

8 Turn right through kissing gate at the finger post to exit the Claypits onto Moat Lane. Turn left and continue down Moat Lane for 170m then turn left through gap in hedge back into Rixton Claypits just before large boulders on right hand side. Follow grass path as it descends down steps to wooden walkway. Turn right to cross stile in 10m then cross wooden bridge to next stile. Follow wooden path past bulrushes and pond on right hand side. Continue up bank then down steps, crossing wooden bridge, following path towards Visitors Centre alongside fence.

9 From the Visitor Centre follow the black and white bollards along path parallel with Manchester Road before going through pinch gap in 110m. Cross grassed car park to emerge onto Chapel Lane. Turn left along lane passing Rixton Methodist Church until reaching the T junction with School Lane. Turn right and continue along lane until reaching Elm Road in 350m.

10 Turn right down Elm Road and as road bears right cut through gynn in left hand corner. Turn left at end onto Sycamore Crescent and continue ahead to Birch Road. Cross road and follow tarmac path onto and across the village green passing St. Helen's school on your right and the children's play park on your left. As you cross the green Ye Olde Red Lion pub can be seen to your right. At Hollins Green Scout Centre follow path between fenced gardens to emerge onto Manchester Road. (If required, the Village Community Shop and Café is a short distance to the right.) Turn left and continue along the road passing the Black Swan pub on your left to return to the lay-by at the start of the walk.

Please follow the Country Code

For information on the Public Rights of Way network and bridleways please visit www.warrington.gov.uk and search **Public Rights of Way**

Rixton with Glazebrook is an attractive area of countryside lying on the eastern edge of Warrington. The route passes across farmland, down country lanes and into the heart of Rixton Claypits with its ponds, meadows, woodlands and wildfowl lakes. A former quarry, the Claypits is now a Site of Special Scientific Interest (S.S.S.I.) and in 1996 was designated a Local Nature Reserve. The site is rich in flora and fauna, including some rare species such as the Great Crested Newt. It is a haven for bird life and 130 different species have been recorded over the years.

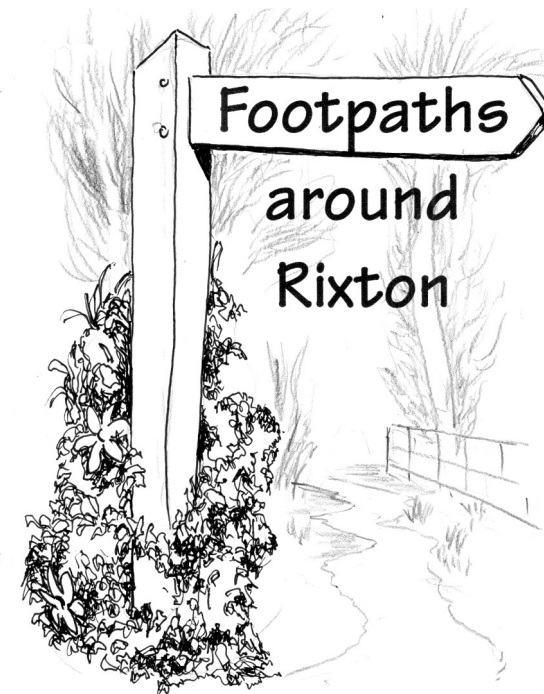
As you walk through the Reserve please respect this fragile habitat and observe the site's rules. Please keep to the footpaths. Responsible dog walking is welcome - please keep dogs on a lead at all times and use waste bins provided.



This is the second in a series of local walking guides available to download from www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net Your feedback will be much appreciated - please email us at hello@hamiltondavies.org.uk or call 0161 222 4003.






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Hollinfare and Rixton Claypits

A 4 mile circular walk from the village of Hollins Green through the nature reserve at Rixton Claypits (SSSI).
 Easy walking on level terrain — boots or strong footwear recommended.
 During summer insect repellent is advised.

-  Allow 2 to 2½ hours
-  Park in the lay-by on Manchester Road, Hollins Green (Grid Ref. SJ 699 913)
-  No. 100 from Warrington & Manchester stops outside The Black Swan pub on Manchester Road
-  OS Explorer™ 276
-  The Black Swan & Ye Olde Red Lion
 The Village Community Shop and Cafe
 Moat Cafe

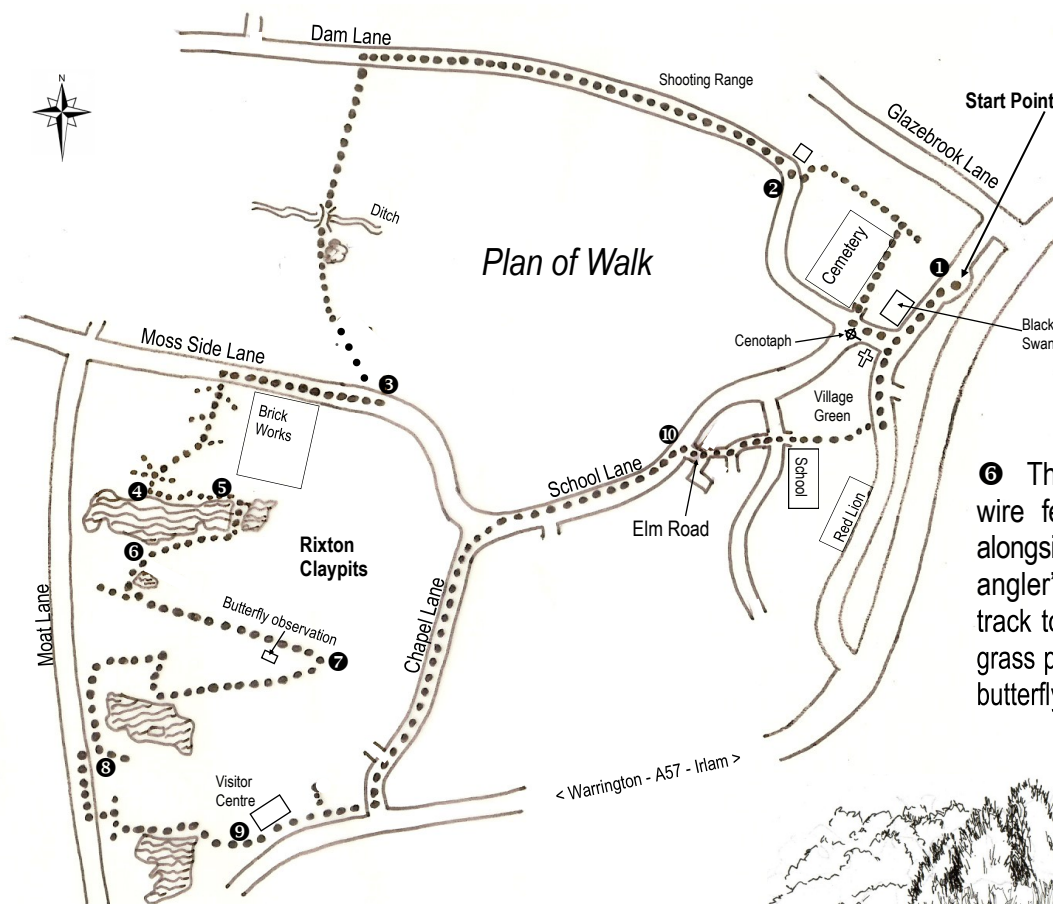
The walk starts from the lay-by on Manchester Road between The Black Swan pub and Glazebrook Lane traffic lights, known locally as Swan Brew.

1 From the lay-by cross over Manchester Road and turn left up Swan Brew to The Black Swan pub then turn right onto Dam Lane. In 30m, opposite the cenotaph, turn right down footpath alongside the cemetery for 200m. At T junction at the hedge turn left along edge of field towards houses.



2 After 220m emerge onto Dam Lane and turn right past a detached house. Continue along lane for 600m passing a shooting range on your right before turning left at waymark. Step down off the lane and cross the field towards chimneys. In 300m cross wooden footbridge into next field and continue ahead following path past solitary oak tree. Follow path straight ahead to emerge onto Moss Side Lane by waymark.

3 Turn right along lane past Rixton Park Homes on your left, followed by the Brick Works. In 500m cross lane and enter Rixton Claypits by gas pipeline post. Take the central grassed path (of the 3) straight on between the trees (can be wet). Keep ahead on this path ignoring paths to right and left. In 170m at five-path junction take the second left path between trees down towards fishing pool.

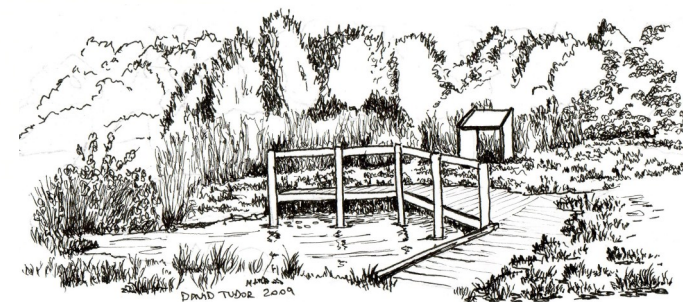


4 At T junction in path turn left with pool and ditch on your right (do not cross footbridge). Path bears left and then right through trees. At staggered junction continue ahead following the path as it bears right then left (do not take path towards the pool). In 30m at T junction turn right and in further 20m descend steps across wooden bridge to pool. Turn left over another wooden bridge and continue ahead to yet another wooden bridge with ditch on left hand side. Cross long bridge with views of water on your right. Take the steps to the right down to the water's edge. Follow the path along the side of the pool for 30m.

5 Continue ahead on path by ditch which shortly ascends 3 steps passing brickworks on left-hand side. Cross wooden bridge and continue along wooden path for 110m.

Descend wooden steps and continue along path (can be muddy in wet weather) with water on right hand side. As path swings left ignore path to right and cross the wooden bridges. Continue along this path and as it ascends through the trees go straight on, ignoring path to left.

6 The path bears left then right to wire fence in 30m. Follow the path alongside fence for 70m emerging into angler's car park. Exit to left along track to metal gate and turn left down grass path. Continue ahead for 220m to a butterfly observation point on your right.



7 In 30m path swings right and continues for 180m passing a pond to a fenced wooden walkway that turns sharp right. In 20m wooden path turns right again. Continue through trees as path bears left and continues to wind until reaching wooden zigzag path in 100m. Ignore kissing gate on right in 30m and descend over footbridge then up steps, following path as it winds to T junction. Turn left following path with fence and water on your left and Moat Lane on your right for 130m.