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2 Climb

500-1000 ft

Moderate

L = Turn Left | R = Turn

## Rail Trails

Start at B60 2LX or W3W ///admire.catch.dunes

## **Bromsgrove to Barnt Green**

- 1 R out of station. Follow road next to railway then signs to Town Centre. At crossroads R then next R at shops. After crossing railway bridge drop down immediately L on footpath signed as Monarch's Way.
- Follow path by railway to emerge at road. Here R to follow road for a short distance before taking footpath R (Monarch's Way). Where footpath emerges onto Walnut Lane R to cross-roads. Continue straight on Grimley Lane to the Worcester and Birmingham Canal at Bridge 54.
- Cross canal bridge then L to follow towpath until the canal enters a tunnel. Follow the obvious track up to B4184. (\*see note below).
- 4 At road L for a short distance before crossing R to a footpath that leads to steps down to a crossing point on the A448. Cross with extreme care. Climb steps on the other side and continue through fields to road.
- Cross road to follow lane opposite. At T-junction L over canal bridge then R on Wharfe Lane. Shortly after passing boatyard take footpath through hedge on R to re-join the canal. Follow towpath L to a deep cutting then tunnel. Just before the tunnel follow obvious track up L to emerge in a large field. Cross field to large wood.

- 6 On entering wood follow obvious path R then L to drop back down to the canal. At Bridge 61 R up to road then L over canal to Crown Inn.
- Continue past cottages to climb up on obvious footpath through fields (signed as Waterways Walk) to lane.
- At lane R to T-junction. Continue on footpath immediately opposite to mobile phone masts then footbridge over M42. Follow obvious path down to bottom corner of field and continue to road.
- Cross road to follow pavement R. Just before railway bridge L on Hewell Lane. At railway bridge cross R to descend on path direct to station platform.

\*To avoid crossing the A448. R at B4184. Pass under A448 to a T-junction with Hewell Lane. At this junction L. Ignoring entrances to Hewell Prison R on first lane to re-join the main route. Adds approx. 1.1kms (0.7 mls).

N.B. In winter, some of the footpaths in Alvechurch and Barnt Green can be very muddy

## The Tardebigge Locks Flight

The Locks, situated on the Worcester and Birmingham Canal near Bromsgrove, England, form the longest flight of locks in the United Kingdom. Constructed in the late 18th century, this impressive flight consists of 30 locks stretching over a two-and-aguarter-mile stretch of the canal. Engineered by John Smeaton, these locks were designed to overcome a significant difference in canal levels, allowing boats to navigate the varied terrain. The Tardebigge Flight remains a marvel of industrial engineering, offering a picturesque and challenging journey for boaters and a popular destination for canal enthusiasts and walkers alike. Its historic significance and scenic surroundings make Tardebigge Locks a notable attraction in the British canal system.

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