

Gill Mill Circular Walk

LOWER
WINDRUSH
VALLEY
PROJECT



Distance: 8 kilometres

Time: Approx.
1 hour 45 minutes

Start and end point:
Rushy Common Car
Park, Grid reference
SP 380 074, Postcode
OX29 6UJ

Parking: Park in Rushy
Common Car Park

This varied stile free walk gives you lots to see as it takes you through the workings of Gill Mill quarry, along the banks of the River Windrush and through the lake complex near Hardwick finishing with views of Tar Lakes Nature Reserve.



- 1 Exit through the Rushy Common Car Park entrance and go through the gate on the opposite side of the road. You are now on the Down Valley Way bridleway. Turn right and follow the path north for approx. 1.75km. The path will take you past quarry works, around farm buildings and alongside agricultural fields.
- 2 When you reach a gate at the end of the Down Valley Way, pass through and turn left to join the Northern Cross Valley Way. Follow this path over a

quarry conveyor belt, and across the eastern arm of the River Windrush.

- 3 As you near Ducklington you will reach a crossroads. Turn left, and walk through the metal gate to come on to the Windrush Path. Continue down the path to join the western branch of the River Windrush on your right. Walk south-east along its banks for 2km, looking out for kingfishers as you go.

- 4 As you approach Hardwick, there will be a kissing gate. Go through the gate and take the public footpath across the field, before passing through another gate. Follow the footpath around the eastern side of Founders Lake and then cross the bridge over Standlake Brook.

- 5 Follow the path around the western tip of Brasenose Two Lake. The path then crosses the eastern arm of the River Windrush and takes you towards Tar Lakes.

- 6 Continue around the eastern edge and northern edges of the Tar Lakes complex, looking out for swans and ducks on the water as you go.
- 7 Pass through the gate onto the road, and cross onto the other side. Turn left along the path, and catch a glimpse of Rushy Common through the viewing gaps as you go back to the car park.