



Our walking trails can be very popular. Please park considerately, and maintain social distancing on your walk. Find directions and booking info where relevant on the property web page.

Start: Main car park

- 1 Starting from the Main car park, follow the signposts towards the cafe and shop. Once into this area, head towards the lake and this is where you pick up the Robin Hood way. On arrival at the lake head east with the lake on your right and continue along this path to the end of the pleasure grounds. Once at the end you will see an inlet with black iron railings round it, this used to be the boat dock where the Dukes of Newcastle kept 2 scale frigates. Reaching this point turn left along the dirt path and you will soon notice a stone arch way in front of you.

# The Robin

# Hood Way at Clumber Park

## Walking trail

Enjoy grand views of Clumber from several vantage points as you walk round the estate through a mixture of habitats including woodland, parkland and heathland.

In partnership with



Clumber Park, Worksop, Nottinghamshire S80 3BE

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Moderate

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4 hours

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8 miles (12.8 km)

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Explorer 270 Sherwood Forest

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Dog friendly

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*A tranquil waterfall at Clumber Park | National Trust Images/Sarah and David*

- 2 After going through the arch way, continue for around 100 meters and on reaching the woodland and the 2 stone pillars turn right, with the grass field on your right hand side. Follow this path as it follows the woodland edge and then it meets the lake edge, continue with the lake on your right, past Heron Point and onto towards the causeway.

## Heron Point

Heron point was once home to a colony of 10-15 pairs of Herons in the mid 1900's, this gave this area it's name. The nearest colony of Herons is now on the neighboring estate of Welbeck.

- 3 The next section takes you over the causeway, beware of traffic as this short section has vehicles as well. Cross the causeway and head for the car park by the lakeside and continuing along the lakeside path.

## The lost woodland

The area on your left as you cross the causeway used to be woodland. When the water is clear you can still see the old tree stumps under the water, and of course the remaining trees still standing. This area was flooded due to mining subsidence in the 1980's due to repair works on the dam, this altered the water levels in the lake.

- 4 Just before you get to the weir and the footbridge turn left alongside the toilets and head into the car park. Once in the car park walk straight on with the farm buildings on your right. As you walk along the estate village of Hardwick can be seen on your left, this was once the home to many workers of the Clumber estate. This section of the walk is along the roads so be careful of vehicles. Continue along the road with the farm on your right and head downhill towards the Ford. Cross the ford by the footbridge and go up the hill for around 200 metres, you are soon at a bridleway on your left which crosses the field, which you need to cross.

## Clumber Ford

The ford is the longest ford in Nottinghamshire, occasionally during the summer in times of low rainfall it dry's up. In 2008 during the summer floods the water level was up to the level of the bridge surface.

- 5 On crossing the field take the opportunity to look behind you at the view across the park, this is one of the highest points on Clumber. Leave the field by the pedestrian gate and cross over the road and take the red surface path opposite, with a woodland on your left and a grass paddock on your right. You will soon reach another road, cross over this road and continuing through the woodland. You have now left the first section of the Robin Hood Way, we shall rejoin it shortly.
- 6 You will soon reach an intersection of paths, turn right at this section, and follow the path as it opens up from woodland. You have now left Clumber and walking back on the Robin Hood way. Continue along this for around 1.5 miles, this track is open with young trees on either side of it. Once you start to enter back into woodland look out for a right turn back into Clumber.
- 7 Reaching point no 7 look out for a signpost and one of our information boards turn down the path towards them and follow the path round to the tarmac road, on reaching the road turn right. take a glance to your left on your will notice the greyhound gates which use to lead into the neighbouring estate of Thoresby. After a short distance, walking along the road take the first right past the wooden barrier. After 100 meters take the next left this is called Copper beech Avenue and after a while you will soon start to notice them on your way down towards the lake.
- 8 When you reach the end of the avenue of copper beech trees take a look at the bird feeding station and you may be lucky enough to see a Great Spotted woodpecker feeding on them. In front of you will see the ornamental bridge which spans the lake. This was built in 1778 and has 3 arches. Head over the bridge and take in the views from both sides of it, once over the bridge take the left fork in the road and walk straight on towards the barrier in the road and continue along this road.

- 9 You soon reach Lime Tree Avenue, the avenue is 3.5 miles long and contains 1846 trees. The trees in this section were planted in 1995. On the junction of the road is a small stubby tree, this is an English Purple Oak and one of only 2 on Clumber. When you reach the road turn right, then 1st left at the staggered crossroads, you will walk past a wooden barrier. After a short distance you will reach a cattle grid with a gate on the left, use the gate to enter the paddock. During the summer you will find sheep and cattle grazing this area, and a sign will be on the gate if any are present. Carry along this road to you reach the end of it after about 1 mile.

### Heathland

Since the 1920's, much of the heathland of Nottinghamshire has been lost due to agriculture, forestry, mining and urban sprawl. The areas of heathland left are vitally important for wildlife that is often only found there, so it is really important to take good care of them and try to expand and link them together wherever possible. Grazing with animals help us to maintain these areas, and help keep these in a good condition.

- 10 After exiting the pine woodland, you will reach a wooden barrier, go past this and follow the road up the hill to the left. This is a busy road so take care when walking next to it. After 200 metres you will come across a path to the right with 3 wooden bollards in it, surrounded by Rhododendron. Head down this path walking through Silver birch woodland at first and then in a pine woodland. Eventually you will get to sculpture and an information panel. The sculpture is part of the sustrans cycle route which runs through Clumber. At this part turn right and follow this track for 3/4 mile.

- 11 At the end of the track you will come out at the mature section of Lime Tree Avenue, these trees were planted in the 1820's. Head straight across the road and past the admission point and continue along towards the main facilities. Take care as this can be very busy at times.

### Evergreen Oak

As you walk along the road look out for an dark green tree overhanging the road, the tree is called an Holm Oak and is evergreen.

**12** Continuing along this road you will walk past our campsite, and a wooden bus shelter, as you get further into the centre of the park you will find it will open up into grassland. On your left you will see the cricket pitch and Pavilion. You are now reaching the end of the walk, so why not head towards the cafe for well earned cup of tea and a slice of cake.

End: Main car park