

2. A RELAXING STROLL ALONG THE MEANDERING RIVER DEE

AT A GLANCE

Where: Farndon,
Cheshire

Distance: 4 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Start: Car park
behind the Parish
Memorial Hall

Grid Ref: SJ413545

Post Code: CH3 6QU

Map: OS Explorer 257
Crewe & Nantwich



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1. Exit the car park and turn right along Church Lane. Continue along the lane with the churchyard on your right. Reaching a junction, go straight ahead down a tarmac path (signed no vehicles). This leads you to the High Street. Turn left and continue down to the River Dee.

2. Take the signed footpath on the right just before crossing the river bridge. Follow this path keeping the River Dee on your

left. The path follows the course of the river for just under one-and-a-half miles before reaching Willows Fish Farm.

3. Follow the path past the fish farm to reach Townfield Lane. Go straight across to regain the riverside path to enter woodland. After 400m of woodland walking you reach a path junction.

4. Turn right here, leaving the riverside path, soon exiting >

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the woods. Join an enclosed track (Knowl Lane). After 350m turn right at a signpost. Follow the track along the left-hand side of the field.

5. The track bends right then left to reach some barns. Turn right between them and follow the track to a T-junction. Turn left and follow the track south for 200m to a junction of tracks.

6. Go ahead to join an enclosed track heading south. Follow this path/track south for about one kilometre to reach a road. Continue ahead down the road which will lead you back to the centre of Farndon village.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- **A short detour from this walk takes you to Holt Castle. This was completed in the early 14th century, having been started by Edward I after he invaded North Wales. Just the sandstone base remains today.**
- **Farndon was home to what many believe were the earliest competitive horse races in the country. Started in 1631, the contests were between local gentry, who were all asked to behave like gentlemen so as to set a good example to the villagers!**

• Walk courtesy of www.walkingbritain.co.uk