

TO “BLUEBELL WOOD” AND BACK

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Follow the walkway between the Civic Centre car park and Lakeside Medical Centre to and turn right along side the lake. Follow the path round the edge as far as the footbridge. Do not cross the river but turn right to follow the shale track along and into Cabot Grove; bear left along Cabot Grove (across the end of Cook Close) to cross Shackleton Drive and along a short walkway to Tasman Grove [(3) B4]. Follow Tasman Grove (to the *second* Shackleton Drive). Cross to go ahead on the walkway to Cosford Court.

In front of the green of Cosford Court turn left and follow walkways to the underpass and exit in public open space. Continue ahead (now on a shale track) over a footbridge to a crossroads of paths. Turn right and follow over rise to enter the southern section of Smith’s Rough via a swing bar gate.

Perton Walk and Talkers call this area Bluebell Wood. The path system within Smith’s Rough/Bluebell Wood is a tad complex to describe here but essentially there are three ways *only* in and out via swing bar gates – so spend a while meandering, hug a tree, feel free, and when you’ve had your fill - ensure you exit into the cul-de-sac end of Hoylake Road.

Follow Hoylake Road and where it curves to the left, (to the junction with St. Andrews Drive), turn off right on a walkway between a driveway to a house on the left and a hedge on the right behind which is another driveway/vehicle access. Follow the walkway as it gently curves left with a fence on the right and a hedge on the left, then via a gentle right curve exits onto the cul-de-sac end of Portrush Road.

Go ahead to the other cul-de-sac end of Portrush Road and continue ahead on a walkway between the front garden of a residence on the right and the fencing of the rear garden of the property on the left. This walkway exits onto a short cul-de-sac section of Lytham Road. Turn right along the main body of Lytham Road and follow it round a tight left curve to a walkway off left between wide grass verges with a couple of knolls to the right and several trees. Follow this walkway to The Parkway and cross to follow the shale track alongside the River Penk going anti clockwise round the lake, over the decking and along to Perton Civic Centre.