

‘THE LILY POND WALK’

Distance 3.4 miles/ 5.45km

Start: Trimley St Martin Village Sign which is on the green where the junction of the High Road meets St Martins Green. It is visible from the High Road.

Buses and bus stop: Felixstowe Flyer buses numbers 75, and 77 from Felixstowe and Ipswich Cattle Market stop very close to the Village Sign.

Eateries: The Hand in Hand, Trimley St Martin and The Mariners, Trimley St Mary (both pubs). Goslings Farm Shop has a café serving breakfasts, lunches and snacks.

This is mainly on the level, but you will need to go up and down steps or a ramp over an equestrian railway bridge. You will use pavements, field tracks, bridleways and woodland paths. This would be quite a nice route for children as it takes in the railway bridge, a lily pond (lilies out in the summer) with numerous very small fish and a chance to visit children’s playgrounds at the end of the walk.

① From the **village sign**, take the High Road north. Go past **Trimley Memorial Hall** and The Trimley Sports and Social Club on your left. Cross over the High Road by the zebra crossing. Walk along the pavement for about 100m, crossing over the entrance to Poppyfield Green, past a bus stop until you see a footpath signpost to Grimston Hall.

② Take this path which goes through Poppyfield Green estate, cross a field and ignore a path that crosses it. Continue straight with some woods on your right until you get to the railway bridge.

③ This new bridge is called **Bridleway Bridge**. Go up the steps, over the bridge and down the ramp.

④ Take the restricted byway on your right.

⑤ When you join the RUPP path from the bridge, turn left. This goes towards **Grimston Hall**.

⑥ You will come to a four way junction. Take the bridleway to your left, which is just right of a parallel farm track. Upon reaching the railway, cross over the farm track and bear right on the bridleway, which runs parallel to the railway.

⑦ Follow the bridleway round to the right, away from the railway line. This is called **Keepers Lane**. At the end of Keepers Lane is **Keepers Cottage** on the left, in summer it will be obscured by foliage.

⑧ At Keepers Cottage you reach a multi-way junction. Turn right and take the public footpath through the trees.

⑨ Mid way through the woods, the footpath goes up a slight rise to the right and meanders through the trees. When the path opens out a little you can see the cranes from the **Port of Felixstowe** on your left. The wood you can see on your left is called **Painters Wood**. Follow the path down a slope through the trees. As you go down the slope, there is a bench on your left with a partially obscured view of the countryside. The area to your right is called **Fingerbread Hill**. At the end of the woodland path follow the footpath round to the right.

⑩ At this point you will come upon a lily pond which is the lowest of 3 ponds from **Grimston Hall**. The lilies are out in the summer and there is usually a plentiful supply of minnows. This is popular with families. Follow the footpath with the pond on your right and then through a wooded area, which is known as Kiln Grove.

When you come out of this area, you will come to a farm track. Turn right along the track. Go past the farm buildings on your right.

⑪ You will come to another public footpath. Turn right just after the farm buildings. This is a rough grass track at first, then a proper path going round to the left. To your right is Grimston Hall. The narrow path then runs past a property on your left.

⑫ When you reach the tarmac road, **Grimston Lane**, turn right. ⑥ On reaching the 4 way junction, take the

Restricted Byway to your left. When you reach the edge of the small wood, ⑤ take the public footpath directly ahead of you to Bridleway Bridge.

⑬ At the bridge go up the steps, cross over and go down the steps the other side. Follow the footpath directly ahead of you that runs alongside a woodland area beside the railway line.

⑭ At the end of the wood, turn right following the path under the electricity wires. The path passes through a hedgerow into a second field. (Ignore the path on the left leading to the housing estate.) The new estate is called **Cavendish Grove** and has two roads called **Goslings Way** and **Nigel Way**.

⑮ Follow the path along the field boundary. The official footpath runs diagonally across a field to the High Road.

⑯ Once on the High Road, turn left, cross over the roundabout and then continue along the road until you reach the island refuge, cross over and return to the Village Sign.

There is a small playground in the Cavendish Grove Estate and another which is also open to the public behind the Sports and Social Club.

N.B. The words that are emboldened can be referenced in a separate Gazetteer also found in this section of the website.