



RAIL Trails



Tile Hill Circular Walk

Image by Trevor Sutton / Coventry City Council

This trail explores the remaining areas of woodland from what was once part of the great **Forest of Arden**. Historically this was an area of scattered farmsteads, mostly belonging to the Stoneleigh Estate. You'll still see occasional older buildings amongst the modern development as well as the plaque which marks the site of the former Massey Ferguson Factory.

After passing **Plants Hill Wood** and **Pig Wood**, you'll reach **Tile Hill Wood**. Established as a Nature Reserve as far back as 1930, it is also designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) due to its rich variety of flora and fauna.

Quite handily, about half way along this trail you'll pass the **Penny Farthing pub**, the **Rupee Lounge** and a **Subway**, so whatever takes your fancy you needn't go hungry. On the return leg, you'll pass the **Auction House** where you can stop off for a drink before heading back to the train station.

If you need a shop, a slight detour will take you the **Nisa Local** on Jardine Crescent.

Further Information:



Visit www.visitcoventry.co.uk for more information on what to see in the area.



Tile Hill is on the West Coast Mainline running between Birmingham & Coventry. There are two trains an hour to both Birmingham New Street and London Euston via Coventry and Northampton.

There are limited facilities available at this station.

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This is just one of a range of 36 self-guided walks from railway stations in Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull.



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Tile Hill

Image by Stephen Fletcher, Ram Hall Farm

🕒 2 Hours 🚶 3.8 Miles 🚶 Easy

Start/Finish: Tile Hill

A woodland ramble through Coventry's suburbia exploring the remnants of the Forest of Arden and Tile Hill's industrial heritage.

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Trail Highlights...



Image by Black Rose Pubs

A. The Auction House

A traditional, family friendly pub with beautiful beer garden. Dog friendly and extremely handy located en-route to the station for a post walk pint (or, if required, a pre-walk fortifier)!

www.blackrosepubs.com/theauctionhouse



Image by joshchana

B. Tile Hill Wood

Mixed deciduous and coniferous woodland covering almost 70 acres and has excellent examples of Norway spruce, European larch and hazel coppice. Don't miss Keepers Meadow, with its canopy of sycamore, oak, spruce, birch, chestnut, ash and pine.

www.coventry.gov.uk



Image by Marston's Inns

C. The Penny Farthing

An easy halfway stop-off, The Penny Farthing is a modern, family friendly pub serving an eclectic menu. Choose from light bites to more substantial classic English staples to keep you going!

www.pennyfarthingpubcoventry.co.uk



Image by The Rupee Lounge

D. The Rupee Lounge

For a more substantial stop-off, why not check out this Indian restaurant and take-away, serving a taste of the Himalaya? Tandoor, clay brick specialities, fish specials as well as Indian classics.

www.therupee.co.uk

Did you know?



Tile Hill was the site of the former Massey Ferguson/ AGCO tractor factory which, in its heyday, was the largest tractor factory in the world. Along with its offices and social club, the factory closed in 2003.

Also recommended...



Image by Amanda Slater

E. St Oswald's Church

Anglican parish church for Tile Hill. Built in Brutalist style in 1956 by the architect Basil Spence (most well known for his work on Coventry Cathedral). Very different to your run-of-the-mill country church but worth a visit regardless.

www.stoswalds.co.uk



Image by Hickory's Smokehouse

F. Hickory's Smokehouse

For something a little different post-walk, we can highly recommend a short trip to Barbeque heaven in nearby Burton Green. Proper cuts of meat delivering the authentic tastes of the Deep South.

www.hickorys.co.uk

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Trail Directions

1. Leave Tile Hill Station from Platform 2. Continue ahead along the access road to Duggins Rd. Turn right to cross and then Turn Left along Station Avenue. At the Traffic Lights, cross to Turn Right along Tile Hill Lane. Continue with Plants Hill Wood on your right to the brow of the hill. Cross the road opposite West Coventry Academy School and enter the woodland, Pig Wood to the right.
2. Once through the green metal barrier continue ahead with the school on your left. Soon after the path turns to the right cross a wooden footbridge by a large pond on your right. Continue along path with low metal rail to your right. At path junction Turn Left to leave the woods.
3. Turn left along Hawthorn Lane. Where Hawthorn Lane bends to the right continue ahead along access path behind houses and Turn Left to enter Tile Hill Wood through metal Kissing Gate. Take left hand path and continue straight ahead until you reach the first obvious path on your right. Turn Right and continue to a pond on your left. Cross the wooden Footbridge, Turn Right and after about 10m Turn Left crossing several wooden Footbridges across ditches. Continue until you reach a second pond on your left. Turn Left, keeping the pond on your left.
4. At the next path junction Turn Right. At the end of this path, with a pond in front of you Turn Left. Continue until you leave the woods, Turn right along Banner Lane. Continue to the pedestrian lights. Cross and Turn Left along Astoria Drive, passing The Penny Farthing on your left. Turn left along Monticello Way. Near the post box, cross to Turn Right along the path by the children's play areas. At the end of this path just after it turns to the right Turn left up some steps to a metal Kissing Gate.

5. Go through the gate and Turn Left to walk along the field edge. At the end through another Kissing Gate and Turn Right through a Kissing Gate to enter Massey Ferguson Sports Ground. Turn Left, metal barrier rail on your right. Follow this path as it turns right at the field corner and just before the end of the metal barrier Turn Left through a Metal Kissing Gate and over a wooden Footbridge.
6. Half left to come out into an open area of scrub grassland. Follow the clear grassy path. Continue straight ahead, ignoring paths to your left until you enter a small wooded area. Where the path forks, take the left fork. Leave the wooded area by a large Oak tree and green metal barrier. Cross the open field along the left edge towards another children's play area on your right. Cross the car park to the road, Tanners Lane.
7. Turn Left until just before the Traffic Lights, cross the road to Turn Right along Conway Ave. Continue to Duggins Lane, Turn Left and then Right to retrace your steps to the station.

Did you know?

Tile Hill was the former home of **George Shaw**, an English contemporary artist short-listed for the Turner Award in 2011. Shaw was brought up in Tile Hill in the 1970's and the neighbourhood forms the subject of most of his paintings.

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