Ware to Waltham Abbey

Otter Discovery Trail

Route Summary: A circular route around the glorious Seventy Acres Lake. Discover the habitat and behaviour of one of England's best loved mammals

Distance: 1¾ miles

Terrain: Surfaced paths with one bridge with a steep incline.

Starting Point: Fishers Green car park
Stubbins Hall Lane, Crooked Mile, Waltham Abbey, EN9 2EF

- 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** (**North Metropolitan Orchid Meadow** *is a short detour from the route - turn left over Cheshunt Lock and continue along the pathway ahead, down the slope into the orchid meadow)* 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 **Bittern Information Point** on the right, turning left back over the bridge, retracing the route back to the car park. *(***Lee Valley Park Farms** *are a short detour from the route - follow the pathway in front of the toilets, and take the first right turn, signposted to Lee Valley Park Farms and continue along the pathway to the Farm car park).*

Toilets:
- Fishers Green
- Lee Valley Park Farms – 5 minutes from route.

Refreshments
- Lee Valley Park Farms – 5 minutes from route.