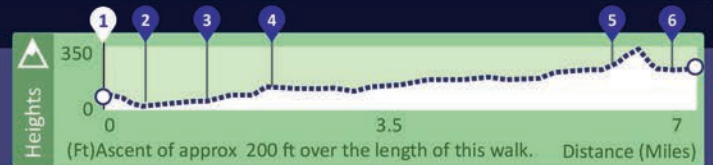


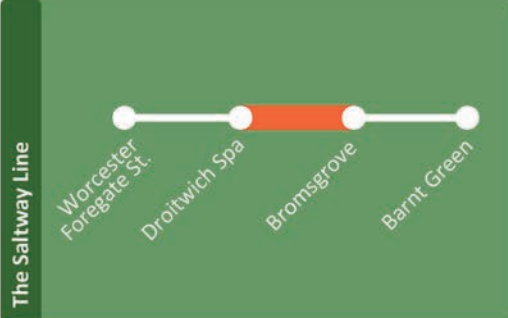
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**Map Key**

- Road/track
- Bridleway
- Footpath
- Route keypoints
- Public house
- Ascent/Descent
- Click for live link
- Information
- Landscape feature
- Picnic site
- Viewpoint
- Take care!
- Cafe
- Parking
- Church

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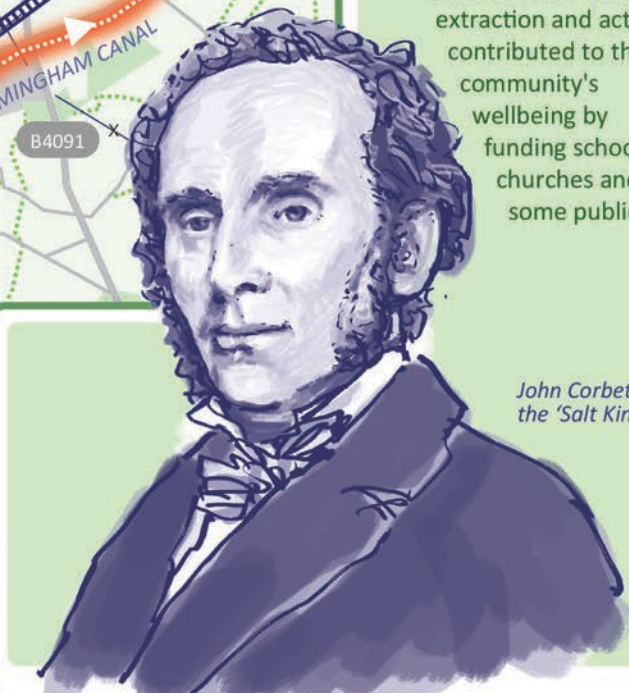
**Points of interest**

**John Corbett**  
John Corbett, known as the "Salt King of Droitwich," was a prominent 19th-century industrialist who played a pivotal role in the salt industry's growth in Droitwich, England. He introduced the use of brine baths for salt extraction and actively contributed to the community's wellbeing by funding schools, churches and some public

amenities. Corbett's legacy endures in the form of the iconic Chateau Impney, that he built in the style of an elaborate Louis XIII French chateau.

**The Saltway**  
Since Roman times, Droitwich, with its natural hot springs, was famous for the salt obtained from these brine springs, or wyches.

The Anglo-Saxons called their settlement "Saltwich", and operated furnaces to evaporate the salt on the banks of the River Salwarpe. The Romans created The Saltway, a major Roman road running east and southeast from Droitwich.



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Droitwich Spa

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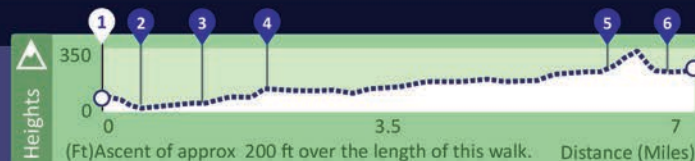
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Directions

**1** Leaving from Platform 1 L through car park following road up to T-junction. Cross to pavement opposite then L down Union Lane. At next road junction cross to pavement opposite and bear L to cross the bridge over the Droitwich Canal.

**2** After Railway pub on R take obvious footpath R into Vines Park. Follow this keeping the River Salwarpe on your L until the canal joins it at a lock. Here R across swing-bridge then L to follow towpath beside the now canalised Salwarpe.

**3** Where the towpath meets the B4090 continue straight to pass under Motorway bridge. Almost immediately after the bridge L on footpath to cross canal then R on towpath. After locks climb steps to road bridge. Cross R then L down steps to re-join towpath on opposite side of canal.

**4** Continue until towpath climbs to rejoin the B4090. Almost immediately and opposite the Eagle & Sun pub drop down L to join towpath on the Worcester & Birmingham Canal.

Follow towpath for approximately 4km (2.5 miles) to Stoke Pound. Three locks after passing under bridge 49 at Lock 33 cross L over footbridge and into field.

**5** Keeping close to the hedge on your R climb through two fields to where farm track crosses. Take obvious footpath opposite. Drop down steeply and slightly L to gate. Continue straight to footbridge over railway.

**6** Cross railway bridge to housing estate. Follow road R. take footpath on R over bridge across stream into wood. Follow through wood and alongside railway to another road. R here to soon pass through gate into car park and station.

Aston Fields Village, with cafes and shops, is less than five minutes walk away along Station Approach.



A set of Harris brushes, still made in the Bromsgrove factory.

### Radio history

The Droitwich Spa Heritage Centre, also includes information about the Wychbold radio masts, which are visible on the walk. It has the radio room where visitors can learn about how the masts affected broadcasting history and put Droitwich on the radio.

The walk goes near to Upton Warren, which has a Sailing Club, and an important Nature Reserve. Also, near Bromsgrove is the Avoncroft Museum, an open-air museum with a collection of 30 rescued buildings and structures, including a functioning windmill.

### Harris Brushes

Harris Brushes, based in Stoke Prior near Bromsgrove, boasts a rich heritage as one of the largest manufacturers of high-quality brushes in the UK. Founded in 1928, the company has long been an integral part of the region's industrial landscape.

Specialising in the production of paintbrushes and decorating tools, Harris Brushes has garnered a reputation for craftsmanship and durability. The facility in Bromsgrove serves as a hub for innovation, with skilled artisans crafting brushes to meet modern-day standards.

Disclaimer You undertake this walk entirely at your own risk; the author takes no responsibility for injury or loss.