



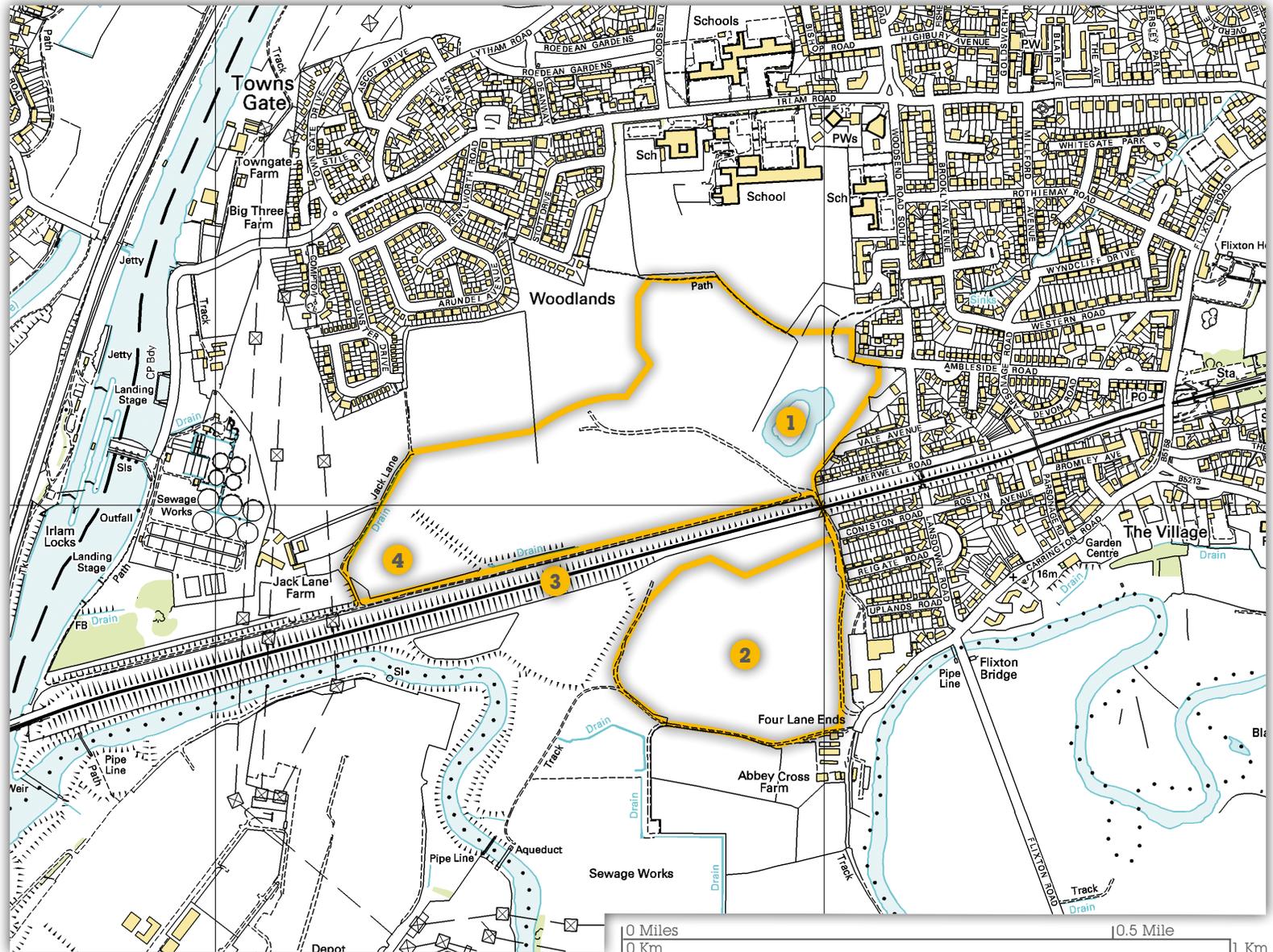
WELLACRE COUNTRY PARK AND JACK LANE NATURE RESERVE

ACTIVE TRAFFORD GREENSPACE

 Distance: 2.3 miles / 3.6 km  Allow 55 mins

This walk is one of ten exciting routes designed to help you explore some of Trafford's most beautiful countryside and parks on foot.

Trafford supports a diverse range of open spaces from the historic Longford Park, to visitor attractions such as Sale Water Park and Dunham Massey. Recreational routes, such as the Trans Pennine Trail and Bridgewater Way, pass through the borough's heart, linking local communities and visitors to the Mersey Valley and beyond.



WALK DESCRIPTION

This circular route takes walkers around Wellacre Country Park and offers panoramic views of the Mersey Valley and further afield. Enjoy the year-round birdlife and discover Flixton's historic railway line en route. In summer, the artificial hill and surrounding grasslands are covered with wildflowers, providing a rich source of nectar for butterflies and bumblebees. In autumn, the hedgerows burst alive with colour, offering a bounty of edible fruits for birds and other wildlife. The area is particularly popular with dog walkers and anglers.

ACCESSIBILITY

Paths are generally soft underfoot and prone to becoming muddy after rainfall.

Suitable for off-road cyclists and pushchairs.

TOILETS

None.

START POINTS

Ambleside Road, M41 6PH (recommended)

Woodsend Road South, M41 6QB

TRANSPORT LINKS

Bus Stop: Flixton Road / Flixton Village

Train: Flixton

Car: Street parking available

POINTS OF INTEREST

1 Duttons Pond: The pond was created from a brickwork clay pit and is popular with Urmston Angling Association. It provides a good spawning ground for toads and excellent foraging habitat for bat species such as the common pipistrelle.

2 Green Hill: The former ash fly tip is one of the highest points in the Mersey valley. On a clear day it is possible to see landmarks such as Winter Hill, Helsby Hill and Kinder Scout.

3 Railway Line: The railway line which runs through park is part of the Liverpool to Manchester line. Opened in 1830, it was the first to rely exclusively on steam power, be fully timetabled and carry mail.

4 Jack Lane Nature Reserve: This small marshland habitat supports a rich variety of wetland birds and other species, including sedge and reed warblers. The old sewage works nearby are an important undisturbed site for wildfowl in winter, and migratory birds in spring and autumn.



Butterfly Picnic walk



Gate keeper



Red admiral