

Finchampstead - Woods, lakes and a river

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Class: Moderate; Distance: 7 miles (11.3 km); Total Ascent: 295 feet (90 metres)

After crossing two styles into and out of a field near the start of the walk the walks continues on a purpose-built path to a quiet tarmac lane flanked by some large properties before turning into Simons Woods. The woods have many well-trodden paths and are close to the renown Finchampstead Ridges. After exiting the woods, head through farmland to join the Three Castles Path, passing the facilities at Horseshoe Lake, which makes an ideal place for a break. The walk then joins the Blackwater Valley Path and meanders between lakes and alongside the river before heading north and back to the starting point. This walk is virtually flat. It may be a bit muddy in the Blackwater Valley if there has been a lot of rain.

Start: St James' Church, Finchampstead

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