This walk is one of a number of walks promoted by Great Coates Village Council.

These walks have been chosen, and all walked, prior to publishing to showcase the countryside, industry and what's available close to our village.

Walks have been combined with enjoying a drink or meal at a local pub and some walks utilising the train service from Great Coates.

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Walk 1	8.5 miles	3 hrs	Industrial Countryside
Walk 2	4 miles	1 hr 20 min	The Freshney Wildlife & Wetlands
Walk 3	5.7 miles	2 hrs	The Healing Circle

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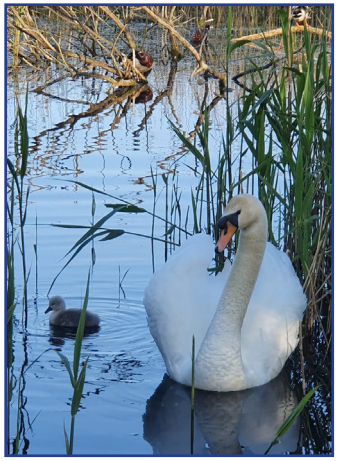
The Freshney Wildlife & Wetlands

This 4 mile walk takes you to the River Freshney, along the bank, where you will see a variety of wildlife. Otters frequent the River Freshney near The Willows. Crossing the road onto the Wybers Wood side initially the walk takes you along the river where, dependant on the time of the year, you'll see a variety of wildlife whether that's ducks, swans, water voles or even terrapins.

You will then walk along the flooded area where trees have become submerged before you walk back along the main path through the Wybers Wood, maybe stopping off at The Jubilee for a bite to eat and a drink or the nearby Wybers Chippy.

There are convenience stores close by on Wybers Wood for snacks or refreshments before you head back to Great Coates.



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The Freshney Wildlife & Wetlands

Walk No	Distance	Time
2	4.0 miles	1 hr 20

The Route

1 Leave the station turning left, from the platform, along Station Road.

2 After you pass the green, on your right, turn left down the public footpath - if you pass the village hall, turn back !

3 As you exit the cutting, turn right and follow Cromwell Road until you come away from the housing estate towards the River Freshney.

4 Don't cross the bridge over the Freshney, but turn right and follow the path of the river. This part of the walk is along the banks so keep your eyes open for the Otters.

5 As you approach the road, you'll see St Michaels Church on your left passing "the bridge to nowhere".

6 Cross the main road and as you enter Freshney Parkway, bear to your left and follow the grass track along the river bank once again.

Along this stretch, on a good day, you will see an ambundance of wildlife. Swans, variety of birds together various water animals including voles and terrapins.

7 Simply follow the path of the river walking through the sometimes eerie wetlands, which was once a wooded area.

8 As you reach the footbridge, turn right onto the tarmac path working your way back, keeping to your right until your arrived where you started.

9 Instead of crossing the road, follow the path to the left towards the houses and joining Mayfair Drive East.

10 As you approach Wybers Way, turn left to enjoy a drink or meal at The Jubilee, great fish and chips from Wybers Chippy or the convenience stores for a snack or drink.

11 As you return back to Great Coates, you'll walk along Mayfair Drive West, crossing the pelican crossing, turn left and continue until you come to The Avenue.

12 Turning right down The Avenue, you'll walk through one of the oldest parts of Great Coates before joing Station Road and turning right.

Continue along Station Road until you arrive back at the railway station.

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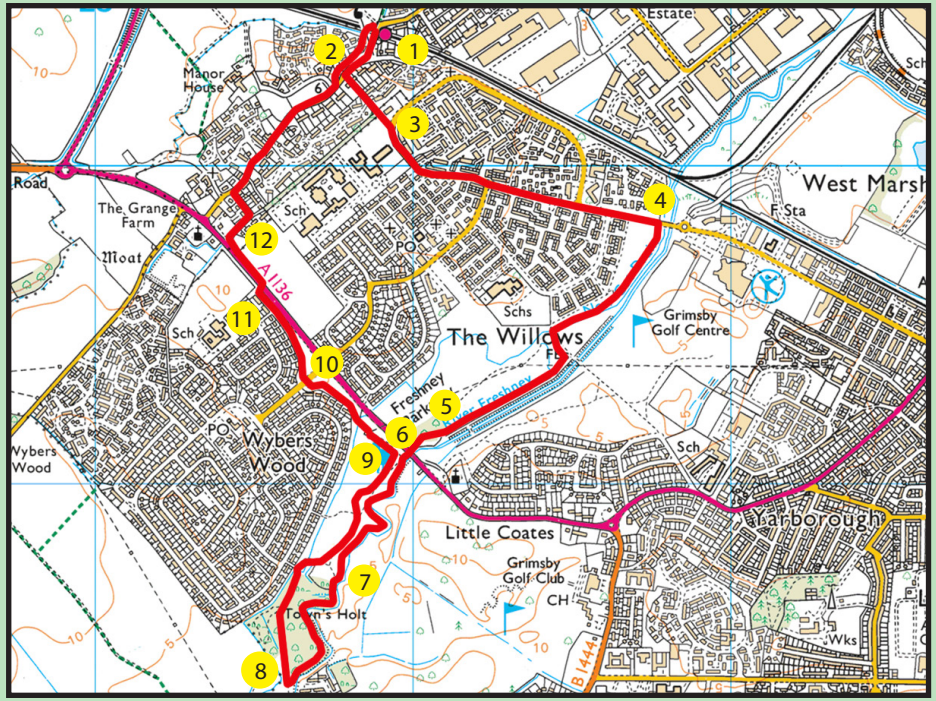

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