



RAIL Trails



Warwick Parkway to Hatton

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A breath of fresh air as you wander through tranquil farmland with wonderful views over Warwick and meander along the towpath of the **Grand Union Canal** to the famous locks at **Hatton**.

There's no fewer than 21 locks in the famous "stairway to heaven" to marvel at. These state of the art locks were built at Hatton to fight off competition from the roads and railways, and widened in the 1930s. And you'll find plenty of sedate spots to perch as the lovingly painted narrow boats slip by, from the gorgeous terrace at the **Hatton Arms**, to more freeform picnic benches or the **Hatton Locks Cafe** right on the towpath.

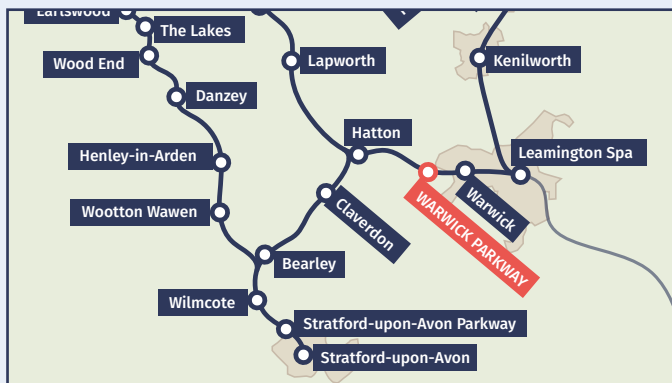
If you need a little more excitement then **Hatton World** on the Hatton Estate is nearby, complete with shopping, petting zoos, swimming pools and more activities than you can shake a stick at!

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.



Warwick Parkway is on the mainline between Birmingham Snow Hill and London Marylebone as well as to Stratford-Upon-Avon, Leamington and Kidderminster.

Trains run hourly to all stations on the Stratford branch as well as more frequently to stations between Hatton and Birmingham via Solihull.

Toilets and refreshments are available 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



Warwick Parkway

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2.5 Hours 5.1 Miles Leisurely

Start/Finish: Warwick Parkway

Strike out into glorious rolling countryside en route to Hatton's famous flight of 21 locks on the Grand Union Canal.

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Image by Sam Johnson

A. Hatton Locks

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



Image by The Hatton Arms

B. The Hatton Arms

Another cracking spot for a pit-stop! This time you'll find creative British fare squeezed into a atmospheric pub with a truly wonderful outdoor terrace overlooking the canal.

www.hattonarms.com



Image by Hatton Locks Cafe

C. Hatton Locks Cafe

Situated at the top of the famous flight of locks, this is the perfect place to enjoy the picturesque scenery and watch the world go by over a cake and a coffee (or even a cheeky ploughmans)!

www.facebook.com/Hatton-Locks-287533011322479



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D. Hatton Country World

Be spoilt for choice on the Hatton Estate. Check out Hatton Adventure World, Hatton Shopping Village, escape Rooms, laser combat, a swimming pool and even a Gin Experience!

www.hattonworld.com

Did you know?



Hatton's 21 locks lift boats two miles up the steep Avon Valley from Warwick! Stairway to heaven indeed!

Also recommended...



E. St Michael's, Budbrooke

Not just your average church! Swing by for beautiful views over Warwick, an interesting history as a remnant of the original Budbrooke Village and heritage as the battalion church of the Warwickshire regiment.

www.stmichaels-budbrooke.org.uk



Image by Church Farm Brewery

F. Church Farm Brewery

Top notch craft brewery located on the family farm. Ale aficionados can pre-book group tours of the brewery, but if you fancy a solo tippie make sure to swing by the online shop.

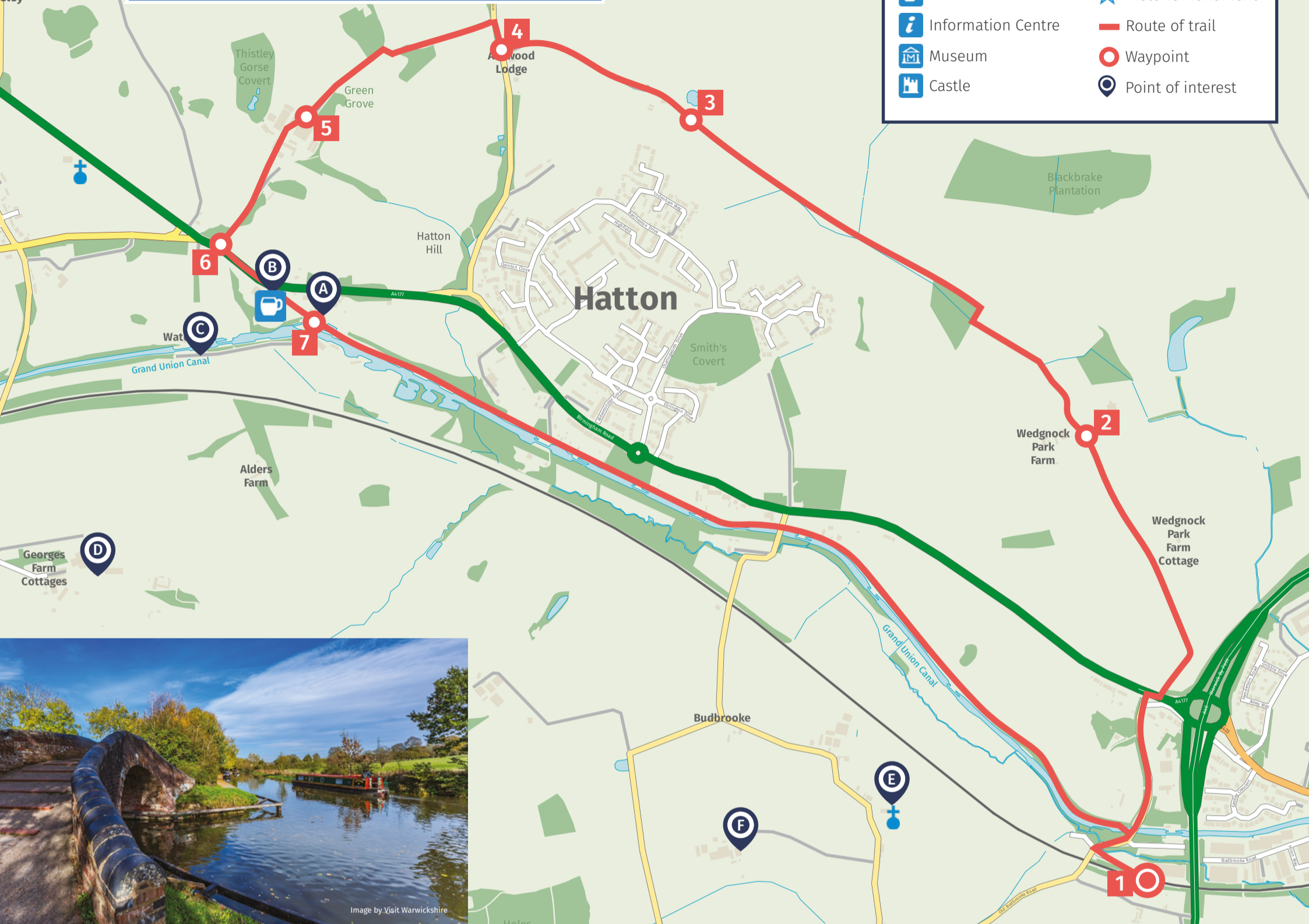
www.churchfarmbrewery.co.uk

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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

- Walk up the access lane to Old Buddbrooke Road and turn right, crossing the bridge over the canal. Continue along the right hand side of the road to the traffic lights on Birmingham Road. Cross Birmingham Road at the pedestrian crossing and walk up the farm drive to Wedgnock Park Farm which is slightly to the right on the opposite side.
- At the end of the tarmac drive, go through the gates by Wedgnock Park Farm and then turn left. Follow the track clockwise around the field boundary. (The formal line of the path goes half left across the field to the far left corner but it is normally easier to walk around the edge.) Turn left on entering a second field and continue on the track until it ends at trees ahead. Turn right a short distance then go left through a wide gap in the trees. Keep ahead along the left edge of a number of fields. On your left you can see the houses of Hatton Park, built in the grounds of Central Hospital Hatton which was a classic Victorian psychiatric hospital with imposing Gothic style buildings.
- At the path junction with a tree lined gravel track, turn right and look out for a metal gate on the left after 150 metres. Take the footpath through this gate and follow straight across the field to a gate with the brick barns of Turkey Farm just to the right. As you approach Turkey Farm look back for a good view over Warwick. On a clear day you can see as far as the Burton Dassett hills. Go slightly right a short distance and pass through a metal kissing gate. Follow the hedge on your right as it bends right to reach a tarmac drive west of the farm. Turn left and follow the drive.
- On reaching the junction with Beausale Lane, turn right along the lane. After 100 metres turn left onto a farm track. Follow the the track to a junction and turn left.
- Just before reaching Home Farm, look out for a gate on the left of the track giving access to a path through woodland which skirts round the farm buildings and emerges on to the farm drive. Walk left along this drive.
- Cross over Birmingham Road and then turn left, past the Hatton Arms public house (Be aware of fast moving traffic on this busy A road). Pub customers can walk diagonally left over the grass at the back of the pub down the slope to reach the canal. Alternatively walk past the pub along the roadside, to find a footpath on your right that leads to the canal at the same spot.
- Reach the canal near a small concrete bridge. Across the bridge is a cafe and an opportunity to examine the three top locks in the Hatton flight. The canal here opened in 1799 as the Warwick and Birmingham canal although it has since been incorporated into the Grand Union Canal. In 1932-4 new locks were built to twice the width of the old ones in an ultimately doomed bid to retain freight traffic on the canal. Return across the bridge and continue downhill along the towpath with the water to your right. Across the fields to your right you may see trains on Hatton Bank. This was originally part of the Great Western Railway's main line from London to Birmingham and the climb presented quite a challenge in the days of steam engines. Approach a modern road bridge over the canal (bridge 51c) and take the track to the left just before the bridge to re-join your outward route.

Did you know?

The barracks of the **Royal Warwickshire Regiment** was created in 1877 about half a mile to the east of St. Michael's Church, which became the battalion church. The barracks remained in use until the mid-1960's when the barracks site was re-developed into the "20th Century Village" of **Hampton Magna**.

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