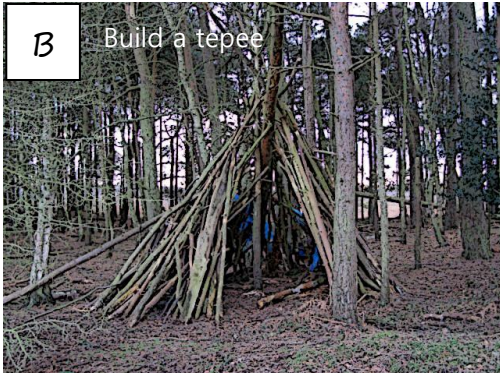


Tepee Tour for Kids (3.9 km)



A Model boating



B Build a tepee



C Sailing boards in store



D Lake View Play Area



E Adventure Playground

1. From the Visitor Centre follow the road which is signposted 'Model Boat Pool' (taking care to watch for traffic). After about 200 metres, at the wooden sign turn right through the trees and you will come out into a parking area. Go straight across and follow the path which runs alongside the Model Boat Pool. On competition days, you may see a variety of boats; from fast, noisy power boats to the much quieter sailing boats.
2. Just before the path bends round to the left you will see the 'build a tepee/shelter from logs' area on your right. See the shelters made by previous visitors and feel free to have fun arranging the logs to make your very own den; perhaps even improve on the original versions!
3. Continue along the main path (ignore the path to your right) and cross over the wooden bridge, following the main path all the way to the road. Turn left onto the road (again taking care to look out for traffic) and after about 200m you will pass the Sailing Club on your right. Here the road bends sharply round to the left then to the right. At the zebra crossing, take the path to your right and follow the path along the edge of the lake (Bodymoor Heath Pool).
4. You will see a variety of water birds on the lake including Mallards, Grebes, Coots, Canada Geese and Greylag Geese (probably quite a few on land too, waiting for someone to feed them!)*. To your left will be the pond dipping pool (Pond Life) and the Lake View Play Area. Continue alongside the lake, following the path round to the right by the railway line and cross over the wooden bridge (by Woodcock Bridge). Follow the path round to the right and you'll see a wooden sign saying 'Adventure Playground.'
5. You will have Bodymoor Heath Pool on your right and Willows Pool on your left. At the end of Willows Pool, by the wooden seat, turn half left onto a wide path which runs through a large, grassy area towards some trees. After about 5 minutes you will reach a crossroads. Turn left towards the wooden barrier and out into a parking area. Keep to the right (a map of the Water Park and a toilet block will be on your right) then, when you reach the road (Far Leys Station will be to your left), turn right to the Adventure Playground. There are seats here for the adults to have a sit down while you stop and play for a while. On fine days, during the summer months, there are often Pedal Boats out on Mitchell's Pool, too.*

(From here the alternative route back for pushchairs is to follow the road, past the Far Leys Railway Station, all the way back to the Visitor Centre).

6. From the play area, head towards the road but, before you get there, turn right along the wide path before the dog bin. In summer the lake to



F Pedal Boats



G Woodland Walk



H The Wood Spirit



I Model railway

your right is often bright with water lilies and, if you stop for a few minutes and look carefully, you might spot a moorhen scurrying across the lily pads or a heron standing perfectly still at the edge of the lake, waiting for a tasty snack to swim by!

7. Just before the motorway (you'll know you're nearly there because of the noise) turn left onto the narrow path opposite a wooden signpost. This is the Woodland Walk. If you reach the bridge under the motorway then you'll know you've gone too far!

8. Follow the Woodland Walk and cross over the railway line at Pruno Crossing then turn right. After about 200m you will cross 2 more railway lines at Picnic Junction where you will see the Bug Hotel. Continue along the path and, after a short distance, look to your right and you'll meet with the Wood Spirit. He's a 'good' spirit who looks after the woods. Perhaps you could have your photo taken with him? The path eventually leads to the road but before that, on the pool to your right, you may see several nesting birds such as coots and grebes in spring time. Even later in the year the abandoned nests are still visible, built around the tree branches that overhang the water.

9. Turn right when you reach the road. Just before you reach the level crossing, a small path on your left leads to the model railway in the 'garden' of the miniature railway if you want to stop and watch the trains. Otherwise continue along the road to the Visitor Centre, stopping to take in a trip on the miniature railway if you still have time.

*Bird food can be bought from Visitor Centre if required.

**Pedal boats can be hired out for 15 minute period

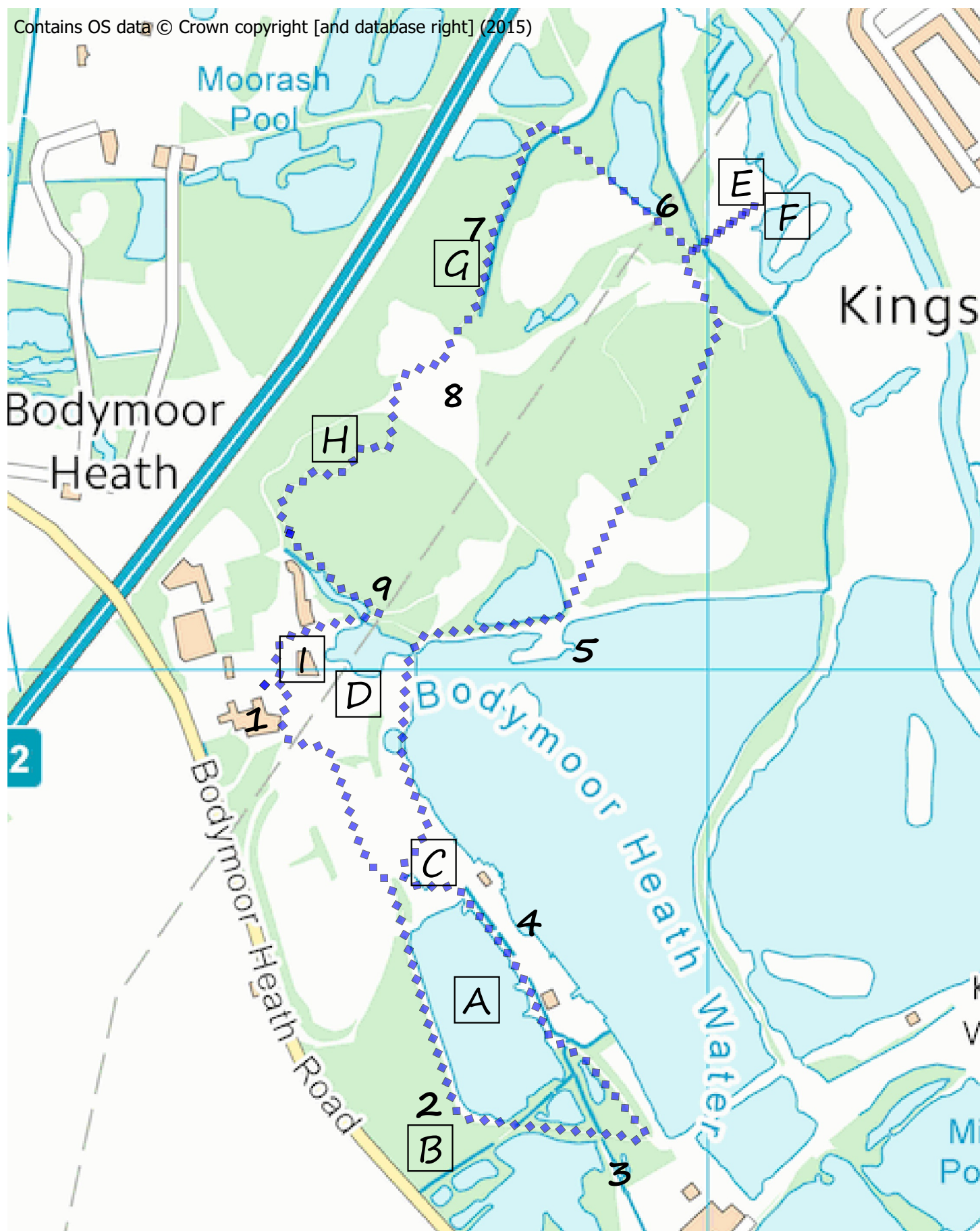
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