

3. Harmondsworth Moor

2 miles

Walk through newly created parkland with plentiful wildlife and extensive views towards London and Windsor Castle.

Easy Access *** Good paths across the whole of the park. Some small hills and stiles. Public toilets near Pulpit Bridge car park open Monday-Friday

Refreshments *** Pubs and shops in Harmondsworth village

Public Transport *** Bus 805 from Greenford and Cranford to Harmondsworth

Airways. Proceed straight ahead to Swan Lake. Follow the path to the right until you reach a sign marked 'Visitor Centre'. Exit the grounds through the gateway opposite the sign and cross the road to a kissing gate.

Harmondsworth Moor Country Park was opened in 2000, the largest public park to be built in the London area in the last 100 years. The parkland is a former gravel working and landfill site that has been planted with 70,000 trees, landscaped and is managed for wildlife and public recreation.

[3] Go through the gate and follow the path to Pulpit Bridge over the River Colne. Cross the river and turn left towards three ponds fringed with reeds and Willow trees. Walk around the ponds and cross the stile in the fence line, immediately in front is the Wraysbury river.

[4] Turn left at the river, then cross the stepover into Old Accommodation Lane. Turn right and follow the lane. Cross the second bridge (a good place to watch for large fish in the clear shallow water) and turn right. After a short distance turn left and follow the path up the hill.

At the top of the hill is the Keyhole, a landscape feature constructed from the old Waterloo Bridge in London that was demolished in 1935. These stones were used extensively in the parkland reconstruction to make many interesting features around the lake and pond margins and high points.

[5] From the top of the hill take the middle path downwards keeping the river. Follow the path to your right and keep on the path to a kissing gate where you turn right to cross a bridge over the Wraysbury river. Turn right and go through the kissing gate and follow the higher path alongside the river bearing left up the hill to the top. Bear right and immediately on the right is a war memorial to a Royal Canadian Air Force bomber crew that crashed here in 1944. From the top of the hill can be seen Pulpit Bridge. Follow the path to the bridge and take the reverse route back to Harmondsworth.

By road

Pulpit Bridge car park can be reached by following Speedbird Way from the A4/A3044 roundabout just north west of Heathrow airport.

[1] Facing the Five Bells pub in Harmondsworth take the road to your left and follow to the small humpback bridge over the Duke of Northumberland's river.

Looking back towards Harmondsworth, the 15th century Great Barn and the 12th century St. Mary's church can be seen. The river is man made and was dug in the 16th century to feed the ornamental ponds in Syon House and Isleworth Mill.

[2] Cross the bridge and turn immediately left through a high wooden gateway that leads into the grounds of the corporate headquarters of British

