

## LEVINGTON MARINA TO TWO SISTERS ARTS CENTRE

Distance: 3 miles/4.61km

**Start:** Levington Marina.

**Eateries:** Harbourside Kitchen, Levington Marina (this cafe with beautiful views over the Marina is open 8:30 a.m to 3:30pm). The Mariners, Trimley St Mary (a pub).

This is a one way only walk mainly on footpaths, but there is a short distance along a quiet road without a pavement and another 200 meters along a pavement alongside a busy road. Most is on the level but there are gentle slopes and there will be steps over an equestrian bridge to navigate. This is really lovely walk as you will be walking through woodland with lots of wildflowers, beside the River Orwell and beside a large lake with a lot of ducks, geese and swans. The views over countryside and the river are magnificent. We would recommend that you wear good footwear as the paths can be rough. There is a bench half way through the walk with a lovely view, should you need to rest.

① From **Levington Marina**, walk towards Harbourside Kitchen cafe and just before this on the right is a well marked footpath. The path begins with walking through trees and you should be able to see the Marina on your right. The path gradually slopes down and continues beyond the Marina. Eventually the path bends round to the right, past **Loompit Lake** towards the River Orwell. Continue on the path which then goes to the left to become a causeway between Loompit Lake and the River Orwell.

② At the end of this causeway take the path to your left away from the shore. The path slopes gently upwards. Continue till you get to the top of the hill.

③ Just before this point there is a bench on your right. Down the slope to the left almost opposite this bench is an interesting building known previously as the **Waterworks** and now known as The Old Pump House. Continue straight on the path known as **Goslings Track**, ignoring the footpath to the right. Go past farm buildings on your right. The path now merges into **Thorpe Lane**.

④ As the road bends to the right, take the footpath on the left. This goes past some fishing lakes on your left. Continue until you get to the track running beside the railway line.

⑤ Turn right here and continue until you reach Thorpe Lane. There is a level crossing on your left. Cross over Thorpe Lane into **Grimston Lane**. Continue walking along this road alongside the railway line and then past some new houses on your left.

⑥ Just before 'Oak Barn Annex' or just past the pole-mounted electric transformer, take the footpath to the left. This runs between two properties. Continue until you get to the railway line, the path bends round to the right alongside the railway line. Ahead of you is **Bridleway Bridge**, make for this.

⑦ Go up the steps, cross the bridge and down the ramp. Follow the footpath.

⑧ The main path goes round to the left, ignore the one straight ahead. This bridleway you are on is known as **Gun Lane**. When you reach the end of the path, look out for the old gun on the right hand side. The large building on your left is **Reeve Lodge**.

⑨ You are now on the High Road. Opposite Gun Lane, on the left hand side of the road is a large **Holm Oak** which marked the position of a tollgate in the past. Turn right on the High Road and keep on the right hand side. You will soon pass **Eagle House**. Opposite this is Morrisons Daily (a **Post Office**). Soon after Eagle House is the **Mariners Pub**. Also on the right is **Trimley Welcome Hall**. Opposite the pub are the two Trimley churches. The first church is **St. Martins** and is the one used for services. The second church was **St Marys Church**, now the **Two Sisters Arts Venue/Centre**. Find a safe place to cross the road.

*N.B. The words that are emboldened can be referenced in a separate Gazetteer to be found on a separate sheet.*

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