

Litton

A Circular Walk

Approx distance 3.5 miles
Approx duration 2 to 3 hours



A medium length walk, starting from a popular local pub, The Litton, a 10 minute drive from the caravan park.

How to get there: Leaving site in a vehicle, turn left from site exit and follow down Ham Lane, at the T junction turn right (Bonhill Road) to top, where it meets A368. Turn right and follow this road, crossing the lake in a couple of miles, the road then narrows before a sharp right hand bend into West Harptree. Just on the bend turn left (signposted Litton) and follow this road for a few miles, until you reach The Litton pub on your left. Park in the pub car park (ask the landlord first).

Walk to the far end of the car park and drop down a bank to a lane. Turn right and follow the lane around to the Village Hall.

Immediately before the Village Hall, turn left along a track to a gate and stile. Follow the left edge of two fields ahead and, in a third field, walk around the edge of a water board installation to a stile in the fence on the left, take the stile into the lane. Follow the lane to the right and in 400 yards, keep on the lane as it bears left immediately past a cottage. In 150 yards, at a junction, turn left and follow the side lane up hill across Shortwood Common, having reached Shortwood House at the top of the hill, continue along the hill top lane for three quarters of a mile to a stile and footpath on the left, immediately past Ham Farm.

Cross this stile and head half-left across the field ahead, to a stile in the left hand field boundary, in the following field, bear half-right to a stile 100 yards along the right hand field boundary from the corner of the field. Follow the line of the electricity

wires across the next field to a stile, just to the left of a telegraph pole.

Walk diagonally downhill across the middle of the following field to a stile in the far right hand corner, some 300 yards distant, beyond this stile turn right and follow the field boundary on the right down to a stile in the bottom field boundary and the banks of the lower reservoir at Litton.

Cross the dam ahead, an overflow channel and a cattle grid, before going through the first gate on the left. Follow the left edge of the field ahead, with the banks of the lower reservoir beyond the hedge on the left, to a stile in the corner of the field. Follow the field boundary of the next field around to a footbridge over a stream in the far right corner. Beyond this stream, follow a woodland path alongside a stream down to Litton lower reservoir before continuing along a path beside the lake.

Keep on this path as it eventually climbs to cross the dam at the foot of the upper reservoir. Cross the dam and at the far side of the lake, follow the footpath to the right alongside the northern bank of the upper reservoir. In half a mile, pass through a hand gate to join a lane. Turn left, walk past the water board installation that you passed at the start of the walk, and cross a stile on the right. Retrace your steps back to the Village Hall and a welcome drink or lunch at The Litton.