



Walk 1: Maiden Erlegh Lake and Moor Copse

A mainly flat circular walk that starts from Beech Lane, follows the north shore of Maiden Erlegh Lake, then passes through Moor Copse and Laurel Park, before returning to Beech Lane via the southern shore of the lake.

Length

1.75 miles (2.8 km). Allow 1hour plus stops.

Starting Point

Bus: No 19b Dene Close stop on Beech Lane

(See route instructions for alternative routes from Central Reading- and Asda-bound stops)

Car Parking: Dead-end spur of Radstock Lane, on north side of Redhatch Drive, RG6 5QL (see map).

OS Grid Ref: SU 745710

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Route Instructions (See map below for numbered points)

1



From the central Reading-bound bus stop on Beech Lane, cross the road to the opposite pavement and walk downhill along the left pavement of Beech Lane t to reach some concrete bollards on your left. This is point (2) below. (Ignore the concrete bollards near the bus stop). This is point (2) below.

(If you alight at the Asda-bound bus stop, you will need to walk about 20m in the direction the bus came from, to reach the concrete bollards)

2



Walk through the concrete bollards on to tarmac footpath. Carry straight on and, after about 50m, bear slightly right to join a gravel track along the left side of lake (ignore track which turns off sharp right.). Continue on the gravel track, with lake on your right, to reach a wooden gate. This is point (3) below.

3



Pass through the gate and continue along the lakeside track, with the lake still on your right. On reaching the weir, cross the wooden bridge and, just before a bench, turn sharp left. This is point (4) below

4



Ignoring left and right turns, follow the well-defined track through woods for 450m. This track eventually becomes a slightly raised causeway (gravel path with wooden poles laid on the ground). Towards the end of this causeway, is a Y-shaped junction. This is point (5) below.

5



Take the right-hand fork, then bear right to continue on the gravel track up the slope. After about 200m, emerge from the trees opposite metal barriers. This is point **(6)** below.

6



Continue straight ahead through metal barriers, to reach a second set of metal barriers. Then turn right along a tarmac track, following the edge of playing field to reach a T-junction of surfaced paths. This is point **(7)** below.

7



At the T-junction, turn right towards the brick sports pavilion. Pass to the left of the pavilion, maintaining same direction, to reach a bollarded path leading downhill. This is point **(8)** below.

8



Take the path leading downhill past the children's playground on your left, and after about 75m from the bollards, take the right-hand fork, and continue down the slope to reach the lake by the information boards. This is point **(9)** below.

9



Continue bear slightly left on a gravel path, keeping the lake on your right. Continue to follow gravel path with lake on your right, ignoring paths to the left, to eventually meet a T-junction with a tarmac path. This is point **(10)** below.

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Turn left at this T-junction, to return to start of walk.

