

**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.

**Distance:** 2 miles

**Terrain:** Surfaced and grass pathways (some of which are narrow and uneven) and several bridges, one with a steep incline.




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**Starting Point:** Hooks Marsh car park  
Fishers Green lane, Crooked Mile, Waltham Abbey, EN9 2ED

- 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, passing the **Teal Hide** on your left and 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.