

# Graham the Gamesley Sidings Goat

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#### Leisurely walking

- > Street parking near trail  
- please park considerately
- > 2k Circular loop,
- > Allow 30 minutes



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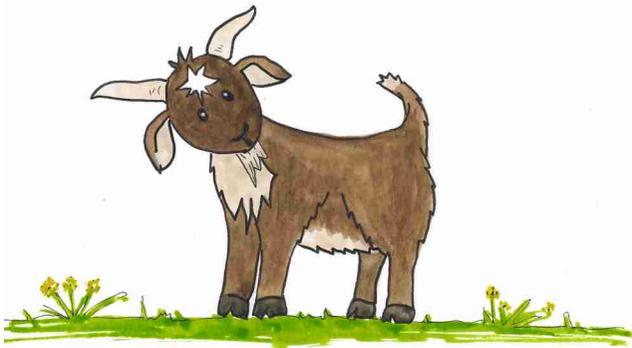
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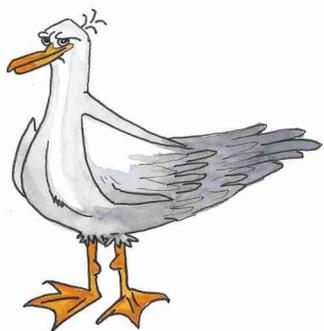
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Graham the Goat  lives in a field next to the start of Gamesley Sidings Trail. Graham is known as the local escape artist, he just loves to keep Florence the Farmer  on her toes, finding different ways to escape from his field every day. He digs holes under the fence, chews through ropes, squeezes through the smallest gaps and even jumps right over the fence. **(Marker 1)**

Graham walked up and down the perimeter of his field looking for a way out, he soon came across a tree trunk that had fallen in the wind, leaning up against the fence, it made a perfect bridge for Graham to climb up and jump onto the trail! 'Yay free, I can go for a walk' he thought, so off he went up the trail, he followed the trail through its zigzag and found a bench, he sat down to admire the trees. **(Marker 4)** From high up a voice called out 'Good morning Graham, how are you?'



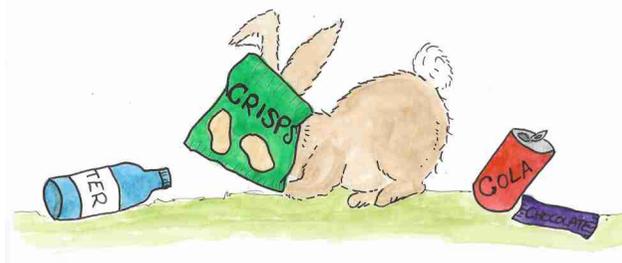
It was Harold the Herring Gull, who lived at the nearby tip. Graham replied, 'Hello Harold, I'm good thank you, I'm enjoying a lovely walk'. Harold flew off towards the tip squawking as he went.

Graham continued on his walk, along he went towards the overhead bridge. **(Marker 10)**. He met Ronny the Rabbit 

Ronny was bouncing around in a panic. 'What's the problem?' asked Graham, Ronny pointed down the trail to the right side 'Quick, quick' he said, 'Rosie the Rabbit  is caught up in some old rope, her feet are tangled and she can't get free!' Graham and Ronny both ran down the path towards the pond. **(Markers 11-17)**



It was quite a long way, but they eventually got to the pond and found poor Rosie completely tangled in the rope, on her head she had a discarded packet of crisps. She whimpered 'I only wanted a crisp, but I got caught in this rope and fell over'.



Graham reassured Rosie that he could free her, he got to work doing what goats do best, gnawing through man made-fibres, he made short work and soon had Rosie free. Rosie squealed with joy, 'Thank you, thank you Graham, you're amazing'. Graham was pleased to help his friends, but he was sad to see all the litter that had been left for his friends to get hurt on.

He said his farewells to the rabbits and made his way back along the trail towards the bridge **(Markers 17-23)**, he kept going until he reached the zigzag path **(Markers 25-29)**. Here he saw Harold the Herring Gull again, he told Harold all about the incident with the litter, Harold said he wished people would put their rubbish in the bins, so it can be recycled safely at the tip. Graham nodded in agreement, at this moment he heard a familiar voice, 'Graham, oh Graham there you are' said Florence the Farmer , 'Come along, let's get you back in your field' **(Markers 4-1)**.

Florence led Graham back into his field and locked the gate. Graham, munched on the fresh straw that had been left for him.

