

SID & FLOSS's EASY- ACCESS PLACES - waterside

CADMAN'S POOL



Sat nav. coordinates

50°54'29" N 01°40'22" W

Ordnance survey coordinates

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Head east from Linwood, then turn left at Milkham's car park towards Fritham. After 1.4 miles turn left into Cadman's Pool car park which is opposite the Ocknell Pond car park.

FACILITIES

Large Car park - no specific spaces reserved for Blue Badge holders, but 8 -10 spaces look directly over the Pool.

Toilets - none here. The closest Forestry Commission ones are at Bolderwood, 3.7 miles to the south, which also has a separate disabled toilet. (See refreshments)

Seats - none

Picnic tables - none



Refreshments - none. The nearest pub is the Royal Oak in Fritham, 3 miles away. The pub has excellent disabled toilets in the grounds, an accessible garden, and a temporary ramp to enter the pub.

SID SAYS; It is approximately 20 metres (22 yards) from the edge of the car park to the Pool. Cadman's Pool can be enjoyed without leaving the car. This is a good area for picnics, or just to sit and enjoy the view. There is an easy walk around the Pool on firm grass, gravel and concrete path. The gentle walk around the Pool

is 500 metres (550 yards). Difficulty level 1.

Another longer, but easy walk, is from the car park, across the road to Ocknell Pond, a seasonal waterhole. Once across the road follow the path on the left. Return journey is 1.5 km. (0.9 miles). Difficulty level 1.

STONEY CROSS AIRFIELD. On the south of the Pool there is a long straight concrete strip, which was part of the old WW2 Stoney Cross airfield. When you leave Cadman's Pool car park, turn left along a mile of very straight road. This road was the main runway for the airfield. The length was needed for heavily-laden USAF bombers and later RAF transport planes. Most of the airfield concrete has been removed and the Forest restored, but if you turn right at the T-junction and pull into the Stoney Cross Plain car park you will find a memorial plaque and a large map showing how the huge airfield was laid out. See www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest for information about the airfield. They also have a podcast about the airfield.

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