



Marston Green

RAIL Trails

Birmingham International to Marston Green

This trail takes you from Birmingham International to Marston Green following Low Brook. You'll pass through the Woodland Trust's **Alcott Wood** (a natural example of oak woodland) and **Marston Green Recreation Ground**, an open space with wildflower meadow, ponds and play areas.

Birmingham International serves both the NEC, the UK's largest event space and Birmingham Airport. So, if plane spotting is your thing, there are official viewing points close to the trail, including in **Sheldon Country Park**. Covering an area of just over 300 acres it is made up of open grassland, wetlands, old hedgerows and mature woodland. **The Old Rectory Farm** is open to visitors year round.

You'll find refreshments in the suburban village of Marston Green, including the **Marston Green Tavern** and **Simla Restaurant and Takeaway**, serving Bangladeshi and Indian cuisine.

Further Information:



Visit www.visitbirmingham.com for more information on places to visit near Birmingham International, Marston Green and the wider area.



Birmingham International is on the mainline between Birmingham New Street and London Euston with connections to Northampton, Shrewsbury and the West Coast Mainline.

Trains run several times hourly to Marston Green, Hampton-in-Arden, Berkswell, Tile Hill, Canley, Coventry and Rugby.

Toilets, refreshments and ATMs are available.

Want More?

This is just one of a range of 36 self-guided walks from railway stations in Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull.



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Discover The Heart of England by Rail



Birmingham International

🕒 1.5 Hours 🚶 4 Miles 📶 Easy / Flat

Start: Birmingham Intl Finish: Marston Green

Discover wildflower meadows, oak woodland and parkland along Low Brook on an easy route to Marston Green. Plane spotting optional!

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Trail Highlights...



A. Alcott Wood

A 15 acre Woodland Trust site. A lovely oak woodland with ground flora containing several ancient species including wood anemone, remote sedge and wood sorrel. A lovely spot to linger in.

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk



Image by Ben SeabirdNZ

B. Aircraft Spotting

It's not just trains you know! From Marston Green station walk along the path to the viewing area by Runway 15. The airport also provides an official viewing area in the Long Stay Car Park with a good view of aircraft as they touchdown.

www.airportspotting.com/where-to-spot-birmingham-airport/



C. Marston Green Park

Lying close to the original Chelmsley Wood, Marston Green Park is a modern open space with a play area, wildflower meadow, ponds and Low Brook meandering through it. The park also offers multi sports courts if you are feeling energetic!

www.solihull.gov.uk/Parks-and-open-spaces/Marston-Green-Park



Image by Steve Sloan

D. Marston Green Tavern

Easygoing, family-friendly pub. Perfect for breakfast, lunch or dinner, with all your pub favourites. Just the spot for a cheeky pint and something filling after your ramble!

www.sizzlingpubs.co.uk

Did you know?



Ozzy Osbourne, lead singer of Black Sabbath was born in the village of Marston Green on 3 December 1948...

Also Recommended..



Image by National Motorcycle Museum

E. National Motorcycle Museum

One for the petrol heads! The largest motorcycle museum in the world with a cross-section of British machines, spanning the "60 Glorious Year" of motorcycle manufacturing in this country.

www.nationalmotorcyclemuseum.co.uk



Image by Elliot Brown

F. Sheldon Country Park

For something a touch wilder, explore just over 300 acres of open grassland, wetlands, old hedgerows and some mature woodland. The Old Rectory Farm at its heart is open to visitors throughout the year (from 10:30am to 5:30pm).

www.birmingham.gov.uk/sheldonpark



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Symbols Key

	Public Toilets		Nature Reserve
	Station		Gardens
	Pub		Church
	Information Centre		Historic Monument
	Museum		Route of trail
	Castle		Waypoint
			Point of interest

Trail Directions

1. Leave the International Station and ascend the tarmacked path to the main road. Cross the road and turn right to the footbridge across the railway.
2. Cross the footbridge and walk parallel to the railway to where path turns right. Follow path away from railway and continue through the burial ground.
3. On reaching road continue ahead on Bickenhall Road. Turn right on road into sports fields and continue ahead to reach the road.
4. Turn left along Coleshill Road and then right into Brooklands Way and shortly left into Marston Green Park.
5. Take right turns along the path and turn right onto Moored Avenue when leaving Park. Continue ahead before crossing Moored Avenue and entering Alcott Wood on your left.
6. At the other side of the wood, continue ahead across road bridge crossing brook and following the other brook on your right.
7. Cross the road at a signalled crossing and continue to follow brook under the railway bridge. Turn left and ascend on path and shortly left again to Platform 2 of Marston Green Station.

Did you know?

The **National Exhibition Center (NEC)**, is the UK's largest event space. Just 5 mins walk from Intl Station, it welcomes around 2.4 million visitors to more than 125 exhibitions every year. Even more incredibly, it even has its own lake and beach!

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