



The numbers on this map show the starting point for each walk

## PLEASE

- Leave gates as you find them
- Keep your dog under close control
- Take extra care in fields of cows and calves
- Keep to the waymarked paths
- Take your litter home
- Try to use public transport
- Wear suitable footwear and clothing



# Drayton Walks

A series of 10 short walks in the Market Drayton area compiled by Andrew D. Boden

## Walk 1

### The Aqueduct and the Coal Brook (1¼ miles - 2 km)

The walk is described in sufficient detail to follow it successfully just by using this sheet. However, you are encouraged to use the Ordnance Survey® Explorer™ 1:25 000 map no. 243 - Market Drayton, Loggerheads & Eccleshall - where the route can be seen in the context of the surrounding countryside.

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## Walk 1

**This short walk ( 1¼ miles - 2 km) starts by the canal aqueduct to the east of the town, then goes by fields, a small wood and a stream to return along a quiet lane.**

### 1. SJ 6853 3430

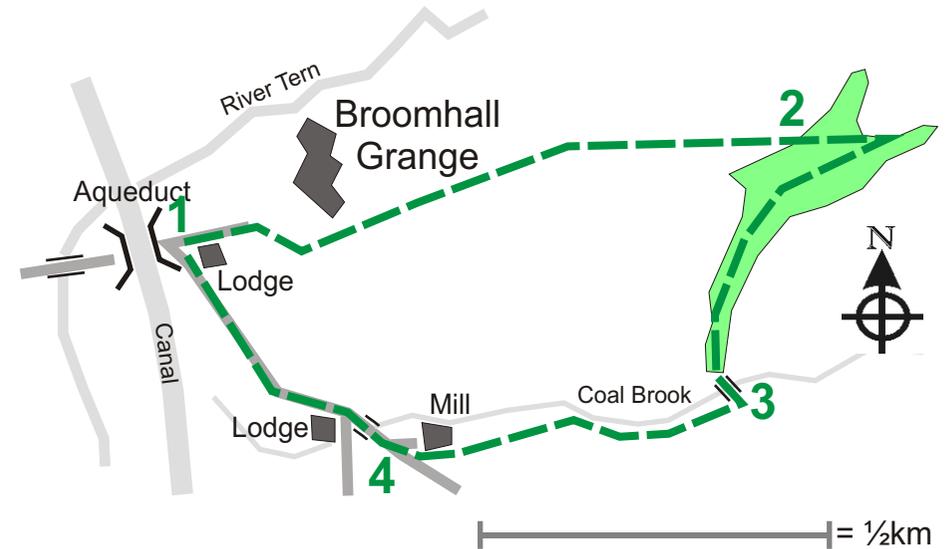
Start at the drive to Broomhall Grange, just past the canal aqueduct on the Peatswood Road. Here a footpath sign with a fish on it points towards Tern Fisheries. Walk along the driveway and when it divides, take the right fork towards the house. Cross the



stile in the right hand fence and go across the field (quarter left) to the near gateway (by the electricity transformer on a pole). Cross the stile next to this gate and head over the next field (quarter right) towards the distant wood. At the next stile, notice the inscription on the left hand post - "Harold Bradbury, Ashley 1985" - This gentleman can be thanked for many of the stiles and waymarks in the area. After this stile cross diagonally right to a stile at the near corner of the wood.

### 2. SJ 6930 3440

Enter the wood and follow the main footpath to the left, then double back to the right on a wide track which leads towards the lower corner of the wood. When you reach a gate into a field, don't go through it, but follow the path alongside the fence -field on left, wood on right. Soon a broad track linking two fields crosses the path; there is both a stile and gate on either side. Cross and continue down through the small thicket to reach a footbridge which passes over the Coal Brook.



### 3. SJ 6939 3410

Immediately on the right after the bridge, two stiles lead to a narrow, tree-lined path alongside the brook (keep the stream on your right). At the end of this path another stile leads into a field; follow the right hand hedge towards the house almost directly ahead and as you approach it, look over to the right to see a picturesque old bridge in the garden. After you have passed the house, go over the stile in the corner of the field and through the short patch of rough ground to the stile which leads onto Peatswood Road.

### 4. SJ 6882 3404

The house you have just passed on the right was a paper mill using the Coal Brook for power. Turn right along the road over the ivy-covered bridge. This seems to have been favoured by amateur engravers as you can read that NH was here in 1951 and TH = FS ! On the left is a carriage drive to Peatswood Hall (now demolished and replaced by a modern house, with only the stable block remaining) with Peatswood Lodge on the corner. It is now only a short walk along the road between the old walls and under the large canopy of trees - notice the high canal embankment on the left - to finish where you started near the aqueduct.