

River Soar Trail



River Soar & Grand Union Canal

This circular route starts at the Alderton Close car park, but can also be joined at the Watermead North entrance, following the same directions. Suitable for family cycling or walking. From the car park, follow the path around the park. You will see the mammoth sculpture on the hill to your left - inspired by the bones discovered on the site. Continue until you cross the river at Birstall Lock. Keep the river on your right until you re-enter the park. Take the left forks in the path until you return to the river, and cross the bridge to come to King Lear's

ROUTE 4– Watermead North & South 4.2 miles

Lake, with its sculpture of the final scene from Shakespeare's famous play. Follow the path around the lake, passing the Watermead North entrance. Follow the canal until you reach Thurmaston Lock. Here you can turn right across the park to return to the path back into Watermead South. Crossing at Birstall Lock, turn left from the bridge to follow the boardwalk, eventually returning to the start.

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| <i>Start</i> | Watermead South car park SAT NAV: LE4 7RN Watermead North car park SAT NAV: LE7 1PD |
| <i>Finish</i> | As above |
| <i>Public transport</i> | Watermead South: regular services along Melton Road to Alderton Close Watermead North: Service 6 from Leicester |
| <i>Parking</i> | There is car parking at both start points |
| <i>Facilities</i> | Public toilets at Watermead North. Pubs, cafes and shops in Thurmaston (via Mill Lane) and Birstall (via Whiles Lane). |

