WALK/CYCLE 5

Time: 2 / 2.5 hours (walking)

Distance: 6km (3.8m)
with detour 7km (4.3m)

Cleveland Circuit – by foot or bike

One of the most peaceful circular walks in the area, along the historic Thames Path, winding around some of the oldest lakes, and returning next to one of the largest lakes in the CWP and our flagship nature reserve. This route is suitable for walking or cycling, although in winter wellies are advisable as the route can often be flooded. The route is also stile free, so could be suitable for heavy duty buggies.

(NB if Waterhay car park is under water, then the path nearest the Thames could be impassable).

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Start at Waterhay car park

Follow path straight ahead from car park until you reach a junction **(A)**. Take right path along Thames Path, with open field on your right. Follow this path as it twists and turns around lake edges for almost 3km. The last part of this section takes you through a lightly wooded area **(B)**, and when the path turns northwards you will reach a junction with a five bar gate and kissing gate straight ahead of you **(C)**.

Go through the kissing gate, designed to accommodate bikes and buggies. (At this point **(C)** you can take a short diversion (500m) to visit the delightful Reed Hide **(D)**, an artist designed bird hide overlooking swathes of established reedbed, and one of the largest heronries in the south west of England).

At point **(C)**, if you have not taken the diversion, turn sharp left and follow gravel path keeping lake on right. At point **(C)**, if you have taken the diversion, bear right along gravel path with lake on right.

Stay on this path for approx 2km until you reach another kissing gate **(E)**. Go through gate and turn left onto bridlepath, meeting up with point **(A)** after 400m, and follow path back to Waterhay car park.

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