

Exeter's Green Walks

Introduction

This walk is mainly for birdwatchers, but can be extended through the streets of Topsham, finishing by the M5 where the T bus can be caught.

Walk Time: 1 1/4 at leisurely pace. The walk is mainly on roads hard paths and is flat.

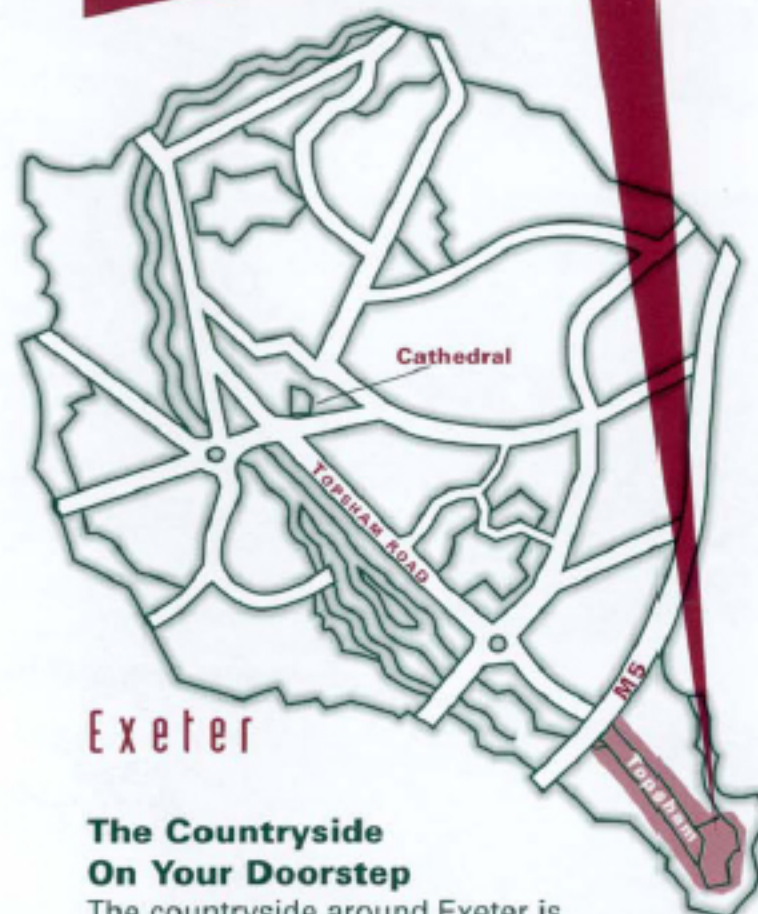
Directions

- 1 The start at Holmans Way car park can be reached by a T bus:

The road is well sign posted to the bird hide. Walk downhill along Parsons Path. Left into Monmouth Avenue, left into Monmouth Street to the road end and turn right into Bowling Green road.

- 2 Bird Hide.
- 3 Go along the riverside path called the Goat Walk.
- 4 The walk can be shortened by turning into Holman Way. Otherwise go straight ahead into Fore Street and then take the next left into Ferry Road and along Underway.
- 5 At the end turn right into Ashford Road and right at the end into High Street.
- 6 Walk down High Street and into Fore Street back down to Holman Way. Turn left for the car park.

Topsham and Bowling Green Marshes



Exeter

The Countryside On Your Doorstep

The countryside around Exeter is there to be enjoyed but it is also a place where many people make their living so please respect the rights of landowners - keep to footpaths or bridleways and only enter fields where a signed stile or kissgate is provided.

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Countryside walks in Exeter

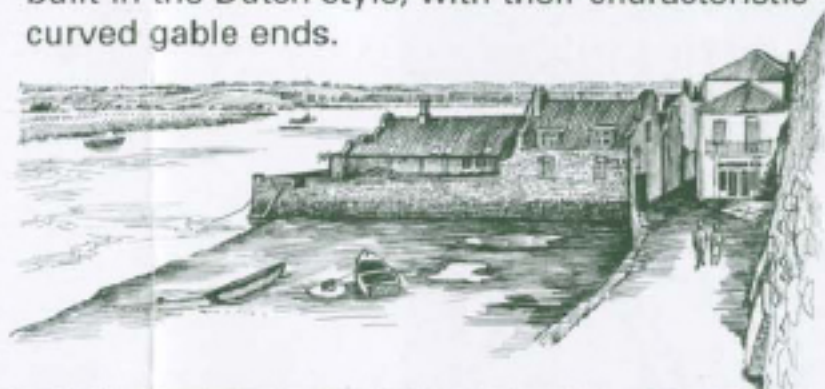
Topsham Museum

The building housing the museum, complete with courtyard and estuary gardens, is a typical merchants house in the Dutch style. It contains an enviable collection portraying the fascinating history of Topsham.



Topsham Scene

The riverside Strand contains some beautiful examples of 17th century merchant houses built in the Dutch style, with their characteristic curved gable ends.



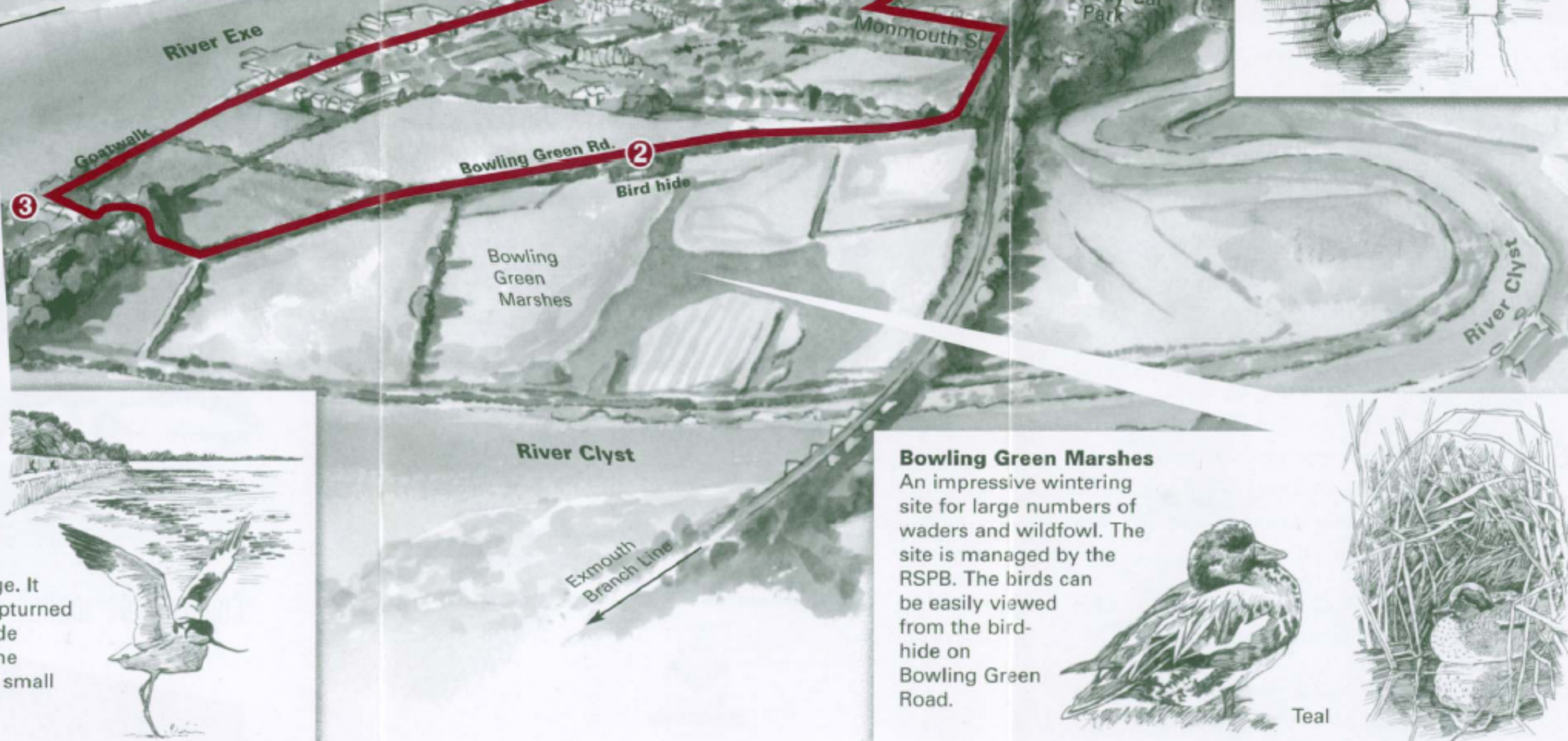
Topsham Ferry

This service operates from April to November and crosses the Exe to the Exeter Ship Canal towpath, leading left to the Turf Locks Pub and right to Exeter Quay



Canal Towpath walk to Turf Locks Pub

Canal towpath walk to Exeter Quay



Avocets

In winter Avocets can be seen on the mudflats from the Goat Walk. The Avocet has striking black and white plumage. It uses its curved, upturned bill in a side-to-side action to sweep the shallow water for small shrimps.



Bowling Green Marshes

An impressive wintering site for large numbers of waders and wildfowl. The site is managed by the RSPB. The birds can be easily viewed from the bird-hide on Bowling Green Road.



Teal

