

Joey the Swan Wistaston



This attractive area of open countryside and parkland is rich in wildlife, including ancient trees and a wildflower garden planted by the volunteers of Wistaston Conservation Group. The path generally follows the line of Wistaston Brook.

Suggested Route

DISTANCE: 1.8km (1mile).

TIME: Approximately 45 minutes.

SURFACE: Tarmac paths of 1.8m (6') width.

GRADIENTS: Mostly level bar two sections involving gradients of about 13% (1:8) over 10m (11yds) and 16% (1:6) over 15m (16yds). Some cross slopes of about 10% (1:10).

GATES, STEPS, BENCHES AND BARRIERS: There are no gates or steps. At each end of the path, the gap between fencing is about 1.1m (3'6"), one involving a 90 degree turn. There are 11 benches along the route at various heights around 45cm (18") from the ground, all with backrests. There is 1 picnic table by the play park.

DESCRIPTION:

1. The walk starts from the car park at Golden Jubilee Bridge in Wistaston Green Road. Leave the car park between upright posts at the side of a gate and follow the path as it winds its way through an area of trees and wildflowers.
2. When you reach a crossroads of paths by a bench, carry straight on.
3. In about 500m (550yds), after crossing the wide bridge over the brook, the vista opens up with views of the brook to one side and grassy slopes with ancient trees to the other.
4. This delightful part of the path brings you to the Joey the Swan children's play park on your left and the species-rich wildflower garden on your right. Time now to turn around and retrace your steps to the car park.

VISITOR INFORMATION

LOCATION: On the western edge of Crewe, off Wistaston Green Road. Approximate postcode: CW2 8SS.

PARKING: Free car parking, open 24 hours, with a barrier at a height of 2m (6'6").

PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

Bus routes: D&G Bus No. 9 Willaston / Wistaston - South Cheshire College - Crewe - Elm Drive. • D&G Bus No. 78 Nantwich - Hospital - Sandbach - Scholar Green.

Bus stops: Broughton Lane • Wistaston Green Road/ Laurel Drive.

Distance to start of walk: 230m (250yds) (note to access the walk you will have to cross Valley Road where there are no dropped kerbs) • 360m (395yds).

TOILETS AND REFRESHMENTS: No facilities are available on site.

FURTHER INFORMATION: The park is managed jointly by Cheshire East Council and Wistaston Parish Council.

