



# RAIL Trails



## Dorridge to Lapworth Walk

Image by Damien Walmsley

This trail takes you between Dorridge and Lapworth railway stations via the **Grand Union Canal** towpath. An alternative finish allows you to extend the walk along the Stratford upon Avon Canal too.

The village of Dorridge grew up around the railway. During the 1960s and 1970s the Austin Motor Company used it to deliver up to 600 cars a day for export via the railway and there was also a brickworks nearby, with its own clay pit. Today, it's a wealthy suburban haven.

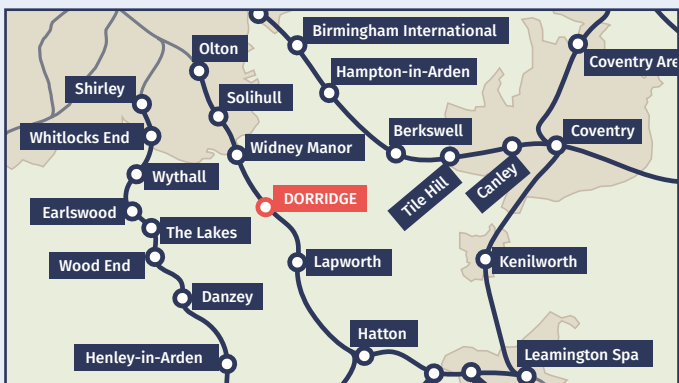
Dorridge offers a wide ranging visitor experience, from designer boutiques, canal-side gastro pubs to rural walks. You'll find plenty of cafés, restaurants and shops too. Look for **Espresso** or **Skogen**, a Scandinavian style café bar.

You can choose a short diversion to either of the two historic houses of **Packwood** and **Baddesley Clinton** or on arriving at Lapworth you can enjoy a leisurely hour or two watching the canal boats descend 19 locks at **Kingswood Junction**.

### Further Information:



Visit [www.visitsolihull.co.uk](http://www.visitsolihull.co.uk) 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.



**Dorridge** Station is in the centre of the village and served by trains on both the Leamington and Stratford lines into Birmingham. There are direct services to Stratford-upon-Avon and intermediate stations, as well as Warwick, Leamington Spa and stations to London Marylebone and Birmingham Snow Hill.

Toilets and refreshments are available.

### 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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[www.heartcommunityrail.org.uk/railtrails](http://www.heartcommunityrail.org.uk/railtrails)



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Discover The Heart of England by Rail



## Dorridge

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2.5 Hours 4.5 Miles Easy

Start: Dorridge Finish: Lapworth

A gentle wander through wealthy suburbia, along country lanes and onto the peace and tranquillity of the Grand Union Canal towpath to Lapworth.

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Image by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust

### A. Brook Meadow

An old traditional hay meadow, now managed as a nature reserve by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. Its annual flooding makes it a haven for rare species and its a great place to spot brown hares.

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



Image by Clive Hicks

### B. The Grand Union Canal

The principal navigable waterway between London and the Midlands, stretching for 137 miles with 166 locks. The Stratford-upon-Avon Canal joins it at Kingswood Junction - a great place to enjoy a picnic!

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



Image by The Black Boy

### C. Rigby's Black Boy

With a reputation as one of the finest public houses in the Midlands, this family friendly pub serves traditional fayre set within beautiful grounds right alongside the Grand Union Canal.

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



Image by The Navigation Inn

### D. The 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?



Pubs called **The Black Boy** are generally named after King Charles II. The original pub was on Warwick Road but moved in 1793 because of the new canal trade.

## 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)

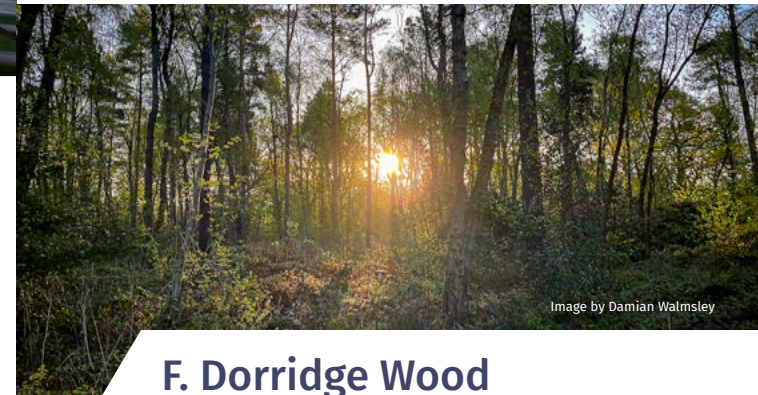


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### F. Dorridge Wood

Just 10 minutes walk from the station, this Green Flag Park incorporates a woodland area first mentioned in 1556 and is home to many species of flora and fauna. Its also a lovely escape for a quiet wander.

[www.solihull.gov.uk/Parks-and-open-spaces/](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Parks-and-open-spaces/)

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### Symbols Key

- Public Toilets
- Station
- Pub
- Information Centre
- Museum
- Castle

- Nature Reserve
- Gardens
- Church
- Historic Monument
- Route of trail
- Waypoint
- Point of interest

### Trail Directions

1. With your back to Dorridge Station exit, turn right into Dorridge Road and walk along for half a mile until you reach the T junction with Blue Lake Road.
2. Turn right and walk to next junction, where you turn right again onto Darley Green Road. At the left hand bend take the left hand road, which is Bakers Lane, which you follow past Deer Park Farm for over a mile until you reach the Grand Union Canal bridge.
3. Go over the steep bridge, then go right and down towpath, signed Private Road. After a while the towpath goes over a bridge and then down the other side of the canal.
4. Continue under Rising Lane bridge until you go under the next bridge under the Old Warwick Road, where you leave the canal by turning right up some steps to the road.
5. Carefully cross the road and turn left up pavement until you reach Station Road where you turn right again to reach Lapworth Station.
6. **To extend the walk**, instead of turning into Station Road, continue uphill on the Old Warwick Road under the railway bridge (with Village Shop left) taking the small footbridge across the Stratford Upon Avon Canal and turn right onto the canal towpath. Go past locks 18, 17 and 16, then go under bridge 34 and immediately come off the canal to turn left back over the bridge
7. Continue for half a mile up Mill Lane. Look out for and take footpath on your right, which takes you back across fields to an interesting double footbridge over the railway and platforms. Take the bridge and descend onto the station platform.

### Did you know?

**John Wyndham**, the science fiction writer best known for *The Day of the Triffids* and *The Midwich Cuckoos*, was born in Dorridge. Comedian **Bob Davis** a.k.a. **Jasper Carrott**, his actor daughter **Lucy Davis**, and **Tony Iommi**, guitarist and founding member of **Black Sabbath** are local residents today.

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