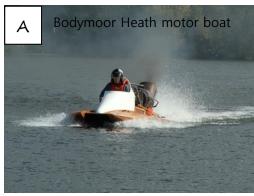
Water lily walk (4.4 km)















- **1.** From the Visitor Centre, head towards the lake, signposted Lake View Play Area, keeping the railway station on your left and the playground on your right. After the playground, bear left and cross over the wooden bridge.
- **2.** Follow the path round to the right and continue for about 600m along the main path adjacent to Bodymoor Heath Pool with its yachts/motor boats on your right and Willow's Pool with its fishing platforms on your left. When you reach a crossroads, go straight ahead over the concrete/metal bridge; look out here for a perfectly still heron stalking its fishy prey.
- **3.** Continue straight until just before the brick bridge over the River Tame. Look up and you will see Kingsbury Parish Church (built in the 12th Century) and Kingsbury Hall to the left (built between 13th & 16th Centuries). (**3a**) Take a detour here for a closer look at Kingsbury Church and Hall by climbing the steps to the church yard. Kingsbury Hall is privately owned and currently being refurbished.
- **4.** Turning left before the bridge, follow the grassy track adjacent to the River Tame. If you're lucky you might see the fluorescent blue flash of a Kingfisher.
- **5.** Continue alongside the river, downstream for about 800m until you come to a wooden bridge over a small stream. Go over the bridge and, at the crossroads on the other side, take the middle route, straight ahead towards the M42 Motorway, which can be heard, if not seen!
- **6.** Go under the Motorway, turn right and follow the main path as it veers round to the left, ignoring the 2 paths to your right which go back under the motorway. You will now be walking parallel to the river on your right. After about 100m bear left and skirt around Grebe Pool (ignoring the smaller right path). At the T junction, turn left and continue for about 100m until you see a wooden bridge/platform with a mesh covering on your left, which you will now cross over. Turn right by the life buoy and continue past the sign for Kingfisher Pool.
- **7.** Where the path divides, bear left where it runs between Kingfisher and Gibson's lakes. In the summer months, you will see a vast array of yellow and pink water lilies across both of them. After about 50m the path divides again (by another life buoy); turn right and continue to a main track.
- **8.** Turn left to go back under the M42. Keep on the main track, ignoring paths to your right and left. You will soon be walking alongside the lily-covered Club Pool. Here you may see a moorhen scurrying away across the lily pads.
- **9.** At the end of this path, if you glance to your left, you will see the Adventure Playground. To continue, turn right and immediately left across the end of the Far Leys parking area, past a toilet block and map on your left, onto a wide track by a wooden barrier. About 20m after the barrier, where the path divides, veer right and follow the main path through a wooded area and out into a meadow.
- **10.** Continue for about 400m then turn sharp right just before it meets the main path at the lakeside. After about 50m turn left and follow the path around Willows Pool, passing several fishing platforms. At the main path, turn right.
- **11.** After 50m or so the path divides. Take the right turn over the railway line and right again onto the road where you turn left. The road leads back to the Visitor Centre. Taking a small path on your left (just past the rail yard), you can see model trains running in the 'garden' of Echill's Wood Railway.

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