**Take-it-Easy Walk**

**A walk around the park linking the various seats and benches**

- Length approx 3 miles
- Time about 90 minutes (plus breaks)
- The walk is mainly flat, with a few inclines in places.
- Please always wear suitable clothes and shoes and carry a bottle of water
- The postcodes can be used to enable your position to be identified in the event of the emergency services being called.
- The map is on the centre pages

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Sit for a while if you wish, then move off to your left up the field to the hedge, follow the hedge in the direction away from the car park. Seat (2) is on your left. The seat was provided by Rochford District Council (RDC)

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At the end of this section of the hedge, make a small ‘dogleg’ through the gap, so that the hedge is now on your right. Seat (3) is straight ahead in the corner by the gate. This is another seat provided as part of the park, by RDC

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**Flemings farm is ahead on your left. At the end of the field on your right and in line with the front of Flemings Farm turn right. Follow the path straight ahead and past the fishing lake you can see through the bushes on your left. At the end of the path, seat (10) is on your right. Placed by RDC. This is at the start of new England Wood, but we aren’t going in. Have a break, it’s time to start the return leg of our walk.**

There was a gap in the hedge just before the seat so turn round and go through it. Seat (11) is in the corner of the field straight ahead. This was provided by FOCOP in spring 2015.

The stream is straight ahead behind the bushes. Turn right with the stream now on your left. Follow this back till you cross the three-plank wooden bridge and bridleway and over the concrete bridge for a break at seat (8) again.

Follow the path, past the lake and back to seat (1) (a long section), then across the field back to the car park.

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The Friends of Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park

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Take a break and enjoy the view, then go through the gate onto the bridleway. Seat (4) is a short way up the bridleway on your left. This was donated by Cockethurst Townswomen’s Guild. Turn back and follow the bridleway around to your left as it turns the corner through the big gate. The track to your right is the private road to Blatches Farm.

Follow the bridleway along with the horses of Blatches Farm on your right. As the field opens up on your right there is a gate. Go through and here is seat (5). This is known as Sharon’s Seat and was donated in memory of Sharon Formosa who worked for RDC and loved the park, but sadly died in 2010.

Cross the field ahead diagonally, go through gate back onto the bridleway.

Go along the bridleway with the lake at a distance to your right to reach a gate into the field with a path down to the lake. You will see bench (6) through the gate. This was placed by RDC. Rest if you wish, then return to the bridleway and continue in the same direction.

At the end of the meadow, in the corner on your right, is a bench and tree (7) donated by FOCOP in spring 2014. A good place to admire the view back towards the lake. Then continue along the bridleway.

Go ahead a short way, to a corner where the bridleway does a dogleg to your right. Continue ahead until the bridleway reaches a wider track through the trees. Turn right onto this. Soon you will meet the stream again at a bridge. This is Poo Sticks Bridge. On the other side of the concrete bridge is seat number (8) near a sign board. This seat was donated by FOCOP in spring 2015. Have a rest!

Go back over the concrete bridge, and across the bridleway. Cross the 3-plank bridge over the ditch and follow the path parallel with the stream on your right.

At the end of the field and after the hedge, turn left. Seat (9) is half way up the field on your left. With Flemings farm behind. Carry on along the side of the field.