

Dobb's Weir, Glen Faba and River Lee



Length: Approx. 2 miles (3.2km)
 Start Point: Dobb's Weir Car Park
 Dobb's Weir,
 Hoddesdon

The start point can be easily accessed on foot, by bike or by car.

Dobbs' Weir is a very popular site for fishing and adheres to the traditional closed season. There are toilets, a café, a public telephone, a pub and a campsite all within five minutes walking distance from your car.

From the Car Park cross over the road towards the Fish & Eels Pub, walk right and go through the wooden kissing gate on your left. Walk across the site to the furthest corner next to the River Lee.

1 Follow the narrow path with the river on your left.

Dobbs' Weir Disabled Anglers site is not only used by people fishing it is also a nice quiet spot to have a picnic or sit and read a book. There is a newly planted small orchard area which is already attracting plenty of birds and butterflies. A pair of swans are often seen resting and preening under the big willow near the rivers edge.

2 Walk across the two wooden planks which bridge the ditch. The water in front of you is the Flood Relief Channel. Turn left and walk along the track with the relief channel on your right. You will see a bridge on your right, cross over it and using the metal kissing gate at the end, turn left. You are now in Glen Faba and the Flood Relief Channel should be on your left.

The land between the river and the relief channel provides good hunting ground for Dragonflies, in Summer look out for Brown Hawkers. Looking across to your right you will see a large lake with a thin strip of land around it. This is owned by the Park and is managed predominantly for wildlife. Depending on what time of year it is there are Bee and Pyramidal Orchids flowering and a large number of water fowl such as Smew, Tufted duck, Garganey, Shovelers, Teal, Pochard, Wigeon, Kingfishers, Herons, Grey Lag and Canada Geese to name but a few!

3 You will pass a kissing gate and another bridge, stay within the site keeping the fence on your left. Follow the grass path with the lake on your right.

Veering off from the track will take you closer to the lake for a better view. You are now heading towards the River Stort, which goes through Roydon and on into Harlow.

4 The path will lead you to another metal kissing gate next to a metal field gate. Go through it and pass the two properties on your right and when you reach a T-junction with the track turn right. Continue towards the weir on your left and cross over it. You are now at the furthest point from the start point as you will get on this walk - you have reached halfway! The two properties you pass on your right are the only two remaining plots of land with dwellings on them left at Glen Faba after the quarrying for gravel finished. The majority of the lakes within the Lee Valley Park are the result of old gravel extraction pits.

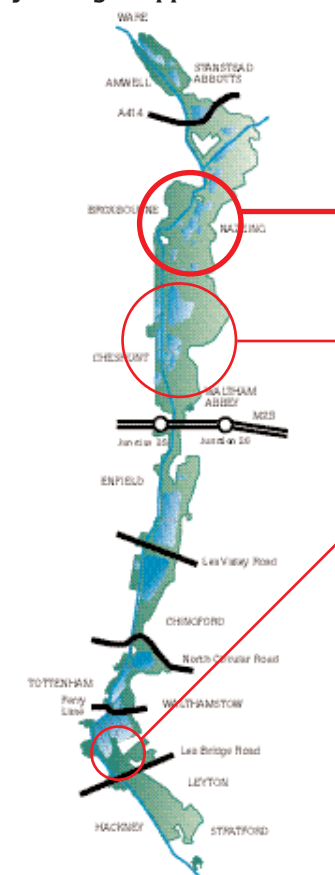
5 Keeping to the right, follow the track and go over the bridge at the lock. Turn left and walk along the towpath with the water now on your left.

The three big chimneys you can see dominating the skyline, belong to Rye House Power Station, which is now run by Scottish Power. Rye House Gate House itself is a little further North West and is one of the Park's heritage sites. Set back from a newly landscaped quay, neighbouring the Rye Meads Nature Reserve and surrounded by a moat, the gatehouse is a building steeped in history and surrounded by wildlife.

6 Continue along the towpath.

Along this section of towpath you will pass, on your right, a large dug out square, which is linked to the river. This no longer has a use but was originally built as a place for barges to load and unload materials for the power station.

7 Cross over the weir using the first or second bridge, as both will bring you out onto the road. Turn left and the Car Park where this walk started from is on your right opposite the Pub.



Area A

Three Walks of approx.
 1 mile, 2 miles & 3 miles.

Area B

Three Walks of approx.
 1 mile, 2 miles & 3 miles.

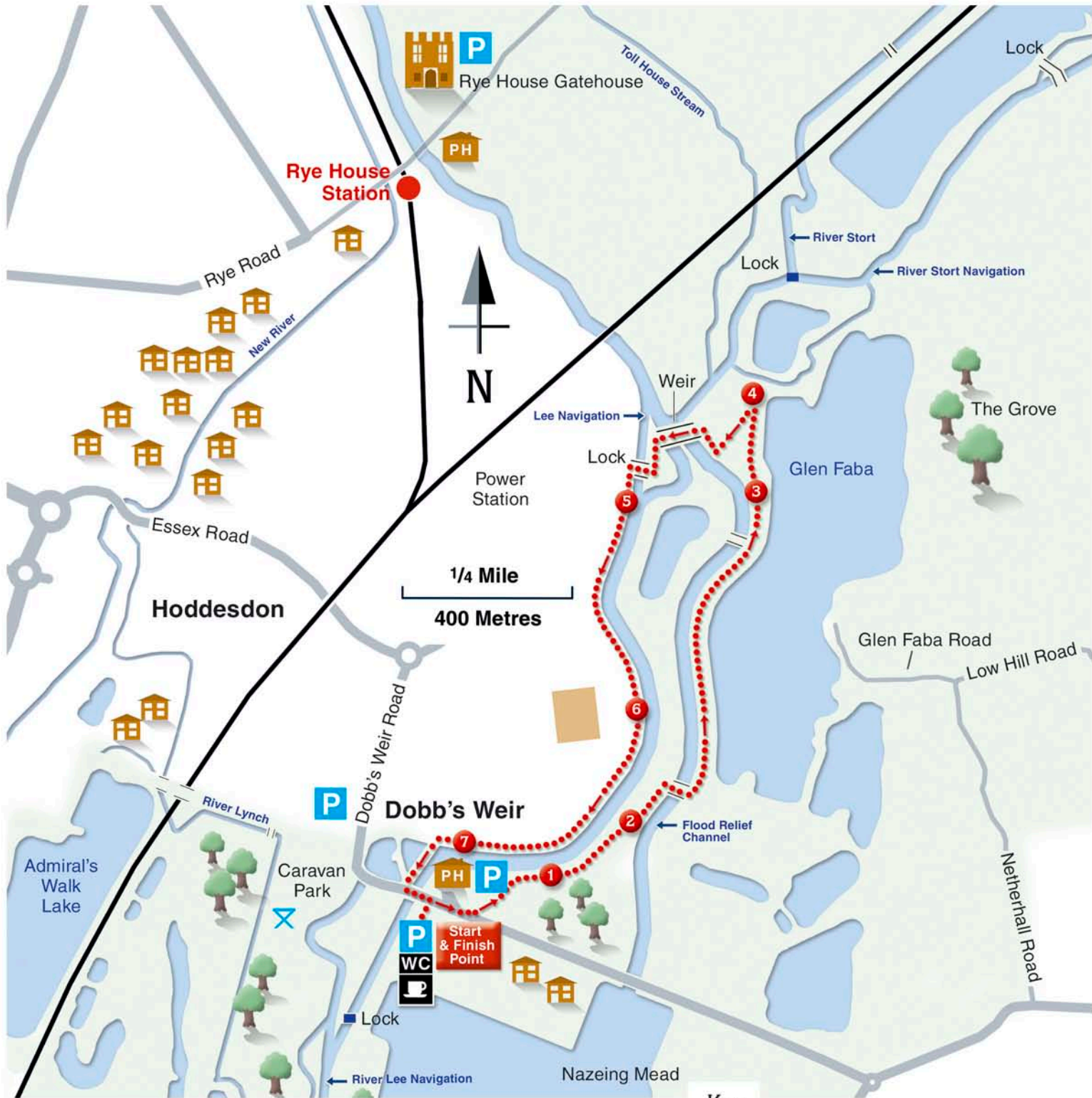
Area C

Three Walks of approx.
 1 mile, 2 miles & 3 miles.

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- P** Car Park
- PC** Car/Coach Park
- WC** Toilet
- WC** Toilet facilities for wheelchair users
- Café
- Picnic site