

Points of Interest

The Trent Washlands floodplain is important for wildlife and for reducing the risk of flooding in Burton. Reducing the steep banks and varying the river width is creating areas of shallow water supporting young fish, aquatic insects and invertebrates. Varying the ground levels will result in seasonal pools that are important for frogs, newts and toads, who use them to spawn in Spring. The insects attracted to these shallow pools and ponds provide important food for wading birds such as Curlew, Snipe and Egret.

Peels Cut was a specially dug channel supplying water to a mill at Bond End in Blackpool Close, 300 yards south of the Fleet stones. Construction started in 1782 and was completed the following year.

In 1849, the Midland Railway Company, opened a railway line from Burton to Leicester. The line crossed the River Trent by the viaduct still known today as the Leicester Line Bridge.

Being a responsible visitor

- Please respect other users as you walk this route
- Take your litter home and dispose of it carefully
- Dogs can scare or harm farm animals so please keep your dog on a lead
- Please pick up your dog poo and put it in a bin.

The Trent Valley Way is a long distance, way-marked walking route extending to 170 miles from its source near Stoke-on-Trent, to the Humber estuary.

It connects towns and villages, wildlife and history, enhancing wellbeing, attracting visitors to the area and contributing to local economies.

A new section of 43 miles (69km) between Rugeley and Shardlow has been made accessible by Trent Rivers Trust working as part of the Transforming the Trent Valley landscape project. Maps can be found online

The Trent Rivers Trust website
www.trentriverstrust.org

Transforming the Trent Valley
www.thetrentvalley.org



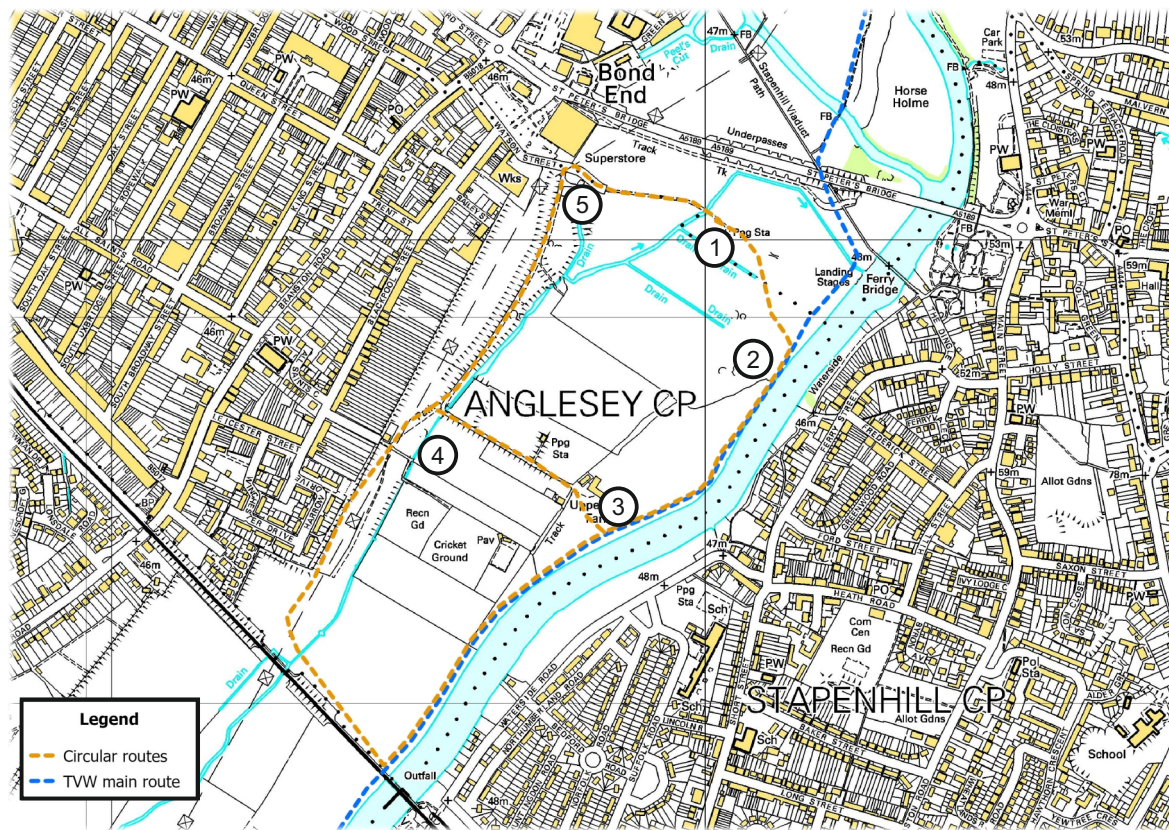
Burton Washlands Circular Walk

1.2 miles (1.9 km)



This gentle walk follows the Trent Valley Way along a stretch of the River Trent to the Leicester Line Bridge viaduct. The route then follows a track through woodland, or along a footpath, before returning to the centenary car park.





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1. Look for the finger post near to the brick building and follow the sign for "Riverside Path to Branston and Walton".

2. Continue down the all weather track, then turn right at the junction and follow the Riverside Path through the gate where the all weather track ends and on for approximately 1/4 mile.

3. At the waste bin, turn right onto the track and into the woodland area. Continue up the track, passing the interpretation board for Upper Mills Farm, and at the end of the track turn right.

4. Follow the track, passing the bird observation area, until the track ends and the road to the car park is reached, with the supermarket straight ahead.

5. Turn right onto the road and continue down to the car park at the end of the walk.

Alternatively at point 3 carry on along the track until you reach the railway viaduct and then turn right with the wooden fence to your right. Carry on until the path turns right again. Follow the path until it reaches point 4 and then continue as above.



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Route details

Approximate time: 40 mins – 1 hour

Parking: Public car park near the Centenary woodland off the B5018 Branston Road. NGR: SK250220

Refreshments: Cafes and pubs available in Burton town centre.

Ordnance Survey Map: Explorer 245 (Burton upon Trent, Swadlincote, Ashby-de-la-Zouch & Coalville)

Easy walking along grass and farm tracks, although sections can be uneven and muddy after rain. Also, be aware that this is a floodplain and can be inaccessible after heavy rain. There are no steps or stiles on this route.

Location Map

