

Walk from Leadhall Road to to Rotary Woods area via Cornwall road and the Green Hut (Harlow)

This walk is a bit of an adventure. Much of it is street walking and is suitable for damp weather; although there is some potential for getting slightly lost, you're never more than 200m away from civilisation in any direction.

Park in Leadhall Rd., top end of Rossett Avenue/ Rossett Drive, or in the vicinity of Ashville College or Harlow Park Road.

If starting at Leadhall Rd., go to Green Lane and turn right before taking another right into Rossett Avenue and walking to the end where you turn left to pass the Rossett playing fields¹ and then Rossett primary before coming to Pannal Ash Road.

Cross the road and turn left before turning right into Harlow Ave, taking the second right on the avenue to enter Harlow Park Road and College Street towards the end. At Otley Road you use the pedestrian crossing and walk into Harlow Moor Road where you see the St. Andrews police convalescent home on the right².

Just after the home, turn right into Lascelles Road and go to the end, before turning left into Margaret Road and then coming to Harlow Moor Drive where you cross straight over and head for the obvious red dog-poo bin on the other side of the field. Turning left towards the town centre you then arrive at a notice board and bench seats you then turn left again and go to Ebor Rise and then Cornwall Road. Turning left on Cornwall Road, you walk to the end and cross at the mini roundabout.

Take the path into the open field, where you will notice some bench seats and a board describing the planting of the Rotary Woods. The path takes you along the edge of the field to the other end, keeping the hedge to your right, and continues as a muddy path into Rotary Woods. You might hear light humming from behind the trees, which conceal Harrogate Spring Water. At the end of the muddy path you will see an opening to your right³, but here you are taking the left fork to get into Pinewoods after a while. At the tarmac path you turn left and come to an open field where you head directly across the field to another red dog-poo bin on the other side, this being quite close to the Council nursery and greenhouses.

Go past the nursery towards the Harlow Water Tower and then straight on to Otley Road, which you cross nearby the Shepherd's Dog pub. On the other side of the pub there is Wharfedale Ave, taking you behind some housing and a converted workshop to a narrow path. The narrow path takes you to the Harlow Green Hut and Beckwith Ave., allotments. If you continue straight along the path you arrive at the Pannal Ash Road/ Green Lane roundabout, so your route back to the car depends on where you parked.

¹ The "Bog Fields" nature reserve is on the other side of the road past the playing fields. There was no housing development there because great crested newts live in the bog and ponds.

² The history of this area is shown on a plaque beside the gates.

³ At the opening you get a good view over countryside.