



Market Drayton - Taste of the Town Tern Valley Walks

Tern Fisheries This short walk includes a stretch of the Shropshire Union Canal. It includes a steep flight of steps - see picture (approx. 1 mile).

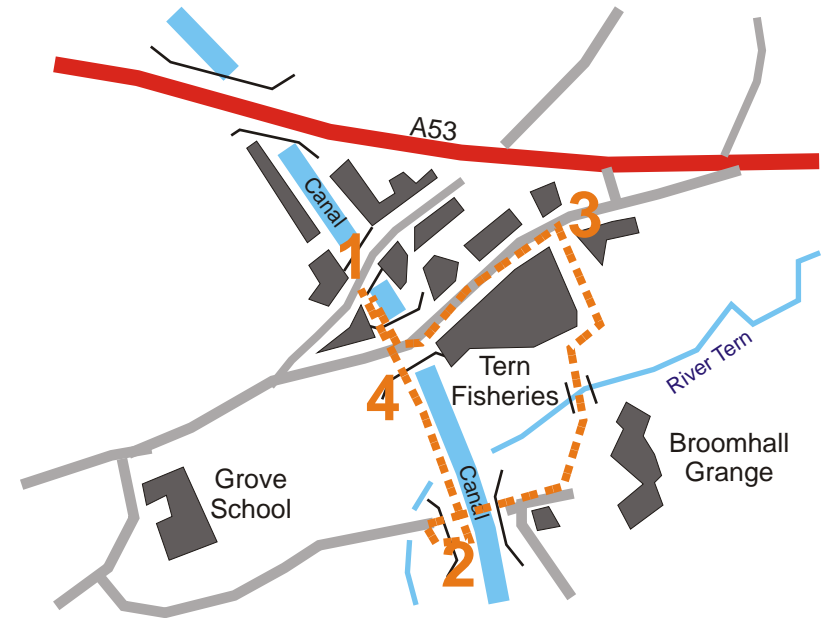
1. From the centre of Market Drayton go north-east out of town towards Newcastle (Stafford Street). After passing the Grove School on the right, take the next left, Betton Lane, which leads to the Cricket Club and the Shropshire Union Canal Basin. It is possible to park along here at the roadside.

Go down the steps by the bridge (No. 63) to the canal side and turn right. Follow the tow path past the boatyard and canal basin, under the Newcastle Road bridge and on past the Grove School playing field on the right. Past the field the canal sits on top of a high embankment as it crosses the Tern Valley.



2. After crossing the River Tern you arrive at the Aqueduct. Go down the '39 steps' to the road then turn right to pass underneath the aqueduct. Please take care as there is no footpath under the bridge. Continue straight ahead through the gate and along the driveway to Broomhall Grange. When the pathway divides bear

left down the slope to Tern Fisheries. This trout farm is a working business run by a Taste of the Town member. Both for environmental and security reasons, please do not deviate from the public footpath.



As you pass through the Tern Fisheries you will notice how the flow of the river has been split and otherwise modified to create various pools and channels for the cultivation of the fish. There is a long tradition of fish farming here; this area is thought to be the site of mediaeval fish pools which belonged to the Abbey at Combermere, Cheshire.

Follow the path through the Fisheries and around the bends as it rises to meet the main Newcastle road. Please cross the entrance by the stile, as (a) that is the official route of the public footpath and (b) the cattle grid has been known to cause a few twisted ankles.

3. Turn left and walk along the footpath towards the town. As you approach the canal you will pass the Talbot Inn on the right.

4. At the canal bridge go down the steps to rejoin the towpath and turn left to retrace your steps back to your car.