Treasure

Whilst walking collect 'treasure'.

You will need: a small bag for collecting your treasure in and paper to note down where you found it.

Collect any natural materials which you class as treasure - leaves, twigs, stones, feathers, petals.

Put them in your bag and note down where you found them.

Once back from your walk, lay out your treasure in the order you found it (this is good for remembering the route).



Share your treasure with others, explaining where you found it and why it is special to you.





Why not try making a natural picture with your collection of treasures.

Self-guided walks PRESERVATI



A walk from Marston to University Parks.

This circular walk is approximately 3 miles (although can be extended) and takes around one hour at a steady pace.



This circular walk starts and ends at the

Victoria Arms Pub, Mill Lane, Marston, Oxford OX3 0PZ

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- I. Leave the car park at the Victoria Arms Pub and take the path to the left towards Marston Ferry Road.
- **2.** After approximately 190m, you will reach the Marston Ferry Road, cross over the road and take the path directly opposite. *Be careful crossing the road*. Follow the path keeping the River Cherwell on your right hand side.
- 3. At the end of the path, you will see two kissing gates. The right hand gate will take you along the riverside. The left hand gate will take you through Wolfson's meadows. These meadows are designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) for their good variety of native flora and fauna. Walk through the left hand gate.
- **4.** Walk around the meadow (keep the hedges on your left hand side) and exit via a stile opposite the bridge to Wolfson College. Turn left and follow the path along the riverside.
- **5.** Continue along the riverside, through a kissing gate and over a footbridge into a small copse. Follow the path to the left, through the trees and along a boardwalk. Continue following the path out of the copse and into meadows. Continue along the riverside and over another three footbridges. *This section can be very wet*
- 6. Once across the final meadow field and another footbridge, High Bridge into University Parks will be on your right. To extend your walk, enter the University Parks over the bridge and explore the green oasis of trees, grass and large pond.
- **7.** To continue this walk, retrace your steps back over the footbridge and into the meadow again. Take the diagonal path across the field towards a brook. Turn right and follow the path, keeping the brook on your left.
- **8.** Cross the brook via the concrete bridge and continue straight though four meadows, keeping the hedge on your right.
- 9. When you see a kissing gate, bear right through a gap in the hedge into the next field and continue around this one keeping the hedge on your left.
- 10. Bear left at the end of the field and through the kissing gate following the path passing MeadowBrook College on your left.
- II. Bear left at the end of the path and then immediately right to take the underpass under the Marston Ferry Road. After the underpass, bear immediately left and follow the path past the recreation ground and onto the bridlepath (Back Lane).
- 12. At the end of the bridlepath, follow the pavement until you see a kissing gate and footpath sign on your left, walk through the gate and diagonally across the field. Continue through another kissing gate, across the access road and through another kissing gate (opposite). Turn left and walk around the fields (keep the hedge on your left). Take the kissing gate on the left of the second field back into the Victoria Arms garden and car park.

