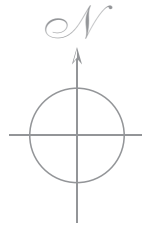




# WILLOW & WETLANDS WALKS



Information boards are found at points 1-7

## •••• Reduced mobility footpath - 1.0km.

Follow the green markers. This path is suitable for wheelchair users and prams, in wet or icy conditions it may become less suitable.

### Starting Point -Willow Yard.

Follow the stoned track past the Living Willow Structures to the top of the hill. Taking the pedestrian gate on the left and keeping the pond to your left, follow the path into the woodland. The gently sloping path takes you through young native deciduous trees, emerging at the bottom of the hill opposite the classroom and wildlife hide. Turn right and follow the path through the willow bed.

This path ends at the bridge crossing the rhyne. Please turn around and follow the path back to the starting point.

## •••• Cames Mead Trail - 1.0km.

This is a permissive footpath. Follow the red markers around this easy circular walk.

**Starting Point** - Follow the green markers to the outdoor classroom and wildlife hide. This walk starts at the classroom.

(Windmill Hill walk overleaf)



- Reduced Mobility Access (1.0km)
- Cames Mead Trail (1.0km)
- Windmill Hill Walk (3.25km)

### ••• Windmill Hill walk - 3.25km.

Follow the black markers. This path does include 2 fairly steep parts.

**Starting point** – willow yard. Follow the stoned track past the Living Willow Structures to the top of the hill. Use the pedestrian gate on your right. Early in the year several thousand bundles of willow will be seen drying in this field. After climbing the stile in the corner of the field there is a track, turn left at this point, the water treatment works is on your left. Do not turn right, or you will come to the tarmac road. Splendid views can be enjoyed from the top of Windmill Hill, the mound is the site of a former pole windmill. Using the information boards at this point you can identify some landmarks in the distance, and read about the history of the windmill.

After going through the gate, carry on straight down the hill and turn left at the bottom skirting the buildings to the next stile. (If you have difficulty with the steep path here, you may deviate from the official footpath. Turn left at the gate on top of the hill, and follow the hedge/fence to the brow of the hill. Here, there is a natural looking path, this was the old road that would have led to the windmill. Follow this path down the hillside, and turn left around the hairpin bend and to the stile at the end of buildings. The next stile can be seen straight across the field). After climbing this stile turn left onto the stone track, you will find the River Tone on the right and Hook Bridge in front of you. As you walk along the river bank you can see the stretch of “spillway” on the opposite bank. This is where the water is allowed to overflow onto the moors in times of flood in order to protect Bridgwater and Taunton. During flooding Curry moor can be 6'6" (2m) under water. At the marker post on the river bank either turn left and follow the black markers across the wooden bridge back up the hill to the willow yard, or use the red markers to extend your walk.

#### Follow the Country Code

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



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