

# The Electric Avenue walk

Description:

- You will take a scenic route down Electric Avenue, then circle back through Hinksey park and then go through Grandpont nature park.
- Time: 1:30 hours
- Distance: 5.2km

Map:



Route:

Start at the WOCA centre, take a left and cross over the road at the traffic lights. After the traffic lights, take another left and walk down the pavement for about 50 metres.



After walking down the pavement bear left at the junction.



Follow Ferry Hinksey road down for around 400 metres until you reach a roundabout.



At this roundabout cross straight over.



After crossing, head diagonally right and find this entrance which is located to the right of a "Terry Stone Cottage" sign.





Follow the path through the woods until you reach a turning which leads into a field. At this point head down into the fields.



Follow the well trodden tracks over the bridge and through the many fields until you reach the end.



At the end of the fields go over the stile and turn right. Follow this path through the wooded area and over the three bridges whilst admiring the view.





After reaching the end of the bridge, take a left and go through the kissing gate into the nature park.





Keep on the same path and have the “small lake” to your right.

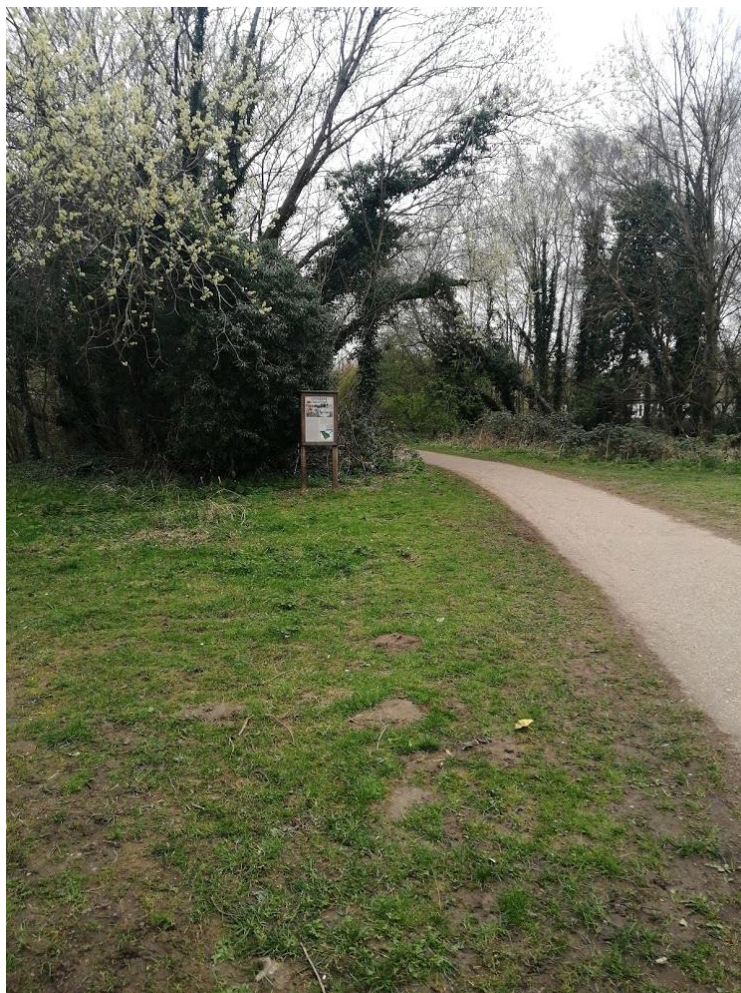


After following this path go through the gate and to the left that leads over a bridge onto a road. When you reach the road go down it until you reach a junction.



At this point take a left and follow the road until you reach the end.





When you get to the end of the road go left into Grandpont nature park.



As you follow the path through the nature park if you look to the right you will see the “giant's hand”. After taking time to admire the sculpture, continue on the path, go down a slight slope then cross under the railway bridge and go over the bridge to the right before continuing down the river path.



As you reach a junction at the end of the path bear right and cross the bridge over to the lock.





Next, keep to the same direction as the path through the lock and continue down the river towards Botley road.



When you reach the end of the path take a left then right onto the botley road. Cross over the road at the traffic lights and take a left to get back to the community centre.

History/information:

- Hinksey Park has Giant Redwoods and Pine trees.
- Hinksey park was laid out in the 1930s on the site where Oxford Waterworks used to be.
- There is a sign by the gate in Hinksey which contains lots of details about the location.
- The animals in Hinksey Park are: Amphibians, small mammals, bats, water-fowl, seabirds and freshwater sponges.
- Electric Avenue was used in the logistics of moving goods during world war 2.
- There is a sign with information on it when entering grandpont nature park.
- The lock which you pass through was created out of stone in 1790.
- Daniel Harris used prisoner labour from Oxford jail to make the lock as it was the cheapest option.

- The giant's fingers in the nature reserve are meant to look like a giant's hand reaching up from the ground.

Activities/Questions:

- There are many picnic spots on this walk such as on electric avenue, Hinksey nature park and Grandpont nature park.
- How many wooden "shelters" can you spot in the nature reserve?
- Is the "giant" reaching out with his left or right hand?
- Why does the river path have a concrete side facing the river?
- Feel free to stop at the outdoor swimming pool.

Answers:

Answers: The giant is reaching out with its right hand.

The river path has the concrete side facing the river to stop the path being eroded.