

Outline of the route

This walk takes you around the **Wollerton Wetlands**, but can be used as a linear walk to **Stoke Heath** and back. It starts at Wollerton's Village Room (roadside parking).

To start, walk down the 'Old Yard' drive and take a PG on the left into 'Cow Lane'. After 2 more PG you enter a field by **Wollerton Mill** (now a private house). Walk across the field to PG/BR over the **River Tern** and then turn left to follow the path around the **Wetlands**—home to many types of **Plants, Insects, Fish, Birds** and other **Animals**. At point 'A' on the map turn right to follow the river bank back to the BR, then return the way you came; or turn left under the bypass BR to walk towards Stoke Heath.

Two PG by the bypass lead to a field where you turn left. Now walk towards a large pool, then turn right and cross the field to the base of a farm track. Enter the field* on your right and walk diagonally left up to the 'Gallops' - to enjoy the first of two **Viewpoints** of the **Tern Valley**.

* **Note.** From this point on the footpaths have not always been well marked/maintained, so if you encounter problems we suggest you follow the alternative routes along tracks—as shown on the map.

Cross the 'Gallops' and walk diagonally left to a ST by a track. Cross the track and a second ST ahead, then follow the field edge to reach a track. Here turn right, then after 25m turn left through a gap in the hedge to a ST. More ST lead you to Helshaw Grange's drive, where you turn left. At a bend in the drive the path turns right through a field (double ST each side), then turns left and leads across a large field (past two copses on your left) to Chapel Lane.

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Notes.

- 1/ The maps & route outlines are complementary, so should be used together for the clearest route guidance.
- 2/ For a key to abbreviations/symbols/terms used, see map.
- 3/ To learn more about HFG, view/download more walk leaflets or to report an issue visit www.hodnet.org.uk/fpg

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Country Code—Please:

- Leave gates as you find them
- Take your litter home
- Keep dogs on a lead near livestock and clean up after them - **dog faeces can spread diseases!**



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Hodnet Walks : 5

Wollerton to Stoke Heath

'Wetlands Walk'

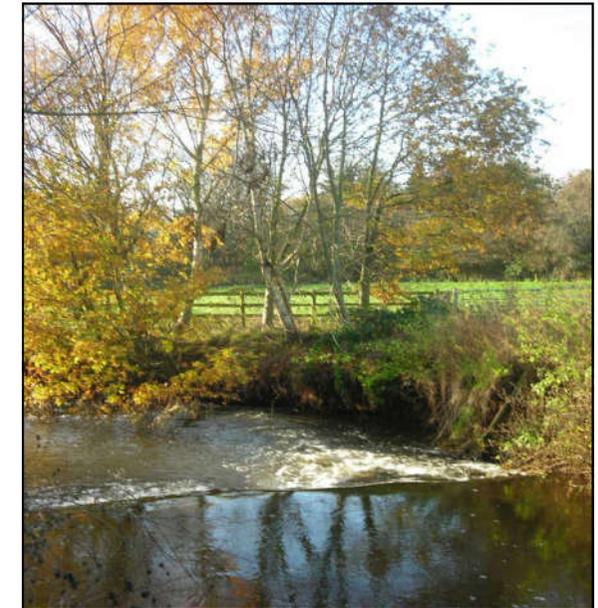


Photo. A Underwood

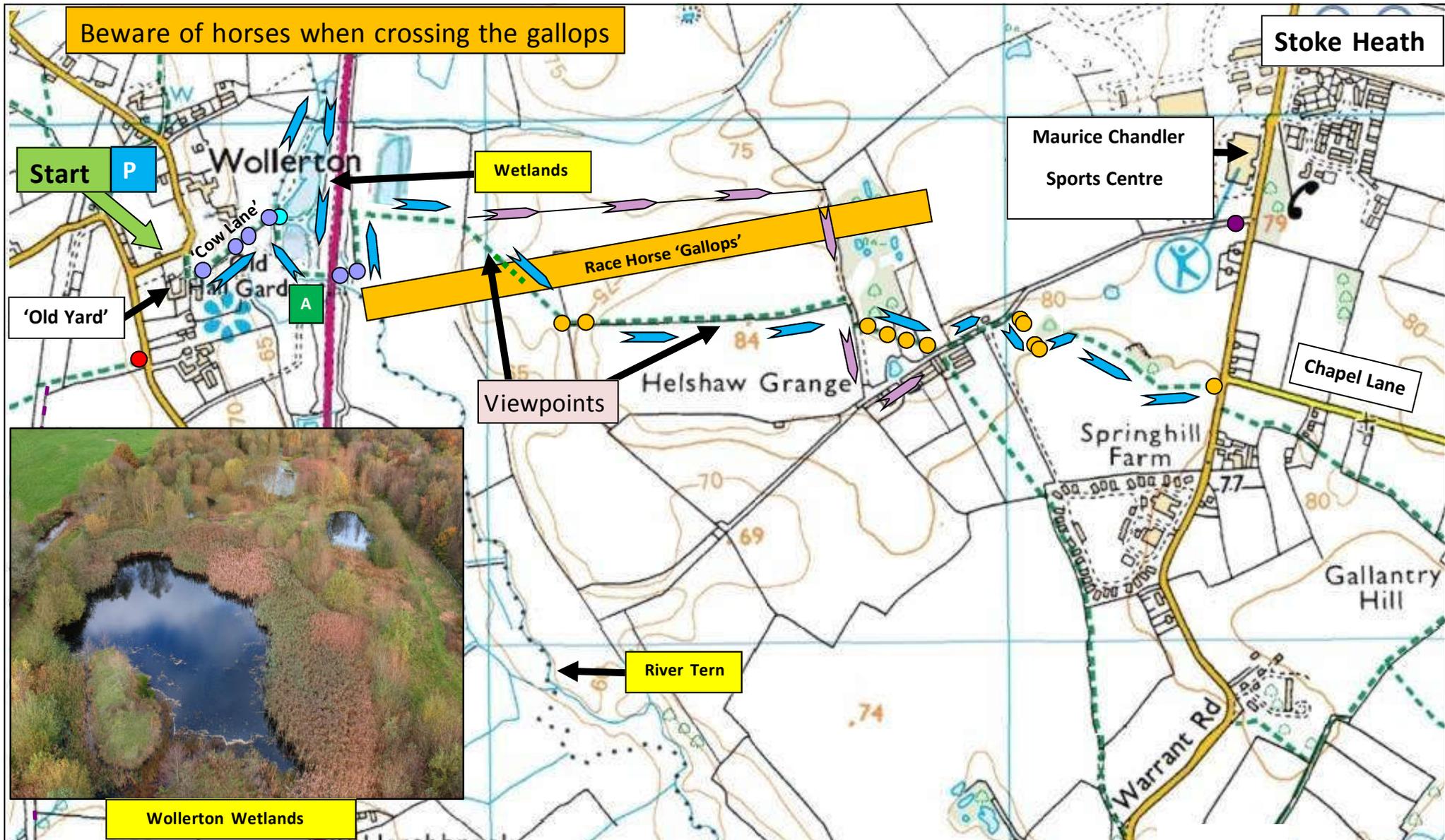
Walk Type: Circular or (second part) Linear

Distance: Approx 1 or 4 miles

Walk Grade: 2

Dog Friendly: 1st part

Time: 1–2 hours.



Abbreviations/Symbols/Terms used in leaflet & map:

Route =	Alternative route =	Public Footpath =
Field Gate = FG or	Pedestrian Gate = PG or	Bridge = BR or
	Dog Bin =	Stile = ST or
	'Dog Friendly' Stile =	

Dog Friendly = Larger dogs can get through/past the stile

Walk Grades = **Grade 1:** Shorter/level route &/or no or few stiles
Grade 2: Moderate length/part hilly route &/or some stiles
Grade 3: Longer/hilly route &/or many stiles