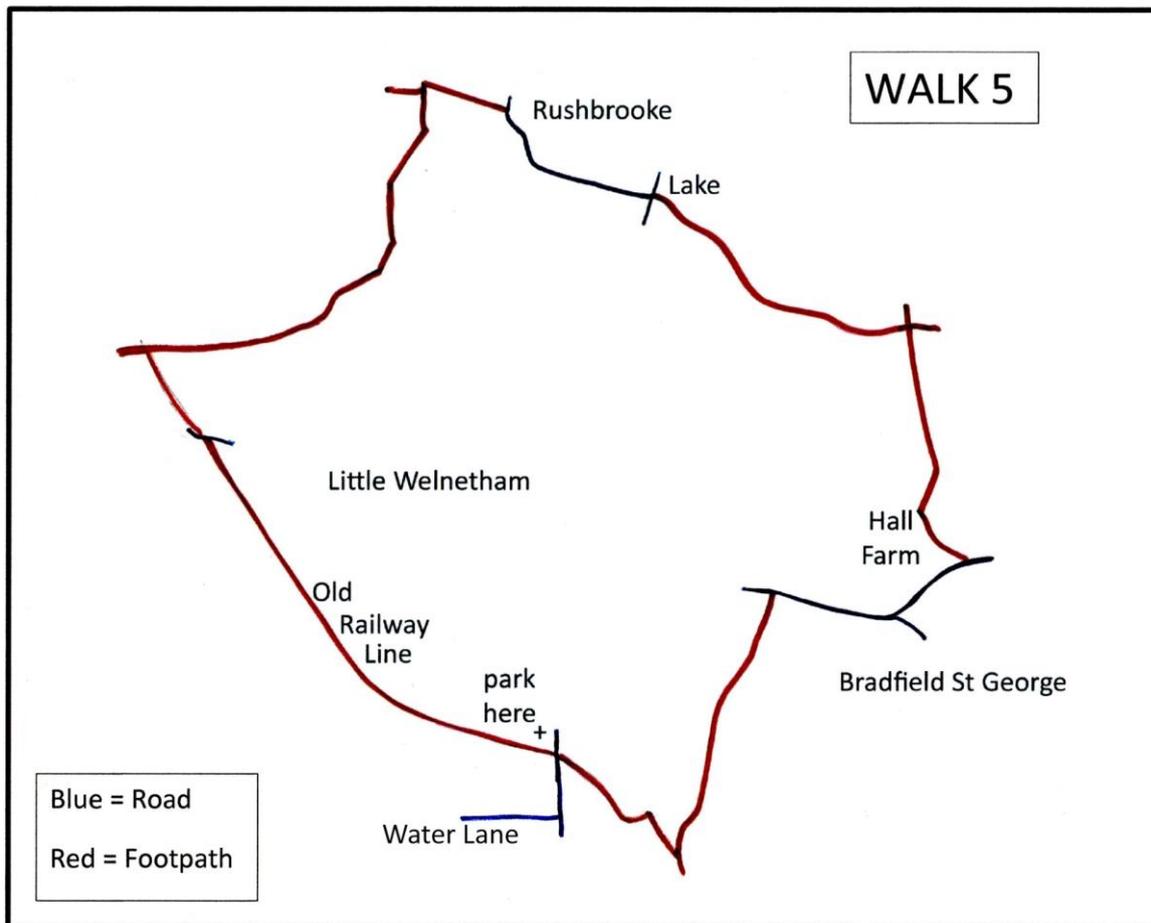


## Walk No 5 – NOT from Hawstead Village Green



This is a circular walk, mostly on footpaths, approx. 2 – 2.5 hours: if you're OK with driving 10 mins. from Hawstead.

Drive Bells Lane then L to Gt Welnetham and at main road R for 1 mile. Turn L on Water Lane; at end L for c.200yds and park on earth area by road under trees.

Behind and on same side of road climb steps to former railway track. Walk full length, through gate, cross road and go straight ahead, field fence on R, then to R of house and along LH side of field. At end of field, sharp R uphill and between trees. Landscape opens up, path through very wide avenue of trees. At end fork L along track, RH side of field. At T-junction with large lake ahead, go R through Rushbrooke and join road at end of houses. Go R, past church and follow road to T-junction. Go straight ahead (no footpath sign). There's a lake on L: can follow lakeside path R to picnic tables for coffee/lunch break. Otherwise stay 10-20yds from lake through rough area due to tree felling to locate path. Continue along LH edge of several fields with wooden bridges over field-end ditches to finger post at crossing of paths. Go R towards Hall Farm and Bradfield St George (Church visible ahead). As you approach the farm the path veers off L of buildings, cross the corner of a field to the road. Go R on road and at junction bear R. In hedgerow of third field on L, finger post shows the way across a meadow (may be calves), then another (stile), L into third field and down towards a copse. Enter along path towards house on R, but pass it, going straight ahead between widely spaced hedges. Then an open field on R: come to the end of field with a line of trees/shrubs marking the boundary. Immediately after, go R off this path, with small old orchard on L. You are now on the line of the old railway and shortly skirt round to L of commercial buildings. At road go R, and v. shortly, with 'Old Station House on R go L along track of old railway which takes you back to where your car is parked.

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