

WALK 14 TEMPORARY THROUGH BULKINGTON (FEBRUARY 2025)

Start: Bulkington Recreation Ground car park, School Road, CV12 9NT
Next to St. James' Church. Height barrier.

Grid Ref: SP 390 867 **What3Words:** silly.sums.rapid

Direction: Clockwise

Main Walk: 5.4 miles, with 34m overall ascent

OS Maps: Landranger 140
Explorer 221

Parking: At the start

Refreshments/toilets are available at:

Refreshment outlets on Leicester Street, including the Rule and Compass,
The Chatterbox Café,
Village Café and Village Chippy.
(The White Lion is now closed).

Water tap at St James' Church, Bulkington

This is a temporary route due to a collapsed footbridge near The Furlongs Farm. Starting in Bulkington, where there are plenty of refreshment outlets, the walk ventures south-west to Barnacle. It then passes medieval Park Farm and tours several fisheries created from the remains of the coal-mining industry (Coalpit Field) and the Manor of Weston-in-Arden.

1. Exit car park to road. **Turn left** on pavement, passing *St James' Church* on left [water tap on north side of tower]. Cross *School Road* when safe. **Turn right** into *Leicester Street*. **Ahead**, passing refreshment outlets & shops. At road corner, **bear left** cross road into *Barnacle Lane*. **Ahead** on pavement, bending **left**, passing scout hut on right. In 30m, at double power poles, **turn right** through kissing gate into *Barnacle Lane Pond Conservation Area*.
2. **Bear right** to litter bin on right (noticeboard to left). **Bear left** onto grass path. Pass humps on right (old BMX track) & bushes/trees on left. At path junction, **bear slightly left uphill**. **Turn left**, brambles on right, passing seat on left. **Ahead** downhill, trees on right. In 100m, at corner, **turn right** through trees, crossing ditch, to field. **Turn left** on field edge.
3. In 20m, **turn right** on track. Follow track across field, then bend **left**, hedge on left. Through wide hedge gap. **Ahead** on path across field towards metal fences. Cross footbridge. Under railway bridge. **Ahead** on enclosed path. Through kissing gate. **Ahead** on field edge, hedge on left. At end of hedge, **bear right** across field, passing power pole, then hedge on left. Through kissing gate to lane corner.
4. **Ahead** on lane for 400m into *Barnacle* village. Pass *Barnacle House Farm* on right. At *Ortons Farm* on left & fence in front, **turn right** into *Spring Road*, joining A Coventry Way. **Ahead** on lane for 150m. At entrance to *Park Farm*, go through 2 gates on right of drive into field. **Ahead**, hedge on right. Cross stile in fence by water trough. **Ahead** cross field to hedge (waymark post) on opposite side. Cross footbridge. **Turn left** to track. **Turn right** on track, hedge initially on left, for 400m. **Turn right & left** with track, hedge on left. In 200m, cross stile to road (Coventry Road B4109).
5. **Bear left** cross road (**care**) into entrance of *Hollyhurst Lakes*. Through kissing gate. **Keep ahead** on track, fishing lakes on left, for 350m. Ignore all side tracks. At 2nd waymark post, **bear left** up enclosed path between trees/bushes. Follow path for 250m, passing house on left. At farm on left, descend through kissing gate. **Ahead** through trees to track.

6. Turn left on track, pond on left, trees (Coalpit Fields Wood) on right. Follow track round to **right. Ahead**, hedge/fence on left, wood on right. See Bedworth Water Tower on skyline. Pass large gates on left. In 80m, **turn left** cross stile. **Turn right** down concrete/grass track for 200m to track junction (brick wall in front). **Bear left** on wide gravel track. Follow track for 500m to Bedworth Hill Bridge over Coventry Canal. Do NOT cross bridge. **Turn right** down steps to canal side, leaving A Coventry Way. **Ahead** on towpath, canal on left, for 1km to Bulkington Bridge (14). The Navigation Inn on left has been transformed into a house.

7. Keep ahead under bridge 14. In 200m, at left-hand bend & concrete square in towpath, **turn right** onto narrow path through bushes. **Bear left** cross footbridge over Wem Brook. **Bear left & right** up bank. **Ahead** on path between bushes/trees to field, Weston Lawns Fishery on right. **Bear right** on field edge, bushes/hedge on right, passing pylon on right. Where hedge bends to right, **turn left** cross field uphill, passing 2 lone trees on right, to pylon. **Bear right** cross field to waymark post. Cross track. Pass *Weston Wood House* on left. **Ahead** on track between fields, bending **left** to cross railway bridge. **Bear right** cross field to lone tree & waymark post. **Turn left** on field edge, hedge on right. Follow hedge round to **right** to corner. Through kissing gate to lane.

8. Turn left on lane, passing *The Lodge House & Weston Hall Hotel* on left to T-junction (*Mill Lane*). **Turn right** on pavement, passing Church & School on right. **Turn left** cross road at zebra crossing. **Turn right** on pavement. Cross *Cleveland Road*. Where road bends to right, **bear slightly left** cross parking area into enclosed path behind railings on right of number 25A. **Ahead** on path between gardens. Cross road. **Ahead** into enclosed path between numbers 21 & 23. Follow tarmac path, crossing recreation ground to return to car park in Bulkington.

A GPX file is available for the Walk – refer to ACWA website.