

About the route

Sand and gravel extractions hereabouts have created an ideal opportunity for nature to flourish. This RSPB recommended walk guides the walker through this new landscape and points out what we might expect to see. Easy walking on level terrain, mostly footpaths, bridleways and quiet country lanes. Can be muddy in places.

Walk Checklist:

Start point/parking

Car park behind the Co-op off High Street, Collingham (A1133). Starting from the bus stop; slightly less distance, both walks.

Distance

Main route approximately 6.25 miles (10 kms).
Alternative route approximately 3.75 miles (6 kms).

Duration

2.5 - 3 hours + stops.

Stiles and gates

4 stiles (one missing); 2 gates; one set of steps.

Refreshments

Public Houses and shops in Collingham.

Public Transport

By bus: Service 67 Newark to Collingham (not Sundays). By train: Nottingham-Lincoln line. Train station is approx. 800m from High Street.

OS Grid Reference

Walk starts at **SK831617** – Map OS Explorer 271 and OS Landranger 121.



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Collingham and Langford Circular



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Langford Lowfields Nature Reserve – The RSPB.

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1 Start. From the car park turn left into High Street down to the traffic lights. Cross the road and turn right into Bell Lane. At its end turn left into Low Street becoming Church Street passing The Green, then turn right into South End where at its end a stile and footpath is met. If coming by bus, alight at The Green. Walk to meet Church Street; go left then right into South End to the footpath.



Flood markers on Low street. Collingham.

2 Follow path for 100m then take signposted path on left. Follow this path beside a ditch – the path is uneven along this stretch – to join up with National Cycle Route 64 by a wood.



The wood is part of The RSPB reserve at Langford Lowfields. It attracts many woodland birds both residents and migrants. In summer, several species of butterfly may be seen in the sunny areas while in autumn, fungi grow in the wood.

3 Turn right into the wood and follow the path – the ground again is uneven. At the end of the wood cross a bridge over a stream. The stream is usually fast flowing and a good place to play Pooh Sticks. The path now runs beside some water pools on the left – silt lagoons from the working quarry – while right is a mature hedgerow with some magnificent large trees.

Look for ducks on the lagoons and if lucky, kingfishers. In spring and summer, the grassland by the lagoons is ablaze with wild flowers attracting many insects and butterflies. Dragonflies and damselflies are here also and bats may be seen flying overhead.

After about 800m a viewing screen on the left overlooks the reedbed of The RSPB reserve.

Creation of this reedbed was made possible by working in partnership with Tarmac. Specialist birds including bitterns, marsh harriers, bearded tits, water rails, reed warblers and reed buntings have been seen from here. Large flocks of starlings congregate here also.



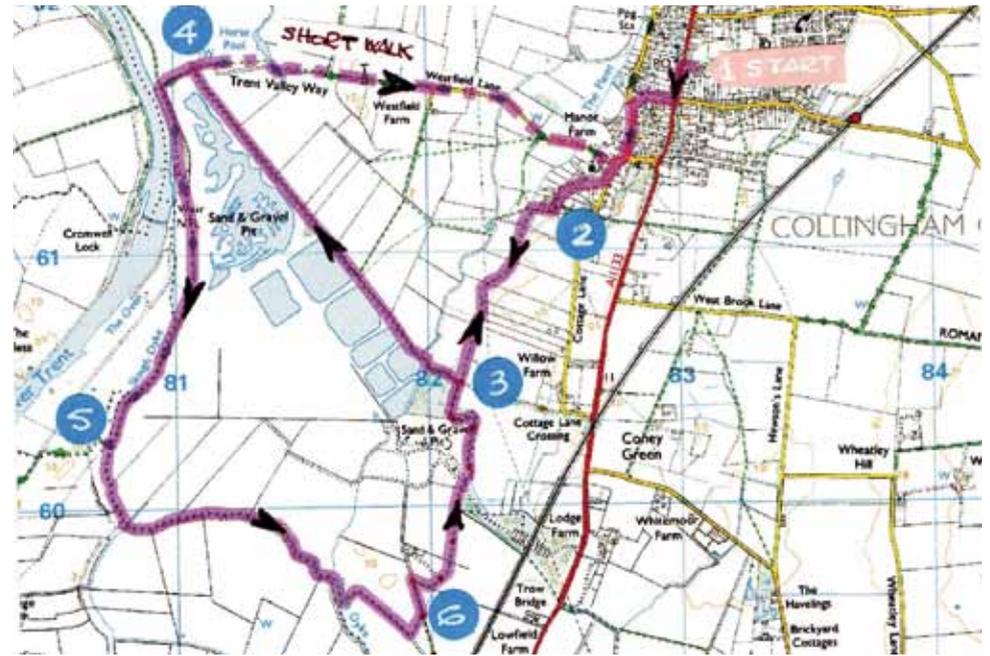
Bittern in reeds.

4 Cross the stile into the Fishermen's car park. Here you have two options:

Short Walk: Turn right and walk back into Collingham along Westfield Lane with the Horse Pool, now mostly dry, on the left and past arable fields and pasture bordered by hedgerows.

Long Walk: Turn left towards the River Trent. Go over the steps and turn left onto the footpath on the riverbank. Follow this

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path south with the river on your right and Langford Lowfields on your left. Cromwell Weir can be seen from here. The highpoint of the riverbank is a good vantage point to look across Langford Lowfields.



Cromwell Weir.

Several mammals including brown hares, roe deer and foxes all occur here. In the evening, the riverbank is a good place to see hunting barn owls.

5 Walk down the riverbank to a stile then continue along the path which now follows the boundary of the working quarry left, and the Slough Dyke right.

This is often a good place to see a common buzzard soaring overhead. The nest boxes on wooden stakes are to attract tree sparrows, which like to nest in colonies.

Continue on along the edge of a field and through the patch of scrub. The field edge path eventually joins the National Cycle Route 64.

6 Turn left to follow the cycle route.

Look and listen for skylarks while the hedgerows are good for linnets and yellowhammers.



Skylark.

Cross the entrance road to the quarry through gates: take care it is safe to do so. Once over the quarry road, the path runs alongside some scrub and young woodland. The path brings you to the entrance of the wood (Point 3 in the walk) and from here retrace your steps back to Collingham.

Thanks to The RSPB for designing this walk for Trent Vale.

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