

Lytham Easy Walk 2 (2.86miles) – Leafy Green Drive Wood and views of the Estuary

Starting from The Railway Pub, cross over Park View Rd and head inland and over the railway bridge. At the mini roundabout, duck left into the Park, but continue in the same direction as Park View Rd alongside the playing fields. QEII Park View Playing Fields is a public space owned by Fylde Borough Council, who maintain the sport pitches. In 2012 the playing fields became known as QEII Park View Playing Fields when they were saved in perpetuity as a Fields in Trust site. Fields in Trust is a national charity that operates throughout the UK to safeguard recreational spaces and campaign for better statutory protection for green spaces. When you've past the playing fields, duck back onto Park View Rd through a gap in the hedge and cross over the road. After Norfolk Rd on your right and just before the main Ballam Rd, turn right into Green Drive Woods and walk to the end. Turn right and cross over the road with the roundabout on your left, then walk over the railway bridge and follow the road around to your right to the traffic lights. Cross over the main road and walk up Dock Rd, take the 2nd right onto Victory Boulevard. Follow this road as it twists and turns until you see Vanguard Wharf. Take the gate on the left to a path then follow this path to the right leading to the grassy area overlooking the ribble estuary and Southport. The Ribble Estuary attracts hundreds of thousands of birds each year. It's a special place with changing tides, lots of wildlife and nice views towards Southport and the Welsh Hills. Walk along this path admiring the views until you come to the end of the row of big houses on your right and you see a path leading to another gate on your right. Take this route and follow the road around keeping left until you are on Lytham Promenade walking towards Lytham Windmill. The present mill was built by the Squire of Lytham in 1805 on an area of ground known as Lytham Marsh and was leased to Mr Richard Cookson for a rent of 7/- per year. It is of the type known as a tower mill and was designed for grinding wheat and oats to make flour or bran. Just after the windmill take the path on the right to the Zebra crossing and head down Station Rd and back to the start. Treat yourself to a pint of real ale at Wetherspoons. You deserve it!

