


WALK 4

 **Time:** 3.5 hrs

 **Distance:** 14km (8.7m)

Three villages walk

A great walk passing through three picturesque villages of the Western Water Park, all with their own charm and fascinating past. The route follows part of the Thames Path National Trail as it wends its way from the source at Kemble to London 184 miles downstream.



Map key:



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This map is a representation of the area and should be used as a general guide. For detailed navigation please use the appropriate OS maps for the area which are Explorer 169, Landranger 163 and 173. © Map copyright CWPT.

Start: Neigh Bridge Country Park

From the car park entrance right towards the Spine Road, **(A)** then left on the path to the Thames Path signpost, cross road and follow the lane, with lake on left and River Thames on right. Past holiday homes, continue to end of lane, right over metal bridge, and stay on Thames Path for 1 km, until you reach main road. **(B)** Cross road to wooden gate with care, keep straight on with river on left. At end of Church Walk, on corner turn left, then immediately right onto Back Street **(C)**.

At end of road, before bend **(D)** straight ahead onto narrow public footpath with houses on left. Through two wooden kissing gates, then straight ahead and follow path with hedge on left. Left at machinery, hedge on left, head over stile into Clayhill car park. **(E)** Leave car park at entrance, cross Spine Road, turn right for 50m, and take path left at signpost. Cross small wooden bridge on left, short path to the track. **(F)** Turn right.

Follow track around lake, to grassy path. When track reaches an open area, keep lake on left then bear right with telegraph poles on right to **(G)**. At 'T' junction, right over small bridge through trees & ahead to road. Turn left into village, to War Memorial ahead. Turn left along road until you reach the bend & Upper Up Car park **(H)**.

Take path across playing field, exit is in top right-hand corner. Over bridge & two gates, cross road with extreme caution! Follow fenced path to Shorncote bird hides, may be flooded following wet weather **(I)**. Continue past quarry workings and follow this path around until you reach a Country Park, with lake straight ahead. **(J)** Right along footpath and follow till metal gate and end of lake – take right hand path through woods, to stile.

Then it's woods-stile-field-stile-field-stile-field-bridge-field-road! Cross over to stile and **(L)** go immediately right through path in woods until stile at next road. Turn left along verge and cross over to stile next to gate. Follow edge of field to next stile, cross over road to next stile, then take path diagonally across the field. **(M)** At junction of paths, turn right signposted Ewen and follow path through field gateway, then over narrow footbridge to river and join Thames Path, following river downstream. Follow path until **(N)** reach wooden bridge in to northern corner of Neigh Bridge Country Park, and path to car park.



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