

THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF THE COLNE VALLEY



Points of interest/history

(A) The Slough Arm of the Grand Union Canal was dug in 1882 to connect the brickfields of Slough and Langley with the mainline canal at Cowley.

(B) The raised path in Langley Park ahead is the old carriage drive from Langley Mansion to the parish church of St Mary and on to Windsor Castle. The park has had a long history over 800 years, but the present mansion was built in 1756. In WWI it was used as a military hospital for officers and in WWII was first a Regional Home Guard HQ and then used by Polish units preparing for D-Day. It is now a hotel.

(C) The name derives from The George, an old inn named after King George I. The area formerly known as Westmoor Green then became known as George Green, and as it was adjacent the field was named after it.

(D) The lake was originally rectangular but in the mid-1700s the 4th Duke of Marlborough commissioned Lancelot (Capability) Brown to landscape the grounds and the lake was re-designed into a serpentine shape.

In Tudor times Langley Park and Black Park were one Royal hunting estate, with Black Park known as the poorer land for hunting hare and Langley Park as the deer park. When King Henry VIII married Catherine of Aragon in 1509 and then Anne Boleyn in 1533 the estate was given to each in dower—as a gift of property given from a groom to his bride at marriage.



LANGLEY

4 miles
short route 2½ miles

CIRCULAR
WALK
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Along the canal to quiet country lanes with views across ancient parkland to Langley Mansion Hotel



Access: Mostly level walking on good paths. Steps to canal.



Refreshments: Pubs and shops in Langley town centre south of the railway station. Or en-route, passing Arboretum and just before large iron gate, follow signs on left to deviate ½ mile to Langley Park Tea Room.



Public Transport: Frequent trains from London and Slough. Local buses stop in Langley town centre.



By Road: Exit the M4 at Junction 5 and head towards Langley.
Parking: Pay and Display in Langley Station car park or near-by lay-bys north east on Langley Park Road.



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Colne Valley Park
Countryside on your doorstep




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1) From Langley Station turn right onto Langley Park Road. Continue walking on this side of road facing oncoming traffic then, before canal bridge, go down a public footpath on the right to the canal and turn left onto towpath. Continue along this towpath and after $\frac{1}{3}$ mile cross over the canal on bridge No.8.



(A)

2) Continue straight ahead for $\frac{2}{3}$ mile along a track, across a wooden bridge, through residential roads, on a public footpath, through two kissing gates and fields, to arrive at a footpath T-junction opposite a view of Langley Mansion  (B). Here turn left. After 80 yards go over a wooden bridge and follow a line of ancient trees to a path on the left to exit Langley Park at a road

Shortcut: Turn right at the footpath 'T' junction, then turn right again after the second kissing gate and follow the route from point 5.

3) Turn right onto the road then immediately right again through the gates into Langley Park again. Follow the path north east across George Green Field  (C). After passing through a kissing gate, turn right past the end of Langley Park Lake  (D). Follow the path past Langley Mansion and then the Arboretum. (It is worthwhile to detour from the route and visit the Arboretum).

4) Where the path forks bear right & continue past the Arboretum, a field & a small wood on your right. Turn right just before a large gate & follow this path along the edge of Langley Park for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile until you reach a road.

5) Follow this quiet country lane, firstly Love Hill Lane, then Trenches Lane, avoiding side turnings, for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. When you reach the B470 Langley Park Road, turn right and continue over the canal bridge. Cross the road with care to return to Langley Station.

