

- 5 Turn right following the path over the boardwalk. Follow the path through the wood keeping the pool on your left.
  - 6 When you reach a further section of boardwalk, turn right and go through the kissing gate. Cross the lane carefully and go into the woods to the left of the bungalow.
- Water voles also like the Moss. They make little nests for their poo instead of 'plopping' in the water.**
- 7 Follow the main path through the woods passing another pool and emerging onto a track. Turn left crossing the small car park to the lane.
  - 8 Cross the lane to face the main pool with a green seat nearby. Turn right and follow the path around the pool, crossing a small boardwalk and bearing slightly left until you come back to the main car park.



## Kangaroo Facts

☞ Don't pick up frogs and toads unless your hands are wet. The natural acid in your skin can burn them. It's best not

to pick up newts at all because they are protected by law.

☞ Last year Glastonbogggy was poorly attended as tickets were only available online and frogs and toads can't use computers.

☞ Kangaroos don't like frog-rock. They think it's toadally rubbish and newt worth the effort.



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# FAMILY FRIENDLY WALKS

## Brown Moss Bogginess



### WHAT SORT OF WALK IS IT?

**Type of ground** – Flattish but can be boggy

**How long?** – Short 1 mile / 1.6 km. Allow 40 minutes

**How easy?** – Easy peasy!

**Suitable for pushchairs?**

– Not really as it's pretty BOGGY, as I've just SAID

**Warning!** This walk includes some awful frog jokes and may be offensive to serious naturalists.

**Do frogs like hip-hop?**

## Finding the start

**Brown Moss** is just off the A41 between Prees Heath and Whitchurch. Follow the brown signs. The car park grid ref is SJ393563.

## Start

- 1 From the main car park, by the large pool, cross the old ditch by the footbridge and go through a small wooded area and across the grassland into the woodland.

**Brown Moss** is like a huge puddle that's been soaked up by sponge-like mosses. At one time it was a big lake like Ellesmere. It's been clogged up with dead plants to make thick black peat, unlike Ellesmere which is full of soggy bread.

- 2 Follow the path through the wood to come to a house called Beehive Cottage.

A blacksmith once lived at Beehive Cottage. He was mad about playing darts. He made little pointed iron hats and strapped them to three large dragonflies, thinking he'd use them down the pub. The dragonflies flew off and can sometimes be seen zooming about scaring wasps.

- 3 Turn left past a pool following the hedge-line and where the path splits keep left following the wide path through the wood.

- 4 Cross the boardwalk between pools then turn immediately left roughly following the edge of the pool. After a short walk you emerge at an open area by the large pool.



Frogs, toads and newts love Brown Moss. Every year in early spring they have a big outdoor music event called Glastonboggie Festival.