

3 (SECRET) DOG FRIENDLY WALKS IN SOLIHULL

Blythe Valley Circular

A 4.5km walk around Blythe Valley

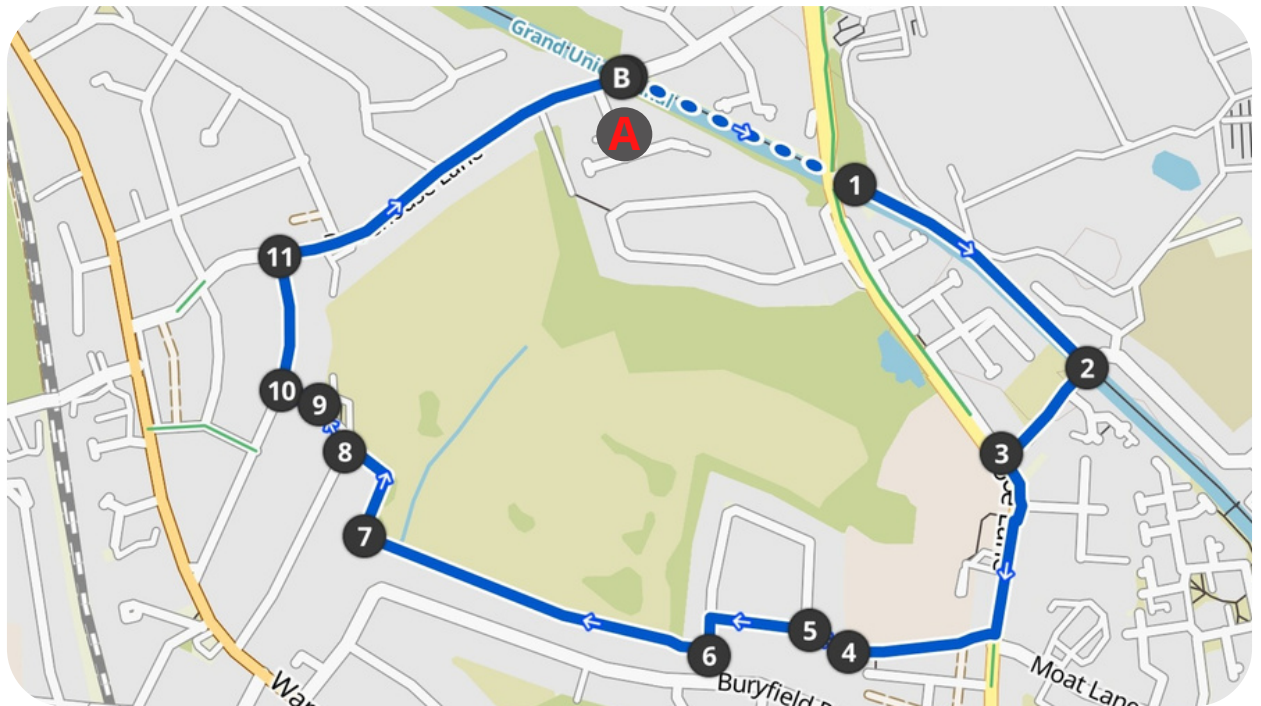
Dorridge Park Circular

A 5km walk through Dorridge Park
and leading back to Dorridge
Cricket Club

Olton Golf Club Circular

A 4km walk along the Grand Union
Canal and behind Olton Gold Club

GRAND UNION CANAL LOOP & OLTON GOLF CLUB



- A** For this walk you will need to park on one of the residential roads leading off Dovehouse Lane. Please be mindful to residents and park considerately. The walk starts at the canal bridge. Once at the bottom of the steps turn left so that you are walking in the direction of the canal that takes you underneath the bridge. The canal will be on your righthand side.
- 1** Continue along the canal passing under the bridge at Lode Lane.
 - 2** Leave the canal at the exit that brings you onto Rowood Drive. Turn right onto Rowood Drive and continue until you come to the junction with Lode Lane.
 - 3** Cross over Lode Lane at the pedestrian crossing and continue walking along Lode Lane passing Lode Heath School on your right. Take the foot path on your right just before you reach the Moat Lane traffic light junction.
 - 4** Continue along the footpath past the garages.
 - 5** At the end of the path bear left onto Links Drive.
 - 6** Turn left at the end of the road and access the footpath on the right between house numbers 3 and 5.



- 7** Continue along the footpath taking in the views of Olton Golf Club along the way.
- 8** As the foot path emerges onto the road by the entrance to Olton Golf Club cross over the road and continue along the foot path on the other side.
- 9** Continue along the path.
- 10** At the end of the footpath turn right onto Heaton Road.
- 11** At the end of Heaton Road turn right onto Dovehouse Lane. Continue on Dovehouse Lane until you reach the bridge from where you started the walk.

CIRCULAR WALK

BLYTHE VALLEY

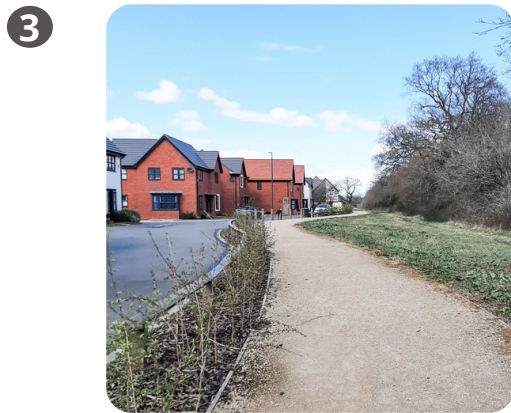
Blythe Valley is a business park within Solihull, however do not be fooled by this as the circular walk around the park has been well thought out. It boasts an 122 acres of green parkland and a variety of different walking options. The starting point for this walk is on School Road and very close to Wedges Bakery for that all important post walk treat!





A The starting (and end) point to the walk is on School Road. We parked on the road opposite Wedges bakery where there is a small layby. Heading away from the motorway walk to the junction with Dyers Lane. Turn right onto Dyers Lane.

1 Merge onto Kineton Lane.



Follow the pathway that loops around the pond and keeping the houses on your left hand side head towards the footpath.

2



Follow the sign post to Blythe Valley and head onto the open land in front of the new housing estate.

4 Continue along the path. You should have the housing estate on your left and Blythe Valley Industrial Estate on your right.

5 Turn left before entering the industrial estate.



6 Continue straight ahead along the footpath heading towards the open fields in front.

7 When you get to the open area keep to the right hand path that follows the water on your right.



8 Continue walking past the 'bug hotels'.



9 Follow the path to the right, keeping Blythe Valley Industrial Estate on your right.

10 Cross over the road and continue along the footpath in front.

11 Continue along the pathway between the trees and head for the open clearing ahead.



12 Walk past the Blythe Valley sign.

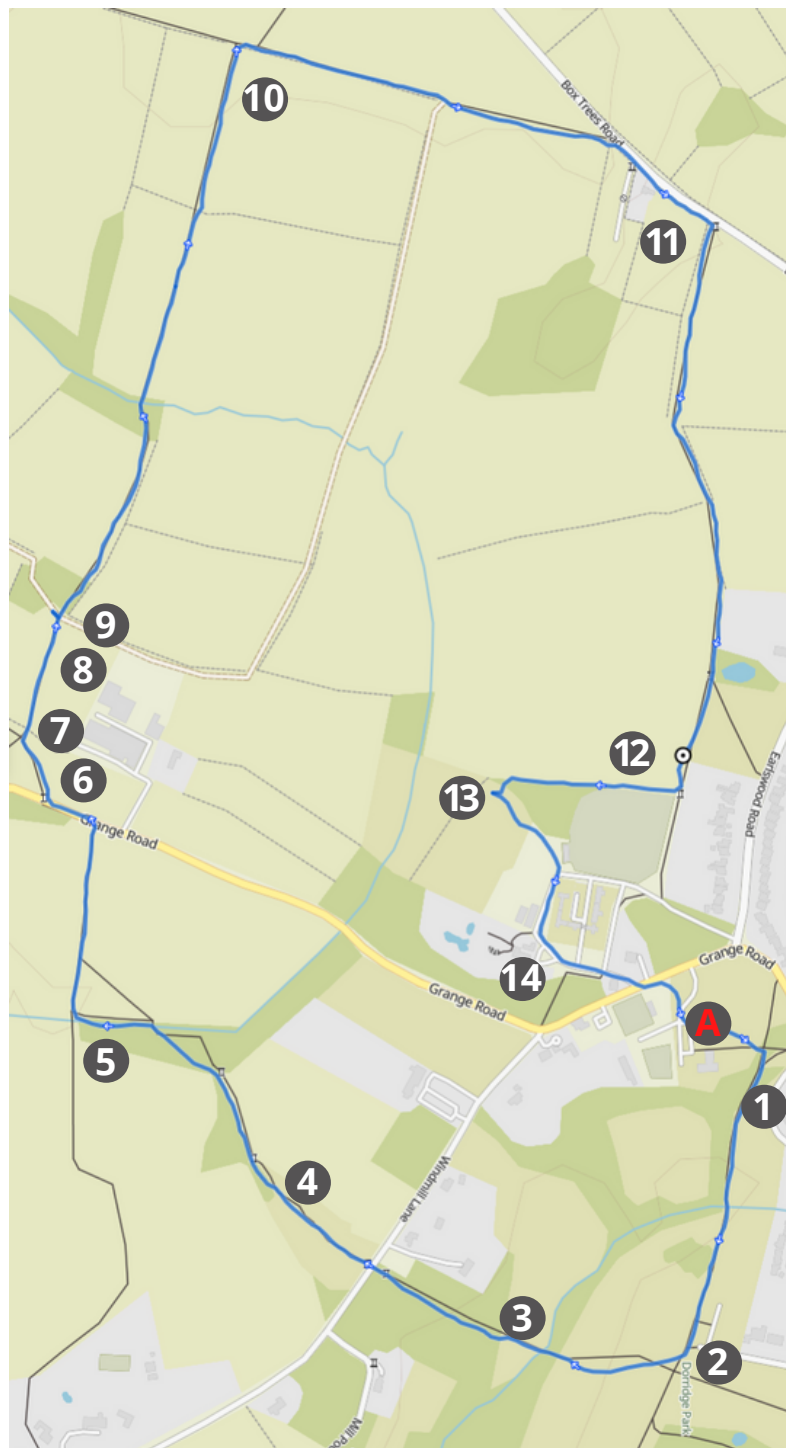


13 You will arrive at the back entrance to Blythe Valley. Turn left and then turn right onto Kineton Lane and follow this road back to your starting point.

CIRCULAR WALK

DORRIDGE PARK

Starting from Dorridge Village Hall, this circular walk takes you through Dorridge Park before heading off onto the open fields towards Box Trees Road before returning past Dorridge Cricket Club and back to the Village Hall. There are a couple of times where you do need to walk on the road and care needs to be taken.





A The starting (and end) point to the walk is Dorridge Village Hall. There is ample parking space, but an alternative car park can be found at Dorridge Park. With the Village Hall in front of you, head left across the grass away from the Village Hall

1 Follow the pathway to the right and head into Dorridge park. Continue along the footpath heading over the stream and alongside of the carpark.



2 As you approach the corner of the carpark turn right and head across the park towards the wooded area. Follow the slated wooden path way.



3 Continue following the path eventually crossing over Windmill Lane.

4 Head along the edge of the field towards the woods until eventually you come to an open field with a style.

5 Once you get to the style you can either go over the style and head in a left diagonal direction to meet the style opposite. Alternatively, you can avoid both styles by turning left and following the edge of the field's fence. Whichever route you choose head towards Grange Road.



6 Cross over Grange Road and turn left. Walk along Grange Road for a short distance before taking the path on your right.



- 7** Head across the open grassland towards the opening in the trees. You should see a wooden gate. Follow the path through the trees.



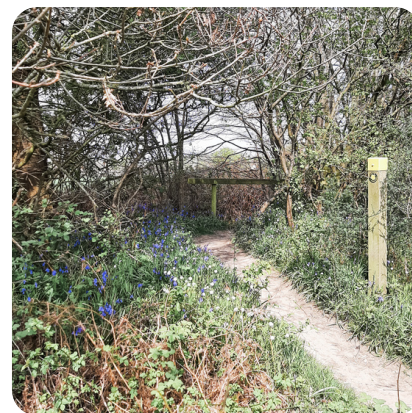
- 8** Continue across the open field



- 9** When you reach the edge of the field look carefully for the path straight ahead. The entrance can be hidden amongst the trees.



- 10** The hidden path will open out to fields. Continue walking straight ahead across the fields. You will eventually have to make a right turn into the next field.



- 11** Head right onto Box Trees Road. Walk past the house and take the path on the right just after. Continue through the fields until you reach the cricket club.

- 12** Walk past the cricket club and past the wooded area on your left.

- 13** After the wooded area you will see an opening on your left. Go through this and turn left walking up towards the pylon and into the car park of the cricket club. Walk through the car park following the 'exit' sign.

- 14** Follow the road through the residential area until you get to Grange Road. Cross over Grange Road and head diagonally left towards Dorridge Village Hall car park.



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