



RAIL Trails



Marston Green to Elmdon

This circular trail from **Marston Green Station** takes you through two country parks, past the airport runway, through woodland, open parkland and lakes.

On leaving the station, stop off at the **Picnic Basket** for a hearty breakfast. Once on the trail you'll pass an airport viewing point where you might want to indulge in a bit of plane spotting before continuing towards **Sheldon Country Park**. Diverging off the trail just a short way, you can further explore its 300 acres of open grassland, wetlands and mature woodland.

The route will then bring you to **Elmdon Park**, with fine views across the surrounding landscape. The park covers the grounds of the former Elmdon Hall which encompasses the lake, as well as a heritage trail which provides historic info on the remains of Elmdon Hall, St Nicolas's Church and the old walled garden, which is now a Local Nature Reserve.

Further Information:



Visit www.visitsolihull.co.uk for more information on Elmdon, Solihull and other areas nearby.

Visit www.visitbirmingham.com for more information on places to visit in the wider area.



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

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

There are limited facilities at this station.

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



Marston Green

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2.5 Hours 5.5 Miles Easy / Flat

Start/Finish: Marston Green

Discover a different side of suburban life, with a trail packed with plane spotting, heritage and a surprising amount of green space!

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Trail Highlights...



Image by Ben SeabirdNZ

A. Aircraft Spotting

This route puts you squarely in the prime viewing area by the end of Runway 15. You'll also get some great (and probbaly noisy) views as you skirt the perimeter fence. Binoculars at the ready!

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



Image by Elliot Brown

B. Sheldon Country Park

This trail also lets you 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



Image by Alec Maltravers

C. Elmdon Park

Fine views, a wealth of history relating to the former Elmdon Hall and a wonderful variety of habitats including the old walled garden, woodland, lakes and meadows make this a top destination for an amble (and a great place for birdwatching)!

www.solihull.gov.uk/Parks-and-open-spaces/Elmdon-Nature-Park



Image by The Picnic Basket

D. The Picnic Basket

Situated in the heart of Marston Green Village, this café prides itself on its traditional English Breakfasts which are renowned within the local area. Perfect for a pre or post walk reward!

www.thepicnicbasket.co.uk

Did you know?



Howard Brown, branch manager for the Halifax bank, who won a staff competition to appear in their advertisements, was born and raised in Sheldon.

Also Recommended..



Image by Jaguar Landrover

E. Landrover Experience

Get behind the wheel of one of the UK's most iconic vehicles at the heart of Land Rover's manufacturing facility. With intense inclines, dramatic descents, sideways tilts and more, this is real big kids stuff!

www.experience.landrover.com



Image by Tradita

F. Tradita Cafe & restaurant

A worthwhile detour will net you an exquisite espresso and a menu of authentic, crafted, regional Italian specialties, all recreated by Italian chefs. If this isn't a great lunch stop, we don't know what is!

www.tradita.co.uk

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Trail Directions

1. From the Platform 2 side exit the station. Turn right on to path towards Sheldon Country Park.
 2. At the bottom of the descent take path to the left, taking you to the end of the Airport runway.
 3. Take the path alongside the airport perimeter fence all the way to the A45 Coventry Road. Turn right.
- For shorter walk continue along A45 to point 7**
4. Cross at the pelican crossing ascend to a footpath between houses, this crosses another 2 roads and then enters woodland in Elmdon Park.
 5. Take the drive ahead to the car park by St Nicholas church. A short detour ahead here will let you reach the Old Walled Garden (now a nature reserve managed by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust).
 6. When ready to move on, return to the carpark and take the path to the right downhill to the lake. Walk clockwise around the lake then follow the stream all the way north to the A45
 7. Cross the A45 and then follow the path through Sheldon Country Park. Rejoin your outward path at the aircraft viewing point and return to Marston Green station.



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



Did you know?

Elmdon Manor was built during the reign of Henry VIII in 1547, by a lawyer called John Boteler. Although that house was demolished in 1785 and rebuilt. It remained a private house until 1944 when it was purchased by Solihull Council and housed the Home Guard during WWII. It was finally demolished for good in 1956.

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