

## ‘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 island refuge. Walk along the pavement for about 100m until you see a footpath signpost to Grimston Hall.

② Take this path which goes straight across a field, ignore a path that crosses it. Continue straight over 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. Upon reaching the railway, bear right on the bridleway.

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.

⑧ At Keepers Cottage you reach a multi-way junction. Turn right and take the public footpath through the trees. About 400 m along the path there is bench with a lovely view.

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. 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. 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 bridleway 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 path on 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 find a safe place to cross and return to the Village Sign. You may prefer to cross the High Road at the roundabout.

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.*