

Route Summary: A scenic circular route with stunning views across the Lee Valley. The route follows the Lee Valley Pathway north to the viewpoint at Clayton Hill. It continues onto Meadgate Road before returning south along the towpath to Wharf Road. The route then follows the railway south before turning east at Turnford Brook back across River Lee Country Park.

Distance: 8 miles

Terrain: Surfaced pathway including towpath, several bridges (two with steep inclines), a gradual climb up to Clayton Hill and kissing gates.



Starting Point: Lee Valley Park Farms car park
Stubbins Hall Lane, Crooked Mile, Waltham Abbey, EN9 2EF

- From the car park, proceed up the hill, passing the **Hayes Hill Farm** building on your right.
- Continue on the surfaced path towards **Holyfield Farm** passing the ponds on the right.
- Turn right, across the road and onto the **Lee Valley Pathway**.
- Continue along the pathway, heading north through the farmland, passing the **Clayton Hill viewpoint** and St Leonard's Wood on the left.
- Proceed down the hill and past Clayton Hill car park on the right.
- Turn right at the end of the pathway along the access road.
- Turn left onto Nazeing New Road, cross the road at the pedestrian crossing and continue ahead back onto the Lee Valley Park Pathway.
- Proceed along the Pathway, bearing to the left at the road junction.
- Turn right around the field gate and continue along Nursery Road.
- Prior to the field gate at the end of the road, turn left through the small wooden gates back onto the Lee Valley Pathway.
- Continue north, keeping the lake on the left, passing an anglers car park on the right.
- Turn left onto Meadgate Road opposite the sailing base, and continue in between the two lakes.
- Turn left onto the towpath alongside the **River Lee Navigation** and continue passing **Rusheymead** and the Crown Pub on the left.
- Turn right up the steps onto the road, continuing across the bridge over the River Lee Navigation.
- Turn left at the end of the bridge, returning onto the towpath and over the large metal bridge. *(The **Old Mill and Meadows** are a short detour from the route - at the end of the bridge, turn right along the pathway and under the railway bridge).*
- Proceed south along the towpath, passing **Silvermeade** on the right.
- Pass the Wharf Road car park on the right and turn right through the walk-around onto the surfaced pathway and continue over a small wooden bridge and across the road.
- Turn left, heading south, keeping the railway line on the right, passing **Ashley Lake** on the left.
- Follow the pathway to the left at the Turnford Brook junction and continue east, crossing the Small River Lee.
- Turn left and then the first right, continuing along the pathway between the two lakes to the **River Lee Navigation** and across the wooden bridge.
- Turn left following the Old River Lee north.
- Turn right over the metal bridge towards the anglers car park.

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- Turn right, following the Old River Lee south.
- Proceed through the field gate, over the bridge across the Flood Relief Channel, into Fishers Green car park.
- Passing the toilet block, continue over the small wooden bridge and proceed along the surfaced path.
- Turn right, following the pathway to the Lee Valley Farm car park.

Toilets:

- Lee Valley Park Farms
- Old Mill and Meadows – 1 minute walk from the route
- Fishers Green

Refreshments:

- Lee Valley Park Farms
- The Crown Pub, Broxbourne
- Old Mill and Meadows car park (weekend and bank holidays only) – 1 minute walk from the route