



WALK/CYCLE 6

 **Time:** 2 hrs / 3 hrs (cycling)

 **Distance:** 16km (10m) or 18 km (11m)

Circular Cycle Route

Take your bikes and a picnic, and seek out some peaceful parts of the Cotswold Water Park on this great circular off road cycle route. If you have time take a detour to the Reed Hide at the Cleveland Lakes Nature reserve. Suitable for competent cyclists. The route can be rough and around the Thames Path it can be flooded in times of wet weather.



Map key:

-  Bird hide
-  Fishing (day tickets)
-  Car park
-  Horsebox (restricted access)
-  Cash point
-  Nature reserve
-  Chemist
-  Picnics
-  Disabled facilities
-  Playground
-  Post office
-  Toilets
-  Pub
-  Train station
-  Refreshments
-  Watersports
-  Shop
-  Parking charge
-  Takeaway

Please note that whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this guide is accurate, the Cotswold Water Park Trust cannot accept responsibility in respect of errors or omissions that may have occurred.

This map is an 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: Gateway Centre

Cross Spine Road **(A)** (slightly right) with care from Gateway Centre towards Lakes Care Centre, then left onto cycle path following signs and crossing roads (care) until opposite Bridge car park after 1.2km.

Cross road **(B)** (care) into car park through arches onto bridleway, and at end crossing over at top of Station Road. **(C)** Follow signs NCN45 for 2.3km, under more brick arches, past houses, along embankment until steep slope down to road. **(D)** Turn left back into South Cerney past pubs & shops. Bear right, turn right then left at memorial cross (Broadway Lane) **(E)**.

(F) At end of houses after Beverstone Close take bridleway on right (wooden motorcycle barrier). After narrow wooden bridge/400m **(G)** take immediate left, keep stream on left. Follow grass then gravel track around lake past Whitefriars Sailing Club then tarmac to road.

Turn left onto road (extreme caution). Next left (Spine Road), join cycle path after 50m, **(H)** follow for 800m. At Clayhill Car Park (on right) cross road (care) to bridleway sign (motorcycle barrier) **(I)**. Follow track ahead, then bear right with hedge on left, then at the end go through gap in hedge ahead (motorcycle barrier). Onto permissive bridleway to end. Cross **(J)** road on bend (extreme caution) to gate and bridleway.

(K) (Wet weather alternative: after 200m, take kissing gate on left (Cleveland Lakes), follow gravel track for 2km to rejoin Thames Path **(M)** through kissing gate on right.

(L) Main route: go past kissing gate, then left at track junction joining Thames Path following around lakes for 2 miles until you reach a humped wooden bridge taking you over the stream **(M)**.

(Detour here to Reed hide – a great picnic stop!)

Continue Thames Path, left at first T junction, right at second T (Elmlea Meadow) then left onto Old Railway Line **(N)** Follow to main Spine Road, turn right onto cycle track and retrace route back to Gateway Centre (care road crossings).



Where can I find out more?

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