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RAIL Trails



Claverdon to Hatton

This short trail stakes you through gently rolling farmland, past small pockets of woodland and across the Grand Union Canal.

Before setting off pick up some essentials at the volunteer run **Claverdon Community Shop**, and spend a little time with the timber-framed, historic buildings of Claverdon.

Along the trail you'll also pass the ancient remains of **Pinley Abbey**, once a Cistercian nunnery. Now occupied by Pinley Abbey Farm.

After crossing the **Grand Union Canal**, you could take a diversion into the village of Shrewley to dine out at the **Durham Ox**.

On reaching Hatton station we highly recommend that you continue along the canal to see the flight of **21 locks**, a lovely peaceful spot to have a picnic and watch the colourful narrowboats make their ascent.

Further Information:



Visit www.visitwarwick.co.uk for more information on where to visit and what to see locally.

www.shakespeares-england.co.uk provides everything you need to know for a visit to the wider area.



Claverdon is on the Stratford-upon-Avon to Leamington Spa line. Trains run two hourly to Stratford and Leamington via Warwick and Hatton. There is also a limited request service to Birmingham Snow Hill via Stratford.

Claverdon has a ticket office but further facilities are limited. Head into Claverdon village for toilets and refreshments.

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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



Claverdon

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1.5 Hours 3 Miles Easy

Start: Claverdon Finish: Hatton

A short trail through gently rolling farmland and past pockets of woodland to the Grand Union Canal and its "stairway to heaven" flight of locks at Hatton.

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A. St Michaels Church

This much loved and well-used community church is an oasis of peace for villagers and visitors alike. Don't miss the 15th century tower or the notable alabaster tomb of Thomas Spencer of Althorpe (died 1630) in the Chancel.

www.churchesofarden.org.uk/claverdon



Image by The Crown Claverdon

B. The Crown Inn

A classic village inn serving good quality homemade food accompanied by well kept beers, wines and spirits. The perfect starting point for any walk!

www.thecrownclaverdon.co.uk



Image by The Durham Ox

C. The Durham Ox

The refurbished Durham Ox, is a cracking stop-off with a large outside seating area to really enjoy those country views. The menu boasts a range of mouthwatering dishes using local produce and all prepared fresh on-site.

www.durhamoxshrewley.co.uk



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D. The Grand Union Canal

The Grand Union Canal links London with Birmingham, passing through rolling countryside, industrial towns and peaceful villages. It is also the UK's longest canal.

www.canalrivertrust.org.uk



Image by Clive Hicks

E. Hatton Locks

State of the art locks were built at Hatton to fight Hatton's famous 'stairway to heaven' flight of 21 locks is a lovely spot to watch the colourful narrowboats as they traverse the Grand Union Canal. Top place for a picnic too!

www.canalrivertrust.org.uk



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F. The Hatton Estate

A whole day could be spent at Hatton Adventure World and Hatton Shopping Village. You'll find Escape Rooms, laser combat, a swimming pool, Gin Experience, cafés and the Hatton Arms Pub!

www.hattonworld.com

Did you know?



Pinley Abbey was dissolved in 1536, but from this walk you can still spot parts of the ruins incorporated into the buildings of modern day Pinley Abbey Farmhouse.

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Trail Directions

1. From platform, fork left up path to road and turn left on pavement (signposted Claverdon Village Centre). Over rise, passing 40mph signs. At telegraph pole in front of wooden fence after Hunters Lodge entrance, cross road to right-hand side of Star Lane, immediately turn right onto short stretch of tarmac and cross stile to left of large wooden gate.
2. Ahead on path close to left-hand side of field. Path bends left and right around trees, then along left-hand side of field, with trees and ditch on left, to corner. Go through gap to right of stile and immediately turn right through small metal gate. Turn left along left-hand side of next field, with trees and fence on left. Pass redundant stile. Do not go through large metal gate on left, but ahead and through large metal gate at end of field.
3. Ahead across field to large metal gate to left of two large trees. Do not go through, but turn left along right-hand side of field. Through large metal gate at end (may be open) and turn half right cross field



aiming for red brick house visible over tops of trees. At fence, turn half left onto stony track to large metal gate. Do not go through, but turn right between fences and cross stile onto enclosed path through trees. Turn left then right with path, with farmyard on other side of fence on left. At end of farm buildings, turn right with path again. Cross stile to drive.

4. Cross drive with gates on right, through wooden kissing gate. Ahead, through large metal gate in right-hand corner, ahead with fence on right to fence corner. Cross farm track and ahead on overgrown path (electric fence warning on post on left). Take care – nettles and brambles. Where fence has fallen over, ahead still along right-hand side. Through small wooden gate into field, ahead along right-hand side. In corner, unclip temporary fence to go through (clip it back behind you). Ahead, still along right-hand side, step over low section of fence in right-hand corner.
5. Ahead past trees on right, turn left on farm drive, through gateway and ahead on drive to road. Cross road, but do not go up driveway opposite – turn right on verge then in 10 yards turn left to cross stile hidden in hedge. Ahead on path with hedge on left, electric fence on right. Pass stables on right, cross gravel track, then ahead on path, still with hedge on left and electric fence on right, traffic noise (M40) audible ahead. At end, turn left with path and cross stile. Ahead with trees on left, boarding on right. Duck under tree leaning across path. Through overgrown section to cross stile and turn right to cross bridge over motorway.
6. On other side of bridge, cross stile (care – fence is wobbly) and turn right on track parallel to motorway. Immediately before clump of trees on left, turn left (waymark arrow on fence post on right) onto partly gravelled track. Follow this track as it winds across field to join line of large trees on right. Track bends left towards railway bridge. Turn right off track to cross stile and cross bridge. On opposite side, ahead on enclosed path parallel to railway line. Turn left down steps and at bottom turn right on path between fences. Cross metal footbridge and ahead, still on path.
7. Through gap by redundant stile, path emerges into open and bends left away from railway line. Ahead on path, which becomes enclosed again, to step over low fence in front of footbridge over canal. Do not cross, but go round base of bridge and turn right on towpath with canal on left. Immediately before bridge 56, fork right up steps and through small wooden gate at top to road. Cross road and ahead down side road to Hatton station.

Did you know?

Stairway to heaven? The term is used here to describe the famous flight of 21 locks on the Grand Union Canal at Hatton. Why? Because of the hard work involved in the ascent, followed by an easy run to Camp Hill where the workmen were paid!

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