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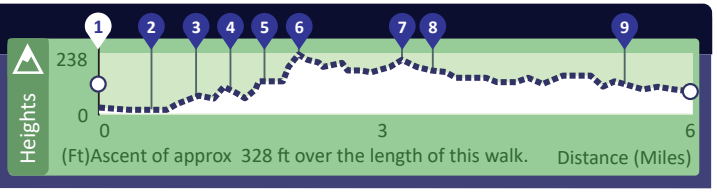
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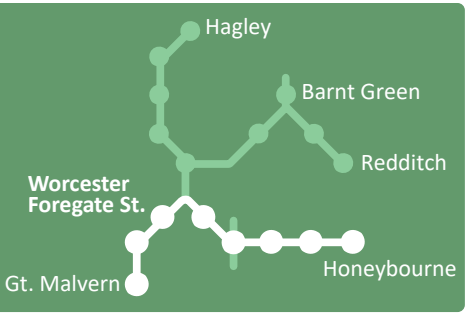
Foregate St to Worcestershire Parkway

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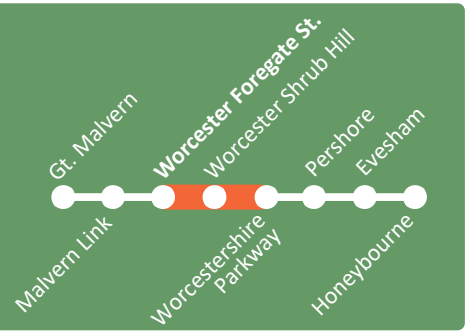
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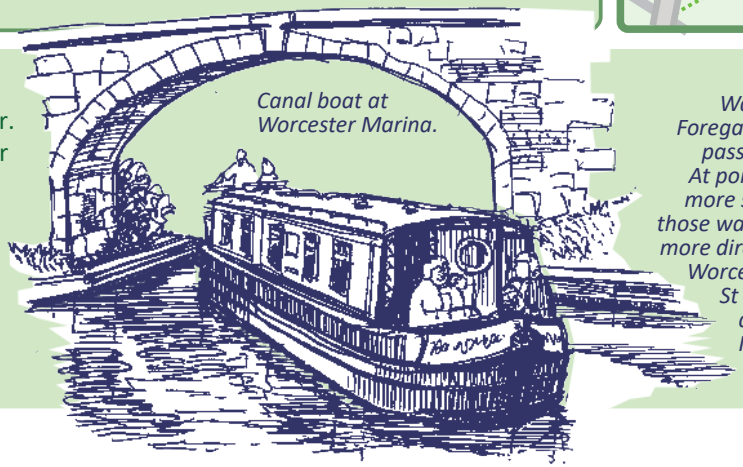
- Road/track
- Bridleway
- Footpath
- Route keypoints
- Public house
- Ascent/Descent
- Picnic site
- Viewpoint
- Take care!
- Click for live link
- Information
- Landscape feature
- Cafe
- Parking
- Church

Points of interest

The Worcester & Birmingham Canal

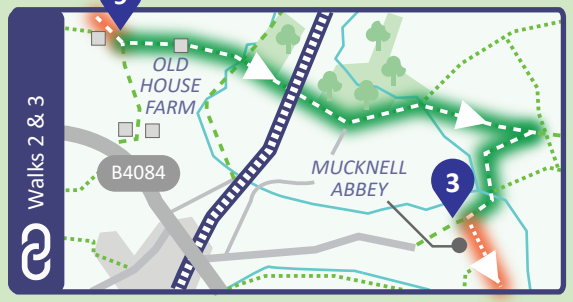
The canal started contruction in 1792. Final construction was completed in 1815 at which point two canal basins were planned in too: Lowesmoor and Diglis in Worcester.

The canal is 30 miles long with 58 locks, including the 30 Tardebigge locks, the longest continuous flight in the UK. It links Gas Street Basin in the middle of Birmingham with the navigable River Severn at Worcester. Today it is mainly used for leisure purposes and forms part of three popular circular "canal rings': The Droitwich, Stourport and Avon Rings.



Canal boat at Worcester Marina.

Walk 2 starts at Foregate St (but also passes Shrub Hill). At point 9 there's a more scenic link for those wanting to walk more directly between Worcester Foregate St (or Shrub Hill) and Pershore. It joins walk 3 at point 3.



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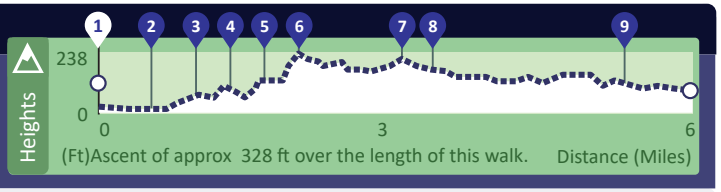
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Directions

1. R out of station. R on Pierpoint Street. R on Samsome Walk. After passing under railway bridge L on Samsome Place continue on Lion Court then follow FP to steps and Worcester and Birmingham Canal.

2. At canal R over bridge then bear L onto towpath. Continue to where footway ascends to road. L up Tallow Hill to traffic lights. Shrub Hill station is straight ahead.

3. If continuing to Worcestershire Parkway don't cross to Shrub Hill. At traffic lights, cross to R and take pavement on R then cross to take pavement on R side of tunnel under railway.

4. At next traffic lights R into Williamson Road and cross to take tree-lined road with bollards opposite. Follow up passing garages on R to T-junction. Continue straight across to take FP at rear of garage courtyard.

5. R on Thames Close cul-de-sac, then L on Medway Road. Take cycle footway on R. Climb to edge of wood. R on FP at foot of Perry Wood. Where wide gravel path leads down to road on R climb steeply L and diagonally up through wood. At path R then L to surfaced path that emerges on Redfern Avenue.

6. Continue down Redfern Avenue to T-junction. Take FP straight on and to L of drive and gates to school. R on to wider cycle-footway to emerge at cul-de-sac. Continue L with sports fields on L and school on R. Follow to wood on L. Continue for approx. 200m then L on to track through Nunnery Wood to emerge at wide surfaced path and Worcester Woods Countryside Centre.

7. R then straight over at access control barriers. Continue on gravel track to road. L to end of cul-de-sac.

8. R to cross dual carriageway (A4440) on cycle-footbridge. At bottom of steps continue on gravel cycle track with dual carriageway on R. Follow this as it bends L then R at a junction with another path and around the edge of the housing estate to emerge at a surfaced lane. L here to pass under the M5. Bear slightly R after the tunnel then follow obvious bridleway for approximately 2 kms.

Link walks **Link walks 2 & 3 here**

9. R at junction with a lane on a bend. At B4084 L along lay-by then pavement alongside main road. At bus stop cross to pavement on R side of Woodbury Lane. Where pavement ends cross to pavement opposite. L on cycle-footway to cross footb over railway. L to station.

Worcester Foregate St to Pershore

For Direct Route To Pershore using link to avoid Parkway station.



Spetchley Park House once considered as the site that Churchill would have evacuated to if London had fallen in WW2.

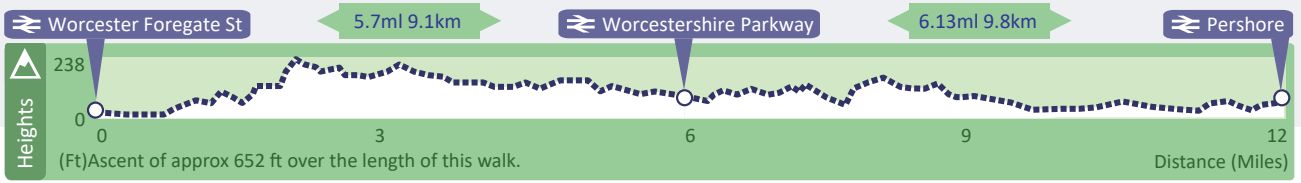
At junction slight L to Old House Farm. Continue through farm on bridleway to pass under railway. Just after large wind turbine (on your R) the bridleway crosses a stream. Here take unmarked bridleway 45 degrees R towards large isolated tree. Continue (passing large pond on your R) to isolated direction post. Sharp R to double back on the other side of the pond. At end of field follow broken hedge line L to cross wooden footbridge. Climb to but not through a farm gate. This is where you rejoin the Parkway to Pershore route. Continue L on bridleway.

Spetchley Park House

This mansion house sits within a 4,500 acre estate and is a grade 2 listed building. Its impressive gardens are open to the public.

The first house was burned down on the evening of the Battle of Worcester in 1651 by Scottish presbytarian royalists trying to stop it falling to the roundheads.

The house was selected as a potential site to house prime minister Winston Churchill in WW2 should London have fallen to the Axis powers.



Key L = Turn Left | R = Turn Right | FP = Footpath

Directions supplied by Lyndon Bracewell, Worcestershire Ramblers

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