

Explore the great outdoors along Letchworth's Greenway



Fold-out map and guide

13.4 mile route around the town suitable for walkers, runners, cyclists and covers a number of local wildlife and nature spots for people to enjoy while on the route.

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Points of interest

FLORA

There is a wide variety of plant life at Radwell Meadow. In the summer months, cowslips, common broomrape and orchids are in bloom, along with a host of other wildflowers. **These flowers act as an important habitat for wildlife, so we ask visitors not to pick wildflowers along any part of the Greenway.** At Hillbrow, cowslips and pyramidal orchids can be seen at the orchard, and bluebells are in abundance in spring. To increase biodiversity and encourage wildlife, the Heritage Foundation's landscape team have created wildflower margins along the Greenway.

FAUNA

The small blue butterfly, one of the UK's most endangered species of butterfly, can be found at Hillbrow orchard, although they can be hard to spot. The common lizard is a common site in this and the surrounding area, which have been growing in numbers over recent years. Norton Pond is home to Great Crested Newts, which is now a protected site due to the rarity of this amphibian. For this reason, pond dipping is not allowed. The Manor Wood area, so if you start your walk early in the morning or at dusk, you may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of these beautiful animals. Other familiar friends along the Greenway include foxes, kites and buzzards, particularly around Radwell Meadows.



And there is so much more to see and do...



To give walkers, cyclists and other visitors to the Radwell Meadows something a little different to enjoy on their visit, the Heritage Foundation teamed up with artist Sylvan Skills to create durable willow sculptures of the characters from the Wind in the Willows. Radwell Meadows is now home to Ratty, Mr Toad, Badger and Mole, as well as Ratty's boat and Mr Toad's car, which visitors can sit inside for the perfect photo opportunity! Skills is a specialist in willow and Greenwood art pieces for community-based projects and art exhibitions. Wymondley Wood was created as an educational resource for managed groups and features a special nature conservation and field study area next to existing grassy and flower margins, provide plantations, together with their food and cover for a variety of wildlife all year round. An education facility is available for groups to book, featuring a picnic area, large grass area for games and a car park, all in walking distance of the picturesque Willian Village.



The Foundation has its very own working farm set in 125 acres of farmland along the Greenway. The popular Standalone Farm is much more than a farm, with an events programme for all the family, a relaxing picnic area, an indoor café and a learning barn. Younger visitors can feed the pigs and lambs, help to groom ponies, enjoy a tractor ride and say hi to ducks, calves and chicks.

For the family

The Greenway links together several leisure and recreation spots, which themselves include picnic and play areas. These leisure spots can be found at:

- Wymondley Wood – educational area, picnic area
- Standalone Farm – picnic area
- Willian Arboretum and Manor Wood – picnic area
- Radwell Meadow – picnic area

The Greenway has a number of excellent pubs to stop at on route, whether for a bite to eat or just a refreshing drink. Some great pubs to stop at are:

- The Wilbury – near marker 42 and the Wilbury Hill Fort
- The Two Chimneys – just off the route near marker 41
- The Fox and The Three Horseshoes (Willian) – both in Willian Village, can be found near marker 4
- The Three Horseshoes (Norton) – in the village of Norton, near Norton Pond. Slightly off the route but markers 27 & 28 are the closest points

And for the adults!



Short Walks

GRANGE ESTATE

Start from the Grange Recreation Ground on this short loop of the Greenway near the Grange Estate.

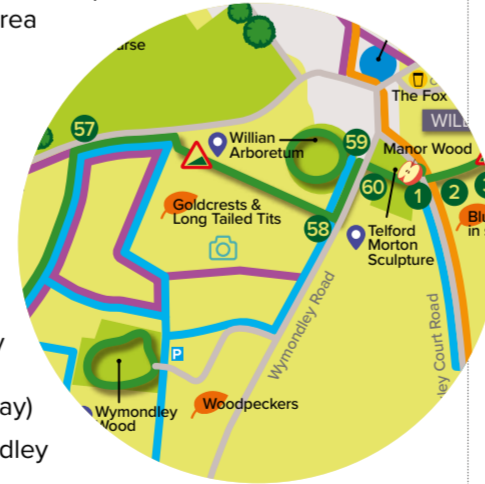
- 1 Turn left and follow the Greenway towards Standalone Farm
- 2 Carry on straight ahead instead of turning left towards Standalone Farm. Continue along the hard standing until you reach a sign on your right for permissive bridleway
- 3 Turn right and follow the field boundary until you reach the field corner
- 4 Turn right again onto a hard track and follow until you reach the Greenway
- 5 Turn right onto Greenway hard standing and follow it up the hill, returning to the Grange Recreation Area



MANOR WOOD

Start from Manor Wood on this route via Willian Arboretum.

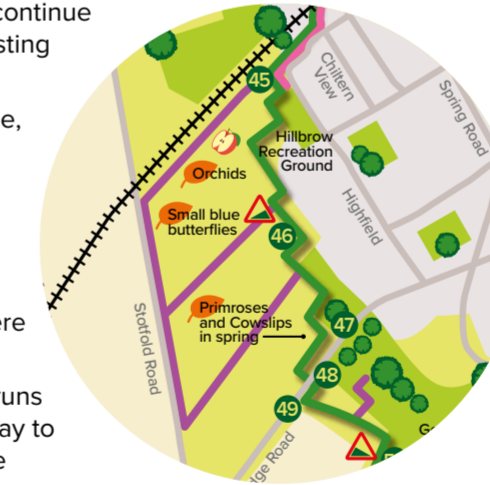
- 1 From Manor Wood car park, follow the Greenway towards Willian Arboretum
- 2 Cross the road to the Arboretum and turn left onto the Greenway
- 3 Continue straight ahead following the bridleway along the field boundary next to Wymondley Road (instead of turning right onto the Greenway)
- 4 When you reach the tracks to turn into Wymondley Wood, turn right and follow the field edge
- 5 At the bottom of the field, turn right to follow the field again
- 6 Turn left on the inside field edge, cut through the field opening and carry on the bridleway following a track up the hill
- 7 At the top of the track turn left and walk 100m and then turn right onto the bridleway and follow the path down to Willian Road
- 8 At the bottom turn right onto the Greenway and follow it back to the Arboretum
- 9 Turn left into the Arboretum and from there cross Wymondley Road and head back towards Manor Wood car park



HILLBROW

Start this walk from the Hillbrow Recreation Ground on this loop towards Hitchin.

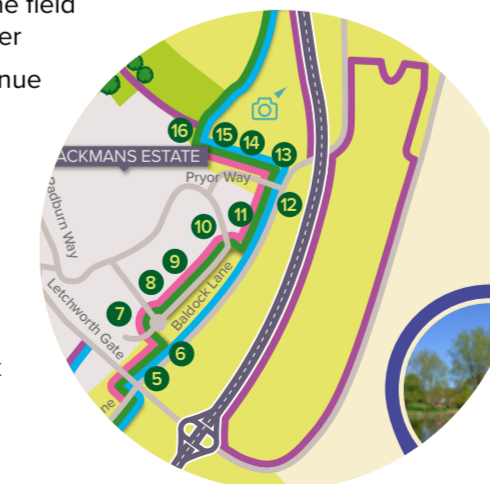
- 1 From Hillbrow Recreational Area, follow the Greenway path (adjacent to the field edge) and continue to the last field with a junction signposting a permissive path
- 2 Alternative route! If you're short of time, you can simply turn right into this footpath, turning right again onto the footpath and pick up your journey at number 5 below
- 3 Turn right along the permanent path and follow it all the way to the end where the field is bounded by Stotfold Road
- 4 Turn right following the footpath that runs next to the road and follow it all the way to the field corner next to the railway line
- 5 Turn right and follow the path that runs parallel with the railway
- 6 At the field corner turn right and this will bring you back to the start



PRYOR WAY

Head out from the Jackmans' Estate on this short loop on the edge of the Greenway.

- 1 From Pryor Way entrance to the Greenway, walk across the motorway bridge and cross into the field and right through the gate in the corner
- 2 Follow the path on the right and continue on the path following the A1(M)
- 3 Continue on the path following the edge of the field through a small copse and follow the field boundary
- 4 At the end of the path loop, turn left and follow the path next to the pump station to the end corner of the field
- 5 Turn left and follow path to meet back up to start



How can I report a problem that I have noticed on the route?

Please let us know about any problems you have encountered when using the Garden City Greenway. Please telephone 01462 476007 or email response@letchworth.com for locations.

Are there any picnic areas or places on the route where I can stop to eat?

If you are looking for something more substantial there are a number of pubs within a short distance of the route. Please refer to the Greenway map and an award-winning children's play area.

Can I cycle around the Greenway?

Meadows also provides several fixed barbecues (Please bring fuel!) and an award-winning children's play area.

Is the route accessible for wheelchair users?

Various stretches of the Garden City Greenway are suitable for wheelchairs. These sections are represented by red or light purple on the Greenway map. Please refer to the map for further details.

- Standalone Farm
- Wymondley Wood – off Wymondley Road
- Manor Wood
- Radwell Meadows* – off Nortonbury Lane

Where can I park my car?

These are four car parks located around the Garden City Greenway. These are situated at:

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* Please be aware that Radwell Meadows car park is only open from 8am to 9pm between 31 March and 31 October and 8pm between 1 November and 30 March – outside of these times an automatic bollard will raise, preventing entry or exit of vehicles.



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Find out more

To find out more about the Greenway and for more information on upcoming works, improvements and events, visit discover-letchworth.com/greenway

Or, you can pop in and chat to one of the members of the team for more information, as well as learning about what is going on in Letchworth and beyond. Find us at:

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- Main 13.6 mile Greenway route
- Pavements suitable for wheelchairs
- Footpaths (*public and permissive*)
- Bridleways (*public and permissive*)
- National Cycle Network (NCN)
Route 12 – Great North Way
- + + + + Railway

📍 Places of interest

P Car parks

🏛️ Historic buildings and features

60 Numbered way markers – allows you to easily find where you are on the map. These are located on wooden posts. Look out for the Greenway sign 📍 on nearby lampposts.

▲ Slight gradient (*incline or decline*)

🍷 Pubs

🌿 Nature spots

🌳 Orchard

📷 Recommended photo points



RADWELL MEADOWS

Radwell Meadows is the ideal place to set-up for the day and enjoy the countryside with its award-winning children's play and approved safety surface, along with picnic tables and a car park.



STANDALONE FARM CAFÉ

Need a break from your walk? The Greenway Café has plenty of hot and cold snacks to recharge for the rest of your adventure.



WILBURY HILLFORT

This iron age hillfort hidden in the Wilbury Hills is believed to have been home to a small community of around 100 people who lived in roundhouses.



SHUTTERSTOCK IMAGE

SMALL BLUE BUTTERFLIES

Recently discovered at a field in Hillbrow, the small blue is one of Britain's most endangered species of butterfly. Try to spot them on your way around.



WYMONDLEY WOOD

Created as an educational resource for managed groups, Wymondley Wood features a special nature conservation and field study area next to existing and newly planted forest environments.



WILLIAN ARBORETUM

Willian Arboretum is an area with a collection of more than 30 different tree varieties. This varied collection of tree species has been carefully selected to thrive in the damp acidic soils. There is also a picnic area just a few minutes' walk away.



WILLIAN POND

Sit back and relax around this scenic spot in Willian village and keep an eye out for local wildlife. You're also close to The Fox pub, well known for great food and ales.



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STEVENAGE OUTER ORBITAL PATH (STOOP) Walk to Letchworth from Stevenage using the STOOP which joins the Greenway at Roxley Court Road

HITCHIN OUTER ORBITAL PATH (HOOP) Walk to Letchworth from Hitchin using the HOOP which joins the Greenway at Kingswood Avenue