

### Route Highlights

This route will see you explore the Welsh Harp Reservoir, as well as some local history in the streets full of Trobridge's architecture.

**1 Start** at Wembley Park Station and exit by turning left onto Bridge Road. Turn around and look at the stadium behind you.  
**2** Turn right onto Chalkhill Road and left onto Wellspring Crescent  
**3** and then walk up through to Forty Lane. Turn right onto Forty Lane  
**4**, take your first left onto The Paddocks  
**5**, then first right onto Greenhill  
**6**. Turn right onto Salmon Street, take your first left onto Queens Walk  
**7** and turn right onto Church Lane  
**8**. Take the first exit from the roundabout onto Old Church Lane and then follow this road as it makes a sharp left  
**9**. Continue to the end, turn left onto Birchen Grove and follow this as it makes a sharp right onto Welsh Harp  
**10**. Take the wider footpath which is straight ahead with a gate, and follow this around the waters edge. Cross straight over Cool Oak Lane keeping on the path with the water to your right and the fenced in bushes to your left.  
**11**. Stay on the path as it heads away from the water until you come out into the clearing. Walk straight across the football fields, aiming for the hole in the fence you can see on the other side.  
**12**. Walk through the hole in the fence, out onto the road, and then take a right into Silver Jubilee Park after about 100m  
**13**. Head up through the park to the top, and then exit onto Townsend Lane turning left, south  
**14**. Follow this and take the right fork Kingsmead Ave  
**15** at the end of the park, turn right onto Wood Lane  
**16** and left onto Church Lane  
**17**. You will reach the corner of Queens Walk and Church Lane where you first came out. From here, retrace your path back to the station. Turn right onto Queens Walk, right into Salmon Street, left onto Greenhill Way, left onto The Paddocks, right into Forty Lane, and left through the path that leads to Wellspring Crescent. Turn right onto Chalkhill Road and left onto Bridge Road at Wembley Park tube station where this **route ends**.

### Places of Interest/Heritage

**Wembley Stadium:** home of England Football, stands on the site which has been used for football since the 1880s. The 'twin towers' stadium initially opened as the British Empire Exhibition Stadium in 1923 and had been built exclusively for the Empire Exhibition in 1924 after which it was due to be demolished. The electronic scoreboard and roof were added in 1963. The stadium was closed in 2000, demolished in 2003 and re-opened in 2007, with its iconic arch that can be seen from all over London.



**St Andrew's Church:** thought to be the oldest building in Brent, this Grade I listed building, likely to be of Saxon origin, nestles in a wooded grove to the south of its Victorian successor which dominates the skyline. St Andrew's Old Church retains the feel of an

old country parish church. Inside are fine brasses and memorials to well-known local families dating from the 16th to 19th centuries. There's an old cemetery around the church which is well worth exploring.

### Ernest Trobridge Mansions:

On Old Church Lane you will see Old St Andrew's Mansions (1934-36), named after the church in the graveyard opposite, and several examples of Trobridge's architecture as shown on the map.



### The Welsh Harp Reservoir:

is 170 hectares of open water, marshes, trees and grassland located less than 10 miles from the centre of London. It takes its name from the public house, The Welsh Harp, which stood there until the early 1970s. Construction on the reservoir began in 1834, to ensure

sufficient water supply to feed the Grand Union Canal and Regents Canal. Construction was not without incident, and after a few deaths, a supervisor was employed for the project and a cottage near the dam was built. This cottage remains there today, and the site has been designated a 'Site of Special Scientific Interest'.

### The Environmental Education

**Centre,** is a 15 acre woodland site with classrooms next to the Welsh Harp Reservoir. Run by Brent Council and The Carey's Foundation, it offers a range of hands on environmental experiences to suit all ages. There are ponds, bee hives, bird hides, an artificial river and an adventure playground.



**Silver Jubilee Park:** was an existing public open space that was renamed for the Jubilee of King George V in 1935. There are several playing fields and a children's playground and good views to Brent Reservoir in the east.

**Facilities:** The only facilities on this route are at the garden cafe in the Welsh Harp Education Centre and there are toilets in Silver Jubilee Park.

### Distance

5.8 miles - 9.4 km - 13,500 Steps

### Time

**Fast** - 1hr 30mins, **Medium** - 2hrs, **Slow** - 3hrs 10mins

### Calories

**Fast** - 630, **Medium** - 570, **Slow** - 550

### Difficulty

Route through Welsh Harp is not suitable for prams and wheelchair users.

### Start / end station

Wembley Park Tube Station

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