

Tern Valley Walks

The Tern Valley is an outwash valley, formed about 10,000 years ago by the meltwater from the rapidly retreating glaciers.

On your walk you will probably pass through a field of miscanthus, commonly called elephant grass. This much maligned crop is, in fact, good for the environment. Not only does one tonne of carbon from this crop prevent one tonne of carbon from dirty coal being burned for power generation, but the fields themselves require little fuel, fertilizers and pesticides, with less pollutants entering the rivers and the atmosphere than most other crops.

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Six pages of mapped walks around this important environmental area.

Map One: Market Drayton town centre to Walkmill Meadows Car Park.

Map Two: Routes around Walkmill Meadows.

Map Three: A short and long walk to the west of town.

Map Four: One short and one long walk to the east of town.

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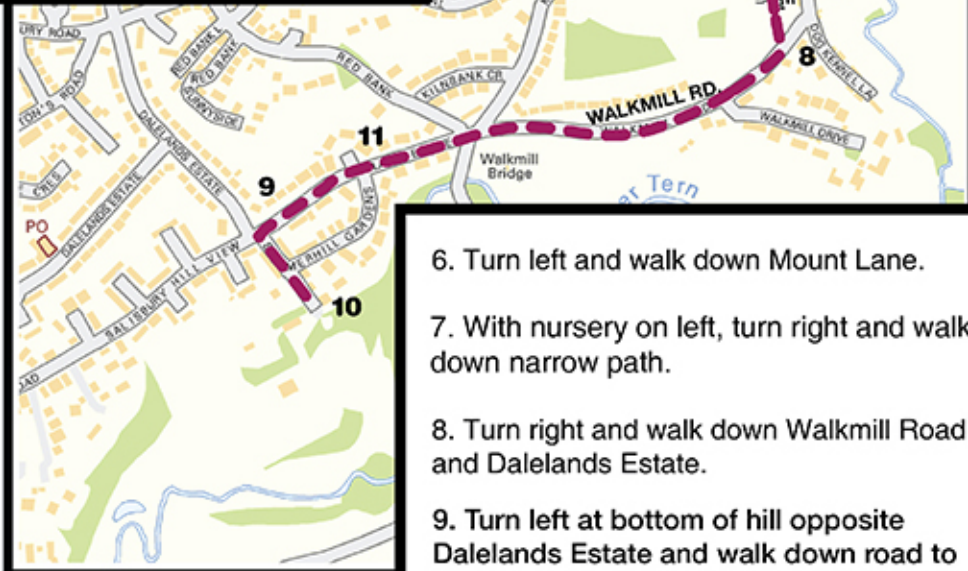
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Bus Station to Walkmill Meadows

1. From bus station, walk over zebra crossing at Towers Lawn.
2. Turn right and immediately left, then cross into Cheshire Street (signposted to town centre.)
3. At Butter Cross, bear right then at end turn right onto Shropshire Street.
4. Turn left toward church down St. Mary's Street.
5. At Church Gates, turn right and walk to end of road.



6. Turn left and walk down Mount Lane.
7. With nursery on left, turn right and walk down narrow path.
8. Turn right and walk down Walkmill Road and Dalelands Estate.
9. Turn left at bottom of hill opposite Dalelands Estate and walk down road to car park.
10. Start of Walkmill Meadow.
11. NOTE: Bus stops here from town.

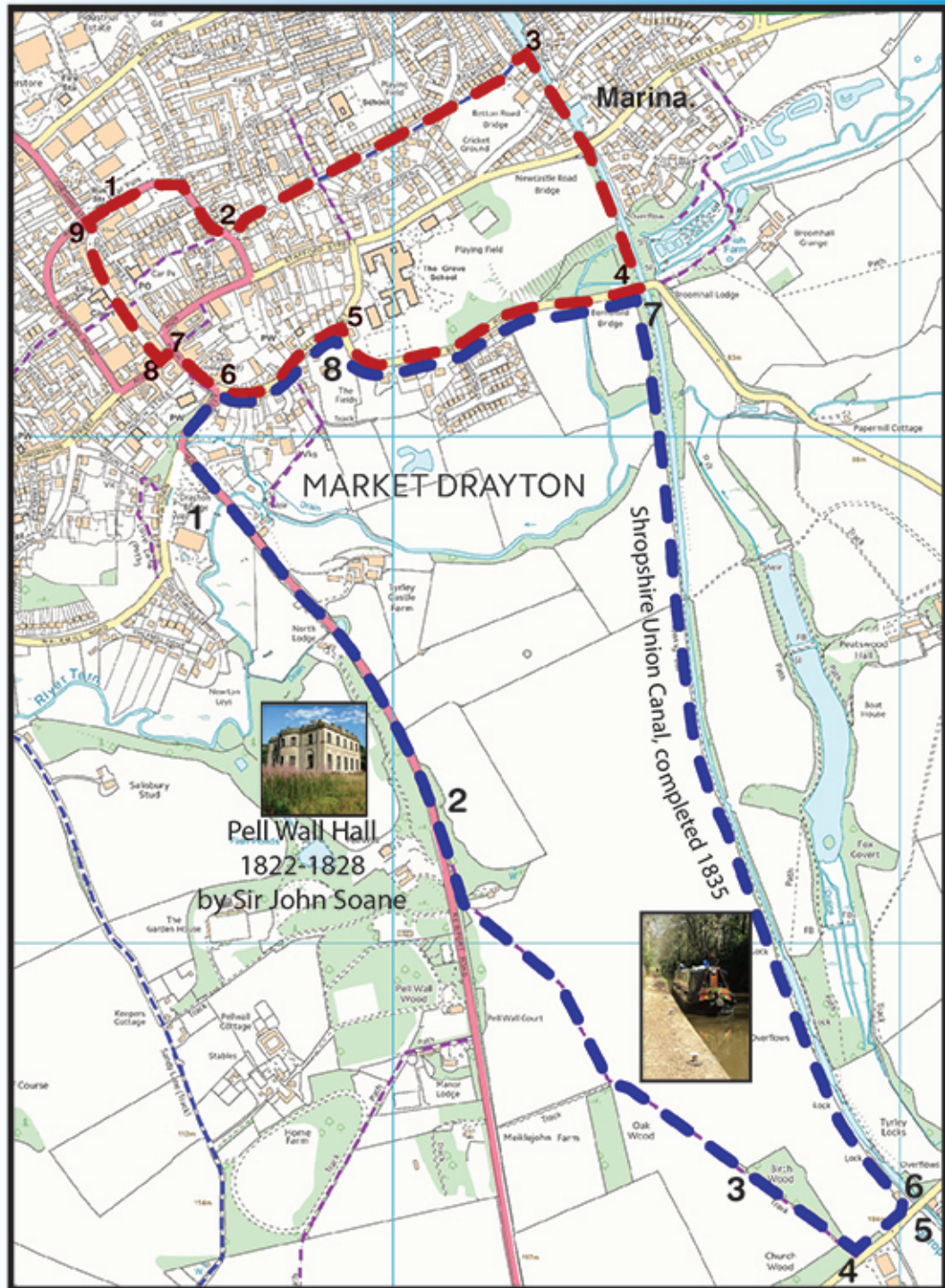
Long Walk (5.27km/3 miles).

1. With swimming pool behind you, walk to road and turn right.
2. At fingerpost turn left up track and continue across the field.
3. Follow way marker straight on along track keeping copse on left.
4. At road go through metal kissing gate (fingerpost also present) and turn left.
5. Turn right onto canal footpath.
6. Go left under bridge.
7. At fingerpost go down steps and walk along the road until pavement on right which is raised above the road level.
8. Follow this path to junction then turn left against the one way system. Go along this road to the junction then turn left and descend to carpark.

Short Walk (2.83km/1 mile).

1. From bus station, turn left and walk along the road keeping carpark on left. At roundabout, turn right and walk down to next roundabout.
2. Turn left at roundabout onto Longlands Lane, follow until the road turns left. Cross over road and go down signposted bridleway. At road turn left then immediately right, walk down path to canal.
3. Turn right onto towpath.
4. As 7 (above.)
5. Follow path to junction then left against the one way system (Great Hales Street.) Go along this road then turn RIGHT past Joules Brewery.
6. Follow High Street, crossing to left hand side.
7. Turn left onto Shropshire Street opposite The Shambles.
8. Turn right before black and white Tudor building then follow the Main Street to the War Memorial.
9. Turn Left then immediate right and return to bus station.

East side walks.



Pell Wall Hall
1822-1828
by Sir John Soane



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Welcome to Walkmill Meadows

Walkmill Meadows is a wonderful place to explore with benches, picnic area and easy walking on surfaced paths. Take a moment to watch out for wildlife. Much of the site is being managed to conserve the natural habitat allowing the area to become an important breathing space for some of our country's wildlife gems. Visit throughout the year as features of interest change seasonally.

The river is the heart of the site where otters can sometimes be seen and kingfishers spotted zipping along just above the water. Buzzards are often observed flying the thermals in the hunt for rabbits and other small mammals.

Plants like marsh woundwort, tufted vetch and knapweed provide nectar for bees and butterflies. The cool, damp conditions are good for frogs, toads and newts.

Trees such as alder grow better in damp conditions and provide shelter and food for birds and insects. Smaller shrubs provide more nesting sites, shade, shelter and food.

We hope you enjoy your visit and will look at the naturally 'wild' areas with fresh eyes perhaps having spotted a plant or animal of interest.



- Take litter home
- Clean up after your dog
- No motorbikes
- No camping
- No fires



Short Walk 2.18km

1. With playing field behind you, turn left and walk toward church. Once past church, turn right and walk down Christchurch Lane.
2. With playing field on left turn right into Tern View.
3. Where road turns right, go straight down lane to bottom.
4. Turn right and walk down Bottom Lane.
5. Turn right and go up Buntingsdale Road.

Longer Walk 6.65km

1. From Walkmill car park follow path to right.
2. When path ends, turn right up flight of steps, then along path to end.
3. Turn left onto unmade road.
4. Turn right onto Bottom Lane.
5. Turn left and follow tarmac road.
6. Go through metal gate onto footpath which goes down and to left (waymarked).
7. After kissing gate bear left and go through stiles (★).
8. Go through metal gate and across road. Walk through golf club following waymarkers to right. Go uphill onto lane and follow bridle path.
9. Follow path round to left onto Sandy Lane.
10. At T-junction turn right onto road and follow over bridge.
11. Turn left onto Dalelands Estate and then left into Summerhill Gdns.
12. Turn left back to car park.

West of Town Walks.



See the veteran sweet chestnut tree, estimated to be 7-800 years old!

Named after the Earl of Salisbury who camped here in 1549 after the battle of Blore Heath.

Reputed to be one of the oldest brideways in the area and may have been one of the main routes into town.

Sandy Lane goes off to left, but if you turn right you get to the Four Alls Pub

At water outfall look for otter spraint (poo) or tracks

Note markings scratched into the rock on the left hand side of the road approximately 20m before the driveway

Buntingsdale Hall. Built in the early 18th century for the Mackworth family

Miscanthus (elephant grass) used as biofuel.

Walkmill Marsh, a good wetland site with plenty of bird life.