

## Horcott Lakes Walk



**Distance 2+ miles, Time 1 hour+ Can be muddy in places.**

1. From the car park, walk past the Church (1) and the Community Centre (15) on your R, and the Old Police Station (16) and Croft Lane Archway (13) on your L. Go past the Marketplace/Bull Hotel (14) and straight across the A417 into Back Lane (signed River Walk).
2. Take 1<sup>st</sup> turn R into Gasworks Lane, past Retort Hose (11) which soon narrows into public footpath. Follow path with River on R to Dilly's bridge (9).
3. Cross over Dilly's Bridge, turn L and follow tarmac footpath with playing fields on R to where it forks with a high wooden fence in front. Follow L (unmade) path and continue ahead following signs until you pass by a cottage on L and meet the entrance road to Horcott Farm. At this junction turn R and up to main road. *(Alternatively, after crossing Dilly's Bridge turn L and then almost immediately R and go up to the main Horcott Rd, with playing field on L. Cross diagonally R across road and enter footpath by Cotswold stone wall, next to large driveway on R. Continue along path with house gardens on L and fence on R, eventually over rise amongst trees, and down to lakes).*
4. Go straight across main road and take lane (Totterdown lane— unmade) with the White House on L.
5. Follow the lane until it joins a tarmac road and look for a kissing gate on R. Go through this gate for circuit of Horcott lakes. There are 3 lakes (W—with wildfowl), one large (Lake 100) and two small. The paths are well marked, including the traverse path between the lakes, but this floods in wet seasons so keep to the outer perimeter unless the paths are clear and dry. The three lakes are popular fishing lakes so please take care not to disturb anglers.
6. Return by same route, or turn L on road on exit of Totterdown lane and walk along road to St. Thomas' Catholic Church (17). Turn R here and take narrow path between Church on R and houses, which brings you to the fork you previously turned down—noted in point 3 above. Continue straight on here and follow path back to Dilly's bridge. Cross bridge, turn L and follow footpath and road back to Market Place and up to Car park.