

WITHYWOOD | 2 MILES

WALK 3

Withywood is our local nature reserve managed by GANG, Gillingham Action for Nature Group. It is home to many animals and plants that favour damp riverside places including otters, water voles and kingfishers.

1. Start from Gillingham Station platform 1. Cross footbridge to platform 2; follow path at end of platform out to Brickyard Lane. Turn left for 200 metres to New Road.
2. Cross ahead and slightly right; follow road for 80 metres then path for 50 metres. Turn left on Lawrence Walk between houses to emerge into parking area. Ahead to reach road (B3081).
3. Turn left, cross at lights then ahead on Newbury. Continue past roundabout to pedestrian crossing. Cross Le Neubourg Way at pedestrian lights. Turn left for 100 metres. Iceland and Pets at Home on right.
4. Take path on right and cross parking area. Follow road left to junction with Station Road. Turn right up Station Road for 50 metres. Take turning on left (Paris Court). Bear right, follow path between buildings to reach High Street. Turn left, follow road to bottom of High Street.
5. Just after river bridge, turn left on to Town Meadow. Follow path towards Waitrose and cross river bridge. Turn left, follow road past Waitrose and out to Le Neubourg Way.
6. Cross road at traffic lights. Turn right for 50 metres then left on footpath through gate. Follow path for 20 metres; take right fork, follow path across fields for 400 metres passing through hedge via gate. At second hedge, through gate then turn right to follow path round edge of sewage works for 200 metres. Go through gate, bear diagonally left to reach road.
7. Turn left, follow road to end. Take path ahead, go under rail line into Withy Wood. Follow path through wood to reach bridge over river on right.
8. Turn right over bridge, follow path for 25 metres. Turn left, follow path round fuel depot. Follow path then road for 400 metres to road junction on right.
9. Just beyond road junction, turn left on path to Gillingham Station platform 2. Over footbridge to platform 1 and station entrance.

