

# Northmoor Short Circular Walk



**Distance:** 2.5 kilometres

**Time:** Approx. 35 minutes

**Start and end point:**

**The Red Lion pub in Northmoor, Grid reference SP 420 028, Postcode OX29 5SX**

**Parking:** Park in the Red Lion car park

This stile free walk will take you around the charming village of Northmoor, and north towards fishing lakes where ducks, swans, and other waterfowl can be spotted. *Please note sections of this route are permissive.*



**1** From the Red Lion, cross the road and turn right to head east along the main road. Turn left onto Chapel Lane and walk for 650m, bearing left past the allotments.

**2** When you reach the entrance to Mount Pleasant Farm, turn right onto the

footpath and walk for 100m – Christchurch Lake can be viewed just beyond the gate, which attracts a range of waterfowl species.

**3** Bear right before the gate and follow the field boundary round. Pass over the bridge to enter the adjacent field to the

south, and continue around its edge, keeping the hedgerow on your left.

**4** When you reach the field's southern boundary, pass over the bridge and through the gate before bearing left across the field towards the gate in the corner.

**5** On joining the main road, turn right and walk 550m west to the Red Lion, admiring the village cottages as you go.

Northmoor is a village and civil parish in West Oxfordshire. The village is set amongst fields, mostly given to raising cattle and sheep, and is within the areas that connects the Lower Windrush Valley to the Upper Thames Valley.

The route dips into the Lower Windrush Valley Project Conservation Target Area, designated for its mosaic of water filled gravel pits and riverside meadowland. Christchurch Lake, which you can access when following the route, is one such pit that was

used for gravel extraction, and has been restored for commercial fishing. Other extraction pits in the valley are used for watersports or have been turned into nature reserves, such as the nearby Standlake Common Nature Reserve