

About the route

From the pretty village of Farndon and its attractive marina, a gentle route mainly following the River Trent with its abundance of wildlife. There is also the opportunity to visit a NWT nature reserve close by. Level terrain on flat riverside paths; can be muddy at times.

Walk Checklist:

Start point/parking

Picnic area by the River Trent, in front of the Restaurant.

Distance

Approximately 3.25 miles (5.2 kms).

Duration

1.5 - 2 hours + stops.

Stiles and gates

Clapper gates.

Refreshments

Public Houses and shops in Farndon.

Public Transport

By bus: Services Nos. 90 & 90A Nottingham – Newark.
Other services from different locations.

OS Grid Reference

Walk starts at **SK768521** – Map OS Explorer 271 and OS Landranger 120.



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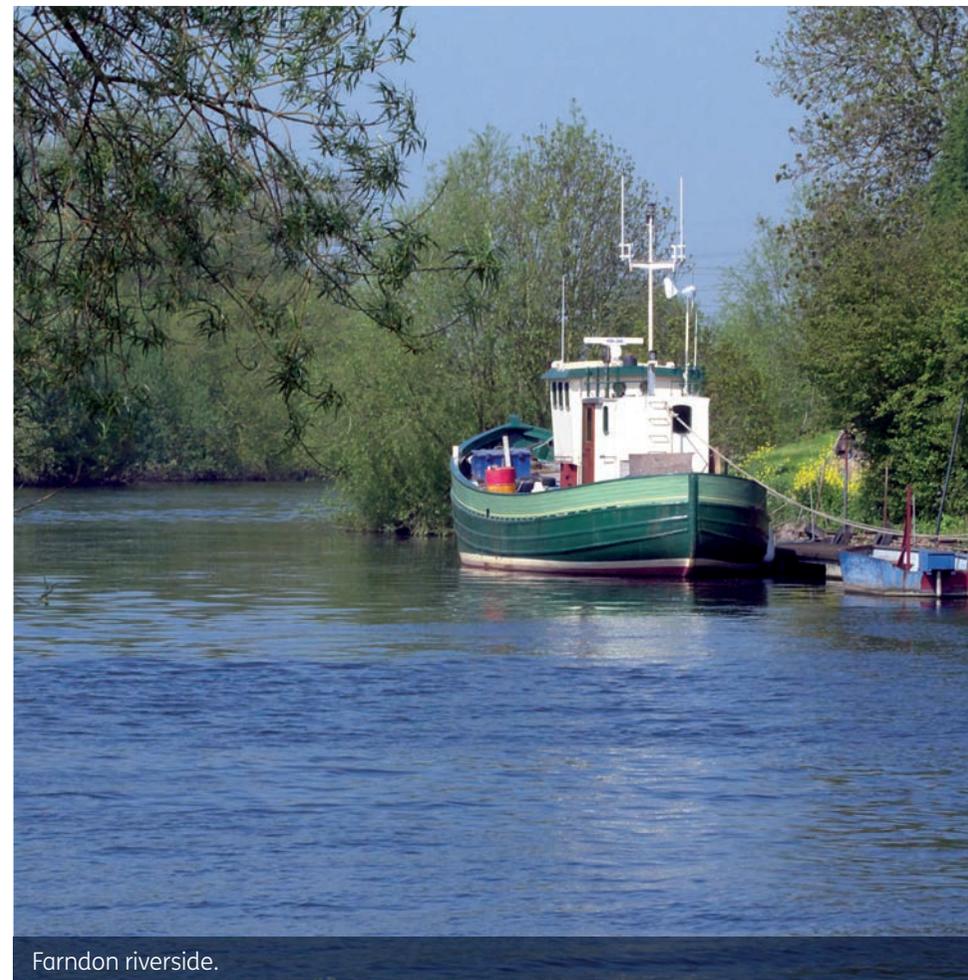
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Walk Route

Farndon Circular



Farndon riverside.

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Farndon Circular

1 Start. From the picnic area near the landing stage, follow the public bridleway in front of the pub. After passing through clapper gates continue for a few metres and cross over the footbridge which spans the entrance to Farndon Marina.



Farndon Marina.

A well-defined path continues along the riverbank and a high hawthorn hedge on the right conceals the gravel pits beyond, now used as a marina and for angling. Continuing straight on past a fingerpost, the path is beside the Trent with crop fields on the right hand side. This section of river is known as 'Baggarley Rack.'

Farndon pits are very valuable for wildlife. In summer many migrant birds including chiffchaffs, whitethroats and willow warblers breed here. In the winter, wildfowl and grebes can be found searching for seeds and weeds in the lake margins or diving for fish and insects.

2 Continuing along the river towpath, the direction gradually changes to north-east and, on the far bank, the new Staythorpe Power Station can be seen. The path is still well defined beside the river and across it you start to get a good view of Averham Weir. It gives the appearance of the River Trent having broken its bank but this is due to the water falling over the weir.



The River Trent splits at this point into two natural but managed channels. The weir was built to control the amount of water which went to the mills at Averham and Kelham, and therefore leave the river running through Newark deep enough for boats to pass. Some of the wooden stakes you can see may be part of the medieval weir.

3 Beyond Averham Weir the river changes direction to south-east and the route is on the path following the curve of the river and around the edges of crop fields. Where the arable fields finish the route is over short grass. Looking ahead you can see a disused windmill which is soon reached following another curve in the river.

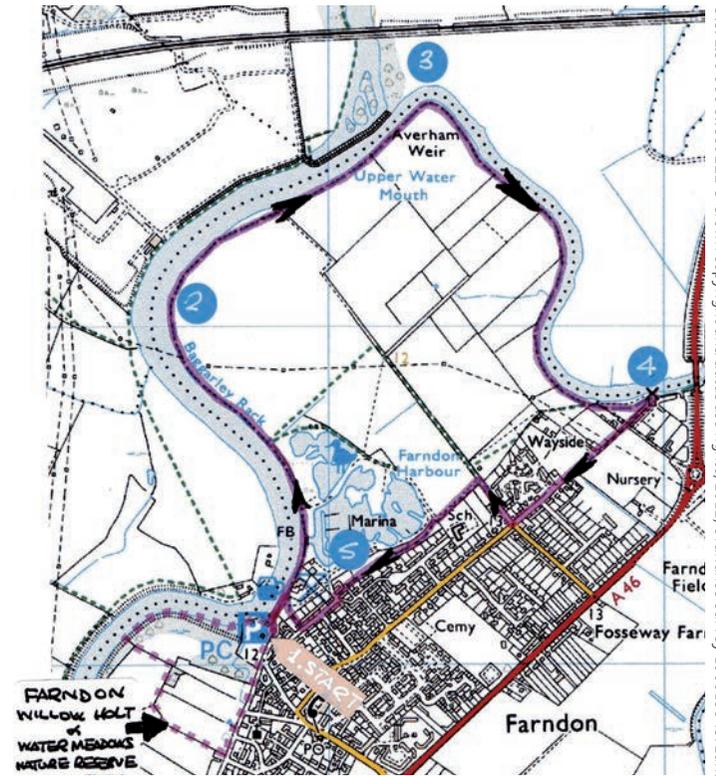


Farndon Mill; one of several that used to be in Farndon. This red brick mill is missing its cap and sails and is dated to 1823. Its millstones and machinery were removed in 1953.

Here was the location of a dam, built by Major General Poyntz in 1646 during the Civil War, to cut off the water supply to the Newark mills. This would have forced the water down the Averham/Kelham branch of the river, leaving Newark with no way of powering its many mills.

4 After passing through the clapper gate in front of the mill, turn right following the public footpath sign onto a surfaced path which runs along the wall of the mill and along the backs of Mill Cottages. Upon reaching a lane continue straight across past paddocks and out onto tarmac road (Marsh Lane). Continue to the mini roundabout and turn right onto Long Lane. Ignoring the turning onto Walters Close, continue straight on for approx. 150 metres and then turn left onto a wide track. After passing the school the path becomes grassed as it passes through Farndon Meadow.

5 The route then emerges through two rows of garages and onto a narrow road. Turn right and then almost immediately left to follow the public footpath sign. Continue along this path, through the picnic area before turning left as you rejoin the riverside path, to return to the start point. The nearby Willow Holt and Water Meadows Nature Reserve managed



by the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust is one of the few remaining survivors of the working willow holt which were a feature of many Trentside villages.



Willow Holt and Water Meadows NWT Nature Reserve.