



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 10

Tyrley Locks & the Shropshire Union Canal (3 miles - 5 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 10

From the car park by the river Tern, across broad fields and by woodland to the boating bustle of Tyrley wharf and locks, this is a pleasant walk of contrasts. (3 miles - 5 km).



1. SJ 6759 3395

Start from the Swimming Centre car park at the bottom of Phoenix Bank on the A529 road to Newport. Heading away from the town, cross the river Tern by the wooden footbridge and go up the rise to the top left hand corner of the picnic area where a gate leads out to the road. Cross and turn right to pass Tyrley Castle Farm and then climb the bank until a driveway branches off to the left, marked by a finger post. At the top of the drive a path leads straight ahead into a large field.

2. SJ 6814 3308

Ahead and to the left you can see two areas of woodland. The path leads towards the left side of the left-hand (furthest) woodland. Follow this line until you drop down into a small 'valley' running across your path, then as you climb out of it, bear right to head for the left side of the right-hand (nearest) wood. When you reach this corner go diagonally left across the next part of the field to the line of trees then follow this line along the edge of the field, keeping the trees and subsequent woodland on your left, until the track widens and slopes down to a lane. Turn left and arrive at Tyrley Wharf on the Shropshire Union Canal.

3. SJ 6905 3247

Tyrley Wharf was built in 1837 to serve the needs of the nearby Peatswood Estate. However the workers' cottages and other buildings are now desirable private dwellings, situated at the top of a flight of 5 locks. Cross the stile on the right near side of the bridge then follow the towpath to the left and under the bridge. This picturesque stretch of the towpath is well maintained as you walk alongside the locks and descend into Tyrley cutting where the canal has been cut through solid rock. Pass the next bridge (no. 61) and the canal

crosses an embankment, giving good views of the town across the fields to the left. Continue until you reach the aqueduct over the lane near to Broomhall Grange.

4. SJ 6845 3430

Go down the steps at the side of the aqueduct and onto the lane. Turn left and follow the lane past Berrisford Close on the left and the Grove School grounds on the right until you reach Great Hales Street. Turn left and continue until you join the top of Phoenix Bank opposite Clive Steps and the Old Grammar School. Turn left and go down the hill to return to the starting point at the car park.

