

THE WOMEN AND THE WRITER'S STORY

Location: Newstead

Distance: 2.5 miles | **Estimate**

As a writer returns to a place that he has never forgotten, three Newstead women take him on a journey and tell of their life in the village, then and now. Meeting others on the way they reflect on the importance of walking, fishing, partying, and friends.

This walk starts outside the Community Centre on Tilford Road and ends at the Remembrance Gardens, next to the Centre.

Walking down to Station Road we cross over the railway line to enter Newstead and Annesley Country Park, via the car park opposite the old pit wheel. Following the path to the right past the bird feeders, and up to the (hopefully soon to be opened) Visitor Centre, we walk around the Middle and Top lagoons. Having come down to the Viewing Point we retrace our steps a little before going to visit the Angling Lake. From here we follow the path alongside the recreation ground that takes us to the old bridge over Station Avenue. Briefly entering the Linby Trail we turn off right through the old slack yard down onto Station Avenue. We then head back towards the village, alongside the other side of the recreation ground and back across the railway line.

The walk is largely on pavements, paths, and tracks with some uphill walking, but nothing too steep. In places, weather depending, it may be slightly wet and muddy underfoot.

There are a total of 14 tracks on this walk, with regular stops along the way. There are also sections when the audio is playing as you walk.

The stops are:

- 1 The Newstead Centre, Tilford Road
- 2 Car park for the Newstead and Annesley Country Park
- 3 Bird feeders
- 4 Bench at the top of the Bottom Lagoon
- 5 Leaving the bench
- 6 Coming round the Bottom Lagoon
- 7 Picnic bench by the Middle Lagoon
- 8 Picnic bench facing the wind turbine
- 9 Path to the Angling Lake
- 10 Old bridge over Station Avenue
- 11 The Linby Trail sign
- 12 Station Avenue bend
- 13 The Pit pub / The pit wheel
- 14 The Remembrance Gardens, Tilford Road



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