Hammonds Pond *walk* 5

Time
14 - 27 mins

Distance
1.5km (0.9 miles)

Steps
Approx 1,800

Route
Tarmac and
firm gravel

Start point
Hammonds Pond
Blackwell Road
car park
CA2 4RU

Parking
Free (car park)

Bus routes
67, 68

Walk category
Easy

This walk follows a figure of eight route across level ground. The paths are mostly tarmac, with some firm gravel on the second loop. The route is suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Hammond's Pond takes its name from Archie Hammond, a market gardener from Upperby, who saw commercial potential in the old, flooded brick pits. In 1923, Archie opened 'Pleasureland' where people could enjoy boating, the animal enclosures and dancing on a Saturday night.

Today, Hammond's Pond offers a miniature railway, a café (limited opening), toilets, children's play areas and aviaries. Away from the ponds, are football pitches, a ball court and a nature trail.

The varied habitat attracts water and woodland birds, with many successfully nesting in the park. Look out for ducklings and signets on the ponds when visiting during the summer.

Depending on your level of fitness it will take:

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Under 27 mins
(2 miles per hour)

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Under 18 mins
(3 miles per hour)

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Under 14 mins
(4 miles per hour)

Calories used
Women: 105kcal

Men: 126kcal

Route description

From the car park, follow the path (with the pond to your left) until you reach the top of a slight rise, where the route turns over a bridge.

Cross the bridge and continue past the miniature railway, over a second bridge towards the café. Bear right past the play area (on left), towards the Sports Cage. Take the left fork and continue towards the Scalegate Road/Lamb Street entrance.

Bear right just before the entrance gate and follow the path around the edge of the park to rejoin the lakeside path. Continue along to the bridge. Cross over the bridges once more and follow the path to the left, past the aviary and around the second loop of the pond, eventually returning to the car park.

Thrush

Upperby

Blackwell Road

Hammonds Pond

Bump track

Start

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Blackwell Road car park

Miniature Railway

Toilets

Play park

Café

Lake

Sports Cage

Scalegate Road

Wildlife area

Scale

500 ft

100 m

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