - For Pindar and Cheshunt Country Walk car parks the closest station is Cheshunt, buses run to Cheshunt station
- Car parking charges apply at all the car parks listed for this route