

Farmoor Reservoir Circumnavigation Trek

Start out from the 'Bear and Ragged Staff'

Exit the pub car park and turn right.

Where football and tennis weekly meet? Wimberley House

Boxing fruit? Queensberry (House) Rules

Go right at footpath onto football field.

Report hazards to who? The clerk to the Parish Council

Cross the football field, head for the far side near the stone thatched cottage, (just to it's left) do not cross the style marked 'beware of the dog'. Go through the green bars and go left along the earth and gravel track.

What number to help prevent a tragedy? 08000 727282

Exiting track turn left onto metalled road.

Further on take the left fork (straight on).

Take bridlepath to Bablock Hythe passing 'Long Leys Farm'.

What company installed the gate opposite 'Long Leys Farm'? Jacksons

Straight on, onto grassy track.

What is '4TE 42' on? 400kV Pylon

Entering the coppice the track gets boggy and uneven, watch your footing. Additionally watch out for overhanging flora.

Continue along track through coppice. (not through the metal gate).

Exiting the coppice which sawmill made the gates to your sides? Eynsham Park

Carry straight on along gravelled track, you might start hearing the pub at Bablock Hythe – a popular watering hole!

What Greek comes from Kent? Sparten(s) Gates

Turn right onto metalled road, the pub is on your left, - enjoy! ☺ Enter field, follow path along river.

What's the speed limit on the caravan site? __10_____

Yes, eventually the caravan site does end! Go through the dilapidated old gate, cross the concrete culvert bridge and go through the other dilapidated gate, remember to reassemble gates to condition you found them in!

You've reached Farmoor Reservoir.

Take the left fork and continue along the riverside.

What's the rangers number? __01865 863033_____

For much of this section you'll be following the wetland trail alongside the river, try not to confuse the valid posts for this trail that draw you 'inland'.

What's grazing according to Thames Water? __Cattle_____

Continue along river.

What sort of Lagoon are you at? __Reed_____

Name three creatures you might find here? __Water vole, Sedge warbler, Coot, Reed warbler, Reed bunting, Heron_____

How long is the Thames? __344km_____

Three life forms along this river are? __Branched bur-reed, Mute swan, Banded demoiselle, Grey heron, Common turn, Otters, voles_____

Continue along river walk.

Three creatures you might find in water scrapes? _Grass snake, Little ringed plover, Little stint, Snipe, Redshank, Worms_____

What type of meadow? _Shrike_____

Over the concrete culvert bridge.

What type of scrub? __Willow_____

What takes over when the ground dries out? __Oaks_____

Carry on along riverside walk, take the left fork along the river, a pumping station is on your right, cross the inlet. Stay along the river. At Pinkhill Meadow car park 200m sign go left along the river.

Name three of the habitat types at Pinkhill meadow? __Flood meadow, Willow scrub, Grazing meadow, Gravel islands, Wader scrape, Reed lagoon_____

What do small mammals attract? __Birds of prey_____

Take right fork cutting across from riverside.

What type of flies are on this board? Dragonflies

When was Pinkhill meadow started? 1990

Continue along river walk alongside reservoir perimeter track, and river. Heading for small coppice on a rise ahead. Cross metalled path, continue along Farmoor countryside walk, yellow post route – right fork, away from river. Keeping the reservoir to your right descend from the coppice.

Three plants in the mixed overhead canopy of the woodland? Oak, Ash, Willow, Poplar
And the animal? Green woodpecker

Yellow post, turn right, follow Farmoor countryside walk left.

Over the metal plate culvert bridge.

Left over concrete stream bridge, then right and under the pylons, before houses.

What's the danger of at 'OY23'? Death

At the hedgerow what are the two insects/arachnids you'll find in it? Violet ground beetle, Garden spider
Exit the path to the main road, going right along it. There is a path behind the tree line for 95% of the route, the rest is a verge sufficiently removed from the road.

Farmoor source works since? 1967

A tidy site is a? Safe site

Gate No.2 bulletin board number? 790996

At gate No.3 in the interests of wildlife protection name something or an action you're not allowed? Dogs, Swimming, Cycling, Running

Enter gate No.3, into car park.

Here you will find toilets and next to them the '<Countryside Walk' to continue your journey.

Forrest products limited are based in which county? Glos.

Take right fork straight ahead up incline. Continue to reservoir picnic area.

Reservoir, how many swimming pools a day can be treated? 290

What fish can be found here? Brown trout

Enter coppice, turn left following Farmoor countryside walk / CPRE. Exit coppice, cross road, walk across culvert and over style following lone yellow arrow.

Follow public footpath across field, over wooden culvert bridge and through nice new gate. Head across pasture up and to the right, don't disturb the horses. Over the rickety style, try to avoid the six foot stingers!

Skirt farmyard, head along the concrete track south.

What game used to be played here? Tennis

PLEASE STAY CLEAR OF THE LOW ELECTRIC CABLE ON YOUR LEFT

Head up the track, rejoin your ingress route turning left.

Thames Water 900GRP AV ?? 3.0

Return to Bear and Ragged Staff, don't walk past your turn off.