



RAIL Trails



Hampton-in-Arden Circular Walk

Image by Elliott Brown

This trail takes you on mainly tarmacked surfaces out of Hampton-in-Arden, across the River Blythe to the **Marsh Lane Nature Reserve** before returning to the village.

Mentioned in Domesday Book, Hampton is now a popular commuter village and also boasts Solihull's only Michelin-starred restaurant – **Peel's at Hampton Manor**. There are plenty of hints of its antiquity in the well preserved 17th century timbered houses of the village.

As you head out of the village you'll cross the packhorse bridge. Thought to date back to the 15th Century, this picturesque five bay bridge sits on the old route to Kenilworth. Alongside the river you'll have the opportunity to explore the pools and hides at the **Marsh Lane Nature Reserve**.

On your return to the village, reward yourself with a pint at the **White Lion** or replenish supplies at the **Corner Shop** or **Village Stores & Hampton Wines**.

Further Information:



Visit www.visitsolihull.co.uk for more information and www.shakespeares-england.co.uk for more on what else to do in the wider area.



Hampton-in-Arden is on the West Coast Main Line between Coventry and Birmingham. Trains depart every half-hour to Birmingham New Street and London Euston via Coventry respectively. Additionally, some peak period trains begin and terminate at Coventry or Northampton. Sunday services see a single hourly train between Birmingham New Street and Euston.

There are limited facilities available at this station.

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Discover The Heart of England by Rail



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Image by John Clift

1.5 Hours 3.6 Miles Easy

Start/Finish: Hampton-in-Arden

An easy amble from the ancient village of Hampton-in-Arden across the river Blythe to Marsh Lane Nature Reserve and back.

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Places nearby...



Image by Bill Shakespeare

A. Marsh Lane Nature Reserve

A former sand and gravel quarry site. Explore the three main pools together with woodland, grassland and ponds. For proper twitchers, the four hides give excellent views of all the pools and islands.

www.packingtonestate.co.uk



Image by Warwickshire Churches

B. St. Mary & St. Bartholomew

This venerable church dates from about 1130 A.D, with its door alone being 400 years old! In the south wall of the chapel is a tomb reputed to contain the heart of a Knight Templar who died on crusade with Richard the Lionheart.

www.hamptoninardenchurch.org.uk



Image by Hampton Corner Shop

C. Hampton Corner Shop

Open six days a week offering an extensive delicatessen counter and homemade meals for the fridge and freezer, as well as fresh seasonal produce and general groceries. The Place for picnic supplies!

www.hamptoncornershop.com



Image by the White Lion

D. The White Lion

This 17th-century village inn offers accommodation and fresh, home cooked, locally sourced food. Of course its also a cracking spot for a post-walk pint (real ales and lager available)!

www.thewhitelioninn.com

Did you know?



Hampton's station dates back to 1884. The track bed of the old Midland route remains and a footpath for hikers runs alongside the site of the original track.

Also recommended...



Image by Hampton Manor

E. Hampton Manor

Enjoy wood-fired feasts amongst the Victorian greenhouses at Smokes, an immersive dining experience in the walled garden of Grace & Savour, and the Michelin Star tasting menu at Peel's in the manor house. There's even an artisan bakery!

www.hamptonmanor.com



Image by Sandwiches @ No.6

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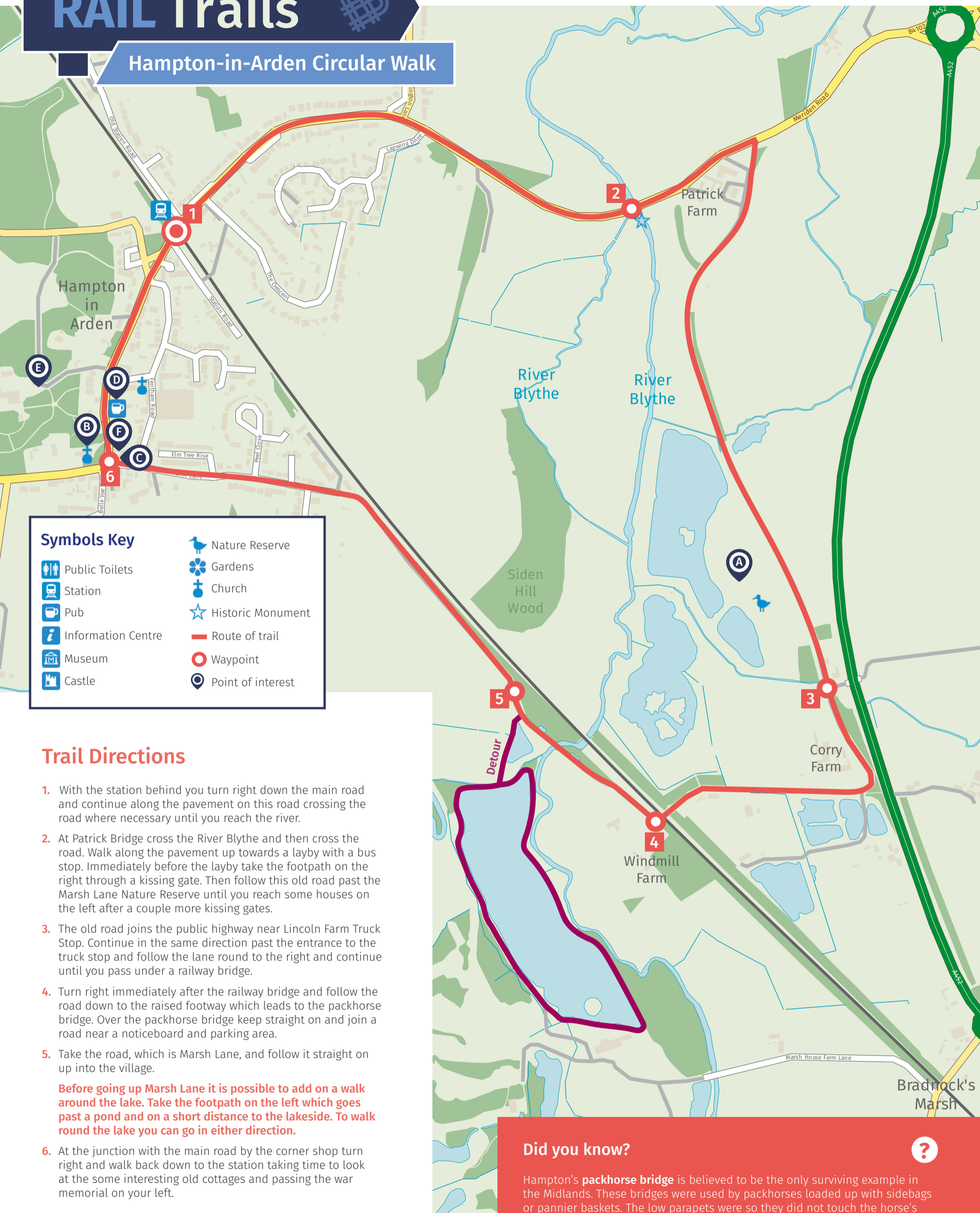
Room for more? Then don't neglect this lovely little sandwich shop and cafe serving cakes, bread, sandwiches and savouries. All to eat in or take away.

www.facebook.com/sandwichesatnumbersix

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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. With the station behind you turn right down the main road and continue along the pavement on this road crossing the road where necessary until you reach the river.
2. At Patrick Bridge cross the River Blythe and then cross the road. Walk along the pavement up towards a layby with a bus stop. Immediately before the layby take the footpath on the right through a kissing gate. Then follow this old road past the Marsh Lane Nature Reserve until you reach some houses on the left after a couple more kissing gates.
3. The old road joins the public highway near Lincoln Farm Truck Stop. Continue in the same direction past the entrance to the truck stop and follow the lane round to the right and continue until you pass under a railway bridge.
4. Turn right immediately after the railway bridge and follow the road down to the raised footway which leads to the packhorse bridge. Over the packhorse bridge keep straight on and join a road near a noticeboard and parking area.
5. Take the road, which is Marsh Lane, and follow it straight on up into the village.

Before going up Marsh Lane it is possible to add on a walk around the lake. Take the footpath on the left which goes past a pond and on a short distance to the lakeside. To walk round the lake you can go in either direction.

6. At the junction with the main road by the corner shop turn right and walk back down to the station taking time to look at the some interesting old cottages and passing the war memorial on your left.

Did you know?

Hampton's **packhorse bridge** is believed to be the only surviving example in the Midlands. These bridges were used by packhorses loaded up with sidebags or pannier baskets. The low parapets were so they did not touch the horse's panniers. There is also room for pedestrians to take refuge from the horses!

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