



Woodberry Wetlands Walk

Walking time: 30mins to 1hr
Depending on how fast you amble along, admiring the views and watching the wildlife. If you have binoculars, we recommend taking them with you.

Opening hours: Mon – Sun: 9.00am – 4.30pm

Coal House Café: daily 9am – 3pm

Address: West & Coal House Entrance, New River Path via Lordship Road, N16 5HQ

Closest Station The Castle is 5 minutes' walk from Manor House underground station.

History

The new wetland reserve has been created around the East Reservoir in Stoke Newington, close to the Castle Climbing Centre and transformed into an urban wetland nature reserve offering about 25 acres of ponds and reed beds established primarily as a haven for waterfowl.

Built in 1833, along with the Castle, a former water pumping station, as part of the bid to provide fresh water to the City of London in the 1900's, the area has been closed to the public ever since. Hidden undisturbed behind hoarding and sprawling metropolitan development, one of London's best kept secrets is now open to the public for the first time in nearly 200 years.

The Woodberry Wetlands walk is an easy stroll along the new river path (access for pushchairs & wheelchairs along the route) providing the walker with an opportunity to immerse themselves in a variety of nature, wildlife and urban landscapes.

The Walk

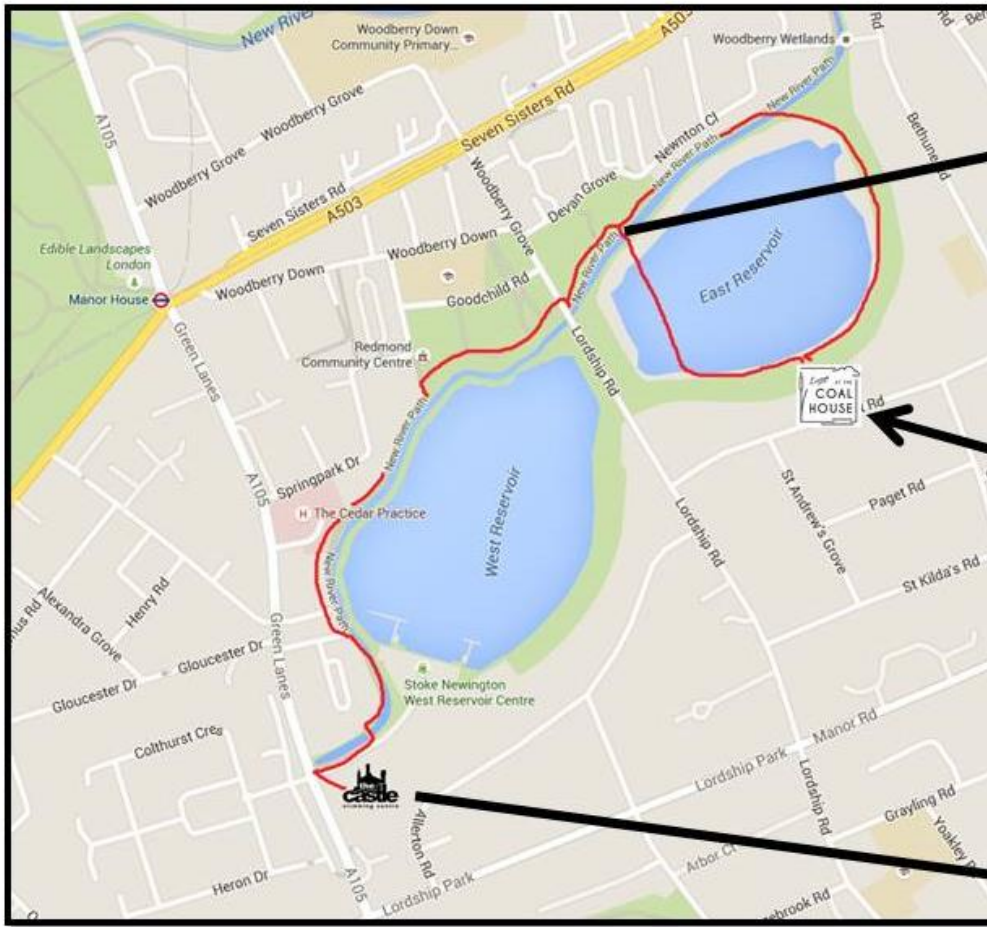
The walk starts along the New River next to the Castle Climbing Centre and takes in both the West & East Reservoirs, stopping at various points.

1. From Green Lanes turn into the private road with the Castle Climbing centre on your right. Take the pavement on the left hand side of the road.
2. 30m down turn left following the green 'New River Path' signs over the bridge.
3. Follow the New River path alongside the West Reservoir coming out into the new luxury development of Woodberry Down.
4. Cross Lordship Road and continue along the New River Path.
5. Woodberry Wetlands entrance is along the New River Path. It's hard to miss!
- 5a. Take this path over the boardwalk towards Lizzy's Coal House Café and walk around the East Reservoir counter clockwise.
- 5b. Or carry straight on and walk clockwise around the Reservoir.
6. Retrace your steps back to the Castle Climbing Centre.

Things to See

Birds you might see along your walk include gadwall, shoveler, tufted duck, common waders and terns. Additionally species such as reed bunting, song thrush, kingfisher and Cetti's warbler are known to breed at the reserve so may well be seen or heard. In addition to the birds, the site is home to invertebrates such as damselflies and dragonflies, as well as amphibians and plant life.

Map



Woodberry Wetlands Entrance



Lizzy's Cafe



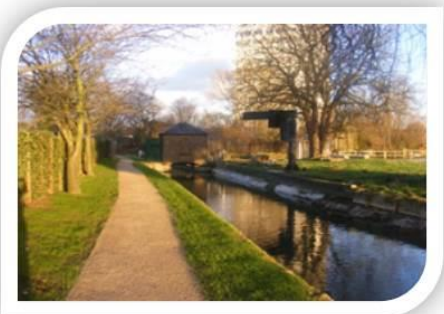
Castle Climbing Centre



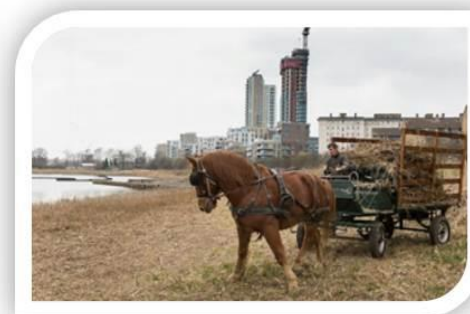
David Attenborough opened Woodberry Wetlands May 2016



View of East Reservoir



The New River Path



A Suffolk Punch hauls reeds in the Woodberry Wetlands

