

Thanks to Victoria Gammon for joining me on this lovely walk.



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Mallards Pike, Forest of Dean *The perfect spot for a lakeside stroll and picnic*

Length 0.5 miles

Overall rating **Easy**



Getting here and parking: Post code GL15 4HD, follow sign posts for Go Ape and Mallards Pike



The road access is well paved and easily accessed. You will need to drive over one cattle grid to access the parking.

Parking: Pay and Display parking operates at Mallards Pike; monies raised are essential for site maintenance and improvements. Please bring the correct change with you as the Pay and display machines do not currently take card payments. Card payments can be taken in the cafe for car parking tickets. **Regular visitors can save money with a Discovery Pass** £30 for a whole year - that's just £2.50 a month and gives free parking for a year as well as a range of other benefits! Disabled parking is available BUT does **charge** even for blue badge holders) 0-2 hours weekdays £2, weekends and school holidays £3. For more details see FOD website.

Facilities:

Toilets; Disabled toilets available but no hoisting facility. Nearest toilets with hoisting facilities are at Cannop Cycle Centre, Cannop Valley, Nr Coleford, Glos GL16 7EH.

Refreshments: café, offering a wide range of wholesome homemade breakfasts, lunches, hot & cold drinks, amazing cakes. Picnic areas available on grassed areas with beautiful views of the lakes.



The walk

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Footpath is unpaved in places which could make it unsuitable for accessing by wheelchair after a heavy rain - but the pathway is kept in very good condition and easily wheelchair friendly.

This is a popular dog-walking area so please be aware that dogs will be sharing the area, often off the lead.

There are two bridges on this walk - both are very gradual and have an anti-slip surface. The walk has a very slight slope but is generally an easy flat surface.

The route is an easy circuit that can be walked clockwise or anti clockwise. There are plenty of benches along the lakes to have a rest and enjoy the beautiful view.

Take some duck friendly snacks (NOT BREAD) and feed the resident duck and see if you can spot any migrating visitors!

