

This walk is one of a number of walks promoted by Great Coates Village Council.

These walks have been chosen, and all walked, prior to publishing to showcase the countryside, industry and what's available close to our village.

Walks have been combined with enjoying a drink or meal at a local pub and some walks utilising the train service from Great Coates.

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| Walk 1 | 8.5 miles | 3 hrs | Industrial Countryside |
| Walk 2 | 4 miles | 1 hr 20 min | The Freshney Wildlife & Wetlands |
| Walk 3 | 5.7 miles | 2 hrs | The Healing Circle |
| Walk 4 | 4 miles | 1 hr 20 min | Stallingborough and The Anti Aircraft Battery |
| Walk 5 | 3 miles | 1 hr | Train, Lunch & A Stroll |
| Walk 6 | 5 miles | 2 hr 10 min | Humber Havens and Claypits |
| Walk 7 | 6.5 miles | 2 hr 45 min | Freshney Valley |
| Walk 8 | 7.5 miles | 4 hr 10 min | Timber, Havens and Claypits |

Freshney Valley

Leaving St Nicolas Church, Great Coates you'll be taken across the Freshney Valley towards Laceby and be amazed at the peace, tranquility and wildlife just a stones throw from your door step. Discover the Freshney Spring and chalkstreams on this flat, pleasant walk whilst also enjoying the village of Laceby.



Freshney Valley

Walk No	Distance	Time
7	6.5 miles	2 hr 45 mins

The Route

1 Starting at St Nicolas Church, Great Coates head out of Great Coates, turning left into Aylesby Lane and following this road for approx 15 minutes picking up the public footpath across the fields, on your left.



2 A long, straight path takes you towards the River Freshney although it's unlikely you'll see the river due to the undergrowth. As you approach the end of this footpath you'll turn right, following the path with the River Freshney and the fishing lakes on your left.

Well worn footpaths take you out into the countryside with some wonderful views across the fields.

3 As you continue walking the woods will clear, then the River Freshney will become visible as it joins Laceby Beck.

4 You will approach a footbridge and continue straight ahead with the river always on your left.

Laceby Beck is fed from a spring, near Laceby, hence the cleanliness of the water which feeds into the River Freshney.



It's hard to believe where you are as you continue the walk, along the woodland with the river flowing alongside and low banks enabling you get down to the water level very easily.



5 A large lake appears out of nowhere, and as you investigate around the lake, into the woods it's hard to believe that this little wildlife haven is relatively unknown. The lake full of clean, healthy water is supported by a burgeoning abundance of vegetation.

We continue on with the lake on our left walking away into the fields bringing an

era of calmness. Hard to appreciate you are minutes away from urban life.

6 Keeping to the footpath, you'll head off the main path, to walk across and through the centre of a field.



Ahead you will see a footbridge which is your target point. You won't see it, but as you enter the field and look to your left the spring feeding Laceby Beck is only 1400 yards away.

Crossing the footbridge you'll notice a number of Owl boxes and it's pretty clear this is a sanctuary for bird life.

7 As you follow the path into Laceby you could continue through the village to the market place for refreshments before walking back.

Heading back to Great Coates we take the same route back with the sun now out the vistas were noticeably different. Taking a slightly different route half way, following the blue line on the map.

8 Approaching the footbridge crossing the River Freshney, we headed right, along the track.

9 This time, you'll be able to see the large lakes of the River Freshney. Follow the well worn paths, keeping the lakes pretty much immediately on your left you will walk alongside the privately owned fishing lakes. Continue walking along the river bank arriving at the road and footbridge.



10 Turning left and crossing the footbridge heading back towards Great Coates. As you exit the woods of Freshney Parkway, continue along the pathway and just before you get to the main road, turn left and follow the path into Wybers Wood.

11 Carry on along the residential footpaths now where you can enjoy a meal and a pint at The Jubilee or have a walk back to Great Coates with a delicious tray of fish and chips from the excellent Wybers Chippy.

You'll now walk back into Great Coates returning back to St Nicolas Church.

