



# RAIL Trails



## Lapworth Circular Walk

Image by Visit Birmingham

This circular route incorporates the National Trust's **Packwood House**, three pubs and a flight of locks as well as taking you through some of the prettiest countryside between Warwick and Solihull.

If you're heading into Lapworth village, do take a look at the stained glass windows, sculptures and carvings at the Grade I listed Church of **St. Mary the Virgin**, which traces a history back to Norman times.

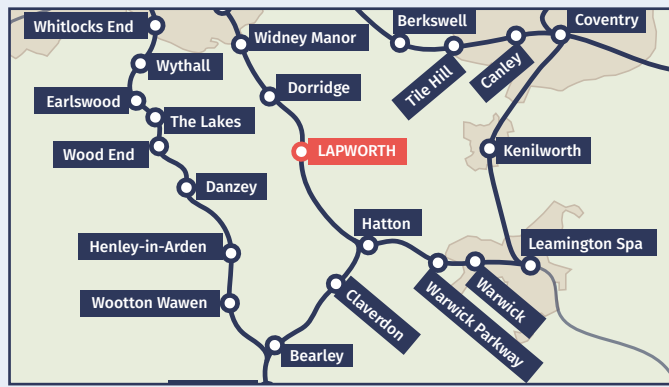
**Packwood House** is a magnificent Tudor mansion with a wealth of tapestries and fine furniture, famous for its topiary garden. There's also a National Trust shop and café in the New Build.

If you want to stock up in advance of your walk there's the **Village Stores** in Kingswood, just six minutes from the station. Towards the end of the trail the **Canal Shop** makes a handy stopping off point. Or simply enjoy the picnic area on the **Kingswood Arm** of the canal. Otherwise the trail will take you past no less than three top notch pubs!

### Further Information:



Visit [www.lapworth.org](http://www.lapworth.org) for local information or [www.shakespeares-england.co.uk](http://www.shakespeares-england.co.uk) for more on what to see and do in the wider area.



**Lapworth** is on the main line running between Birmingham & London. There's a two-hourly service in both directions running between Leamington Spa and Birmingham Moor Street. In peak hours additional trains run to and from Leamington. Trains also run at peak times direct to Stratford-upon-Avon.

There are limited facilities 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



## Lapworth

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🕒 2 Hours 🚶 3.75 Miles 🚶 Easy

Start/Finish: Lapworth

A lovely rural and waterside ramble, taking in Tudor Mansions, no less than three pubs and a flight of locks around the village of Lapworth

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## Places nearby...



Image by The Punch-Bowl

### A. The Punch Bowl

It may be right at the start, but this country gastro pub with 11 bedrooms, restaurant, bar, garden and terrace is worth a stop regardless! Just don't overdo things on the extensive menu and wine list!

[www.punchbowlapworth.co.uk](http://www.punchbowlapworth.co.uk)



Image by The National Trust

### B. Packwood House

First built around 1570, this much-restored Tudor house, park and garden is noted for its topiary. Explore the house, the fabulous gardens or simply make a pitstop at the Cafe where you can enjoy cakes and bakes, pasties and sausage rolls!

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/packwood-house](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/packwood-house)



Image by Damien Walmsley

### C. Kingswood Arm

The Kingswood Arm is a short section linking the Stratford Canal with the Grand Union Canal, which stretches for 137 miles (220 km) with 166 locks. Take a well earned rest at the Lapworth Link Picnic Area and watch the boats serenely glide past.

[www.canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk)



Image by the Navigation Inn

### D. Navigation Inn

A traditional country pub with canal side beer garden serving great quality ales and fresh, home cooked food. The only pub in the country to serve Guinness on handpull!

[www.navigationlapworth.co.uk](http://www.navigationlapworth.co.uk)

## Did you know?



**Catesby Lane** in Lapworth is named after William Catesby (great grandfather of Gunpowder Plotter Robert Catesby), who lived at nearby Bushwood Hall.

## Also recommended...



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### E. Baddesley Clinton

A secluded, intimate estate built in 1500 in the heart of the Forest of Arden. Stroll through the walled garden, seek out the hiding spot for priests and admire the oh-so-gorgeous views across the moat.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/baddesley-clinton](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/baddesley-clinton)

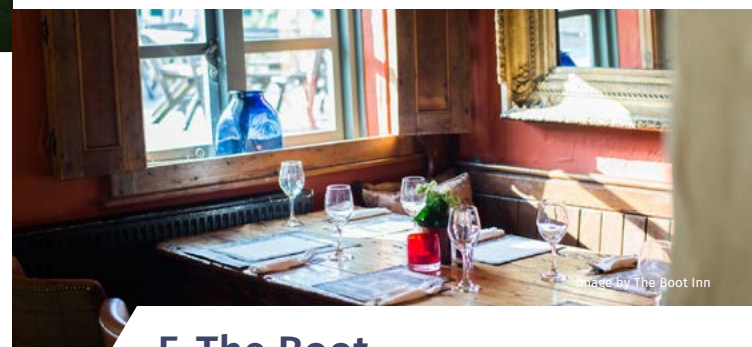


Image by The Boot Inn

### F. The Boot

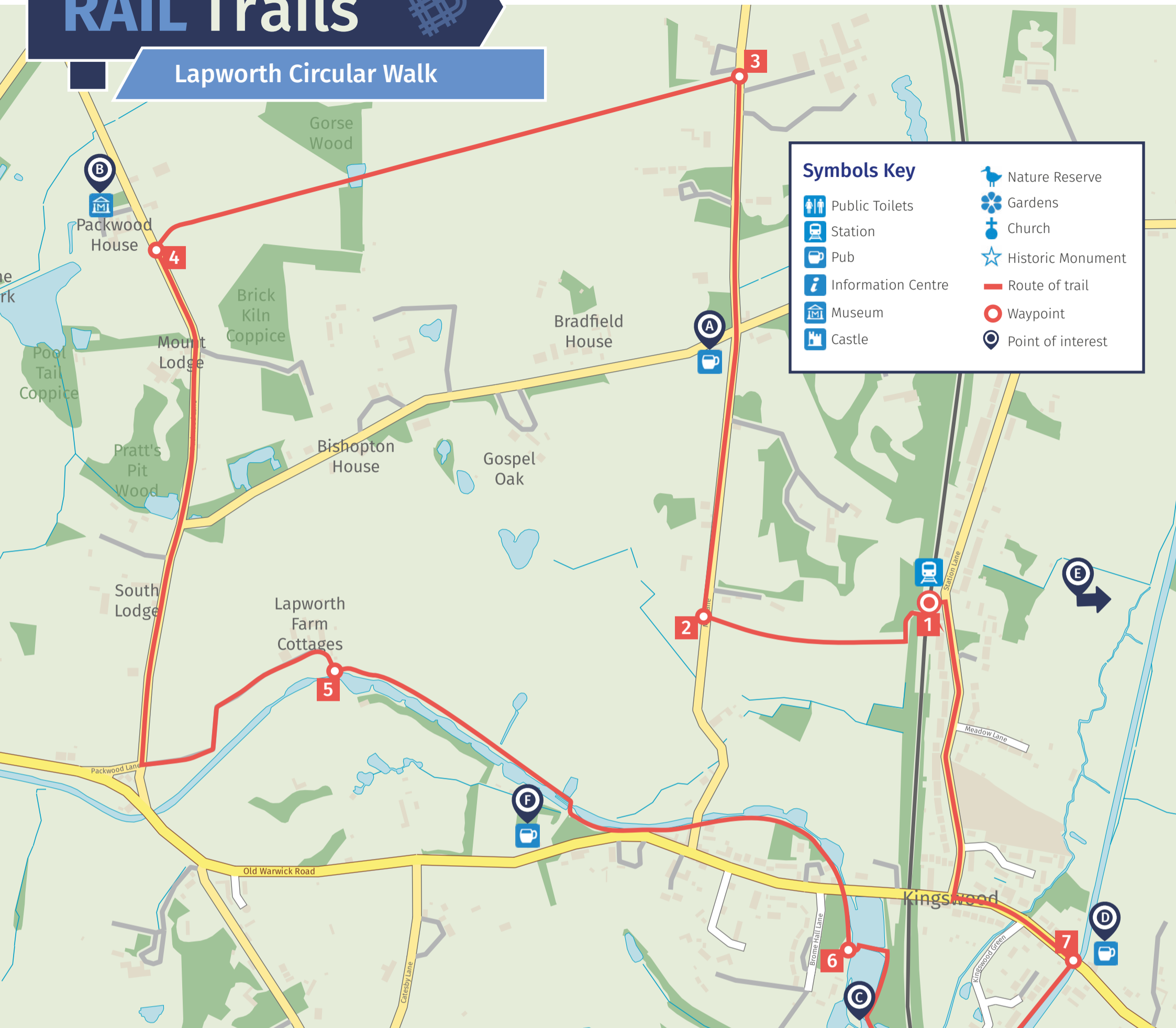
Stop off at this country pub and restaurant for the wide-ranging food menu that features prime steaks, classic salads and succulent seafood. You'll linger for the traditional atmosphere (and the teepee!)

[www.bootinnlapworth.co.uk](http://www.bootinnlapworth.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

1. From Platform 1, cross the footbridge to the far side, where a path leads from the bridge, over a stile and then curves R across fields to a lane after 350 m.
2. Turn R up the lane to the Punchbowl pub after 500 m. Cross with care and continue forward along Chessets Wood Road for 450 m.
3. At National Trust sign, turn L onto Packwood Avenue. This can be very muddy in winter. Continue for 1 km to reach Packwood House, where there is a café.
4. Turn L onto the lane for 550 m to road junction. Go forwards for 500 m. Go L onto public footpath along private drive to reach the canal after 300 m.
5. Turn L and go down the flight of locks. After 500 m there is a canal shop (closed Fridays) and access to The Boot pub. Continue down the flight to reach the canal. Cross the bridge signed "Grand Union" and along towpath for 200 m.
6. Turn L across the bridge with a sign to the Navigation pub. After 300m, emerge onto Old Warwick Road (CARE: blind bend). Turn R for the pub.
7. Turn L along the road for 200 m, then R onto Station Lane for 500 m to reach the Station.

### Did you know?



**Kingswood Junction** is where the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal meets the Grand Union Canal. It also links with other canals and navigable waterways including the Rivers Thames, Nene and Soar, the Regent's and Oxford Canals, the Digbeth Branch Canal and the Birmingham and Fazeley Canal.

Want an online map?

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