



Start and end of route:

St Chad's church. The nearest postcode is DE72 3QH

Distance: Around 1 mile or 1.5km

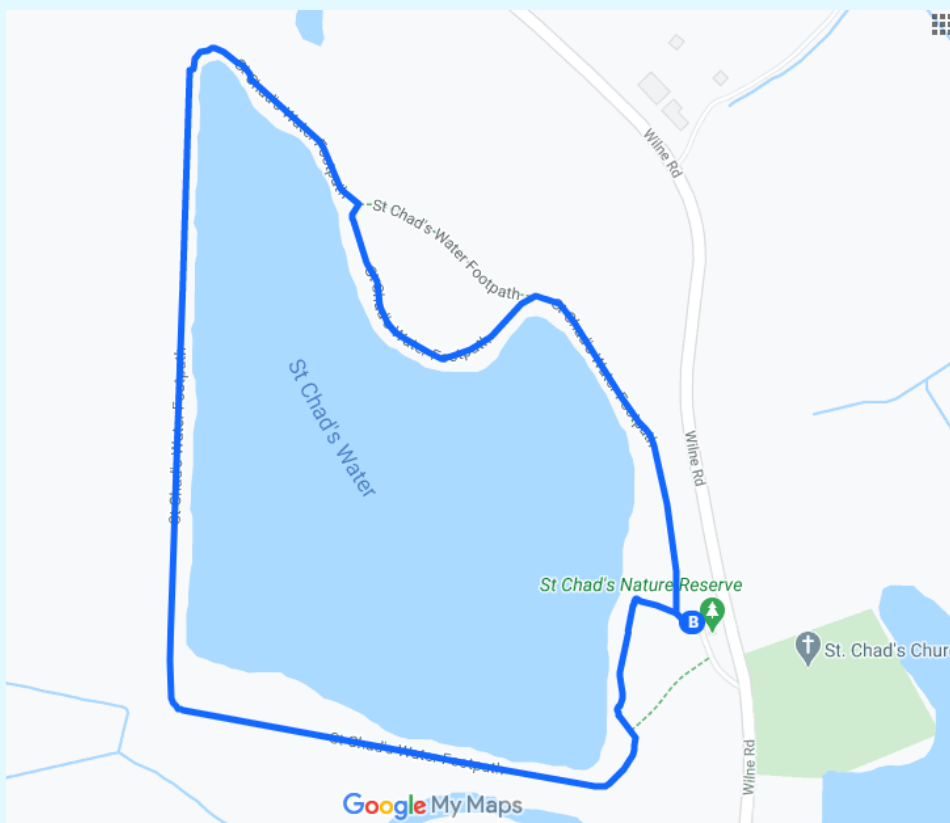
Time: 20 - 30 minutes at normal pace. But recommend you do this walk slowly at sunset. Maybe take around an hour.

Suitability: The walk is flat and has walkways for wheelchair users.

Refreshments and toilets: No public toilets or refreshments in the immediate vicinity.

Brief description of route: 100% of this walk is by the water around St Chads lake. It's a short walk and makes a lovely sunset walk. The pictures in this walk were taken at sunset on the evening of the 26th February 2021. The sun set that night at 17:38 so we started the walk at about 17:20 so we could see it setting and take in the wonderful colours created.

Route map:



Starting point:

Park in the car park opposite St Chads church. The nearest postcode is DE72 3QH



1. From the car park you can see the lake in front of you we chose to walk anti clockwise by following the circular path to the right keeping the lake on our left hand side



2. As we walked around we paused almost straight away to watch the sun setting on the far side of the lake. The colours were spectacular as the light hit the water and the children were mesmerised.



3. As we walked on, our dog jumped up at a young lady who was also taking in the splendor. My wife and I recognised her and after she had passed we realised it was Molly Windsor, who is a brilliant BAFTA award winning actress. Seems like Molly was also making the most of lockdown with some well spent down time being around water.



4. The walk has plenty of places to stop, sit, ponder and connect.



5. Our girls definitely got intrigued by the reflections from the trees glistening on the water.



6. As we reached the other side of the lake the light was fading and the full moon had appeared on the other side creating another reflection.



7. Behind us the colours were constantly changing as the sun sunk lower behind the horizon. The colours seemed to cascade against the sky turning different shades of red and purple.



8. As we made back towards the car, we had a final sit to watch the darkness gradually increase.



Activity:

Check out the local history. Back at the car we checked out some story boards on the fence at the side of the church telling us about the local history of the place.



After this we went home feeling this was one of the best evenings we had spent together as a family. Lockdown definitely prompted us to do a sunset



walk around water and it's something we will continue to do. We hope it inspires others to do the same.