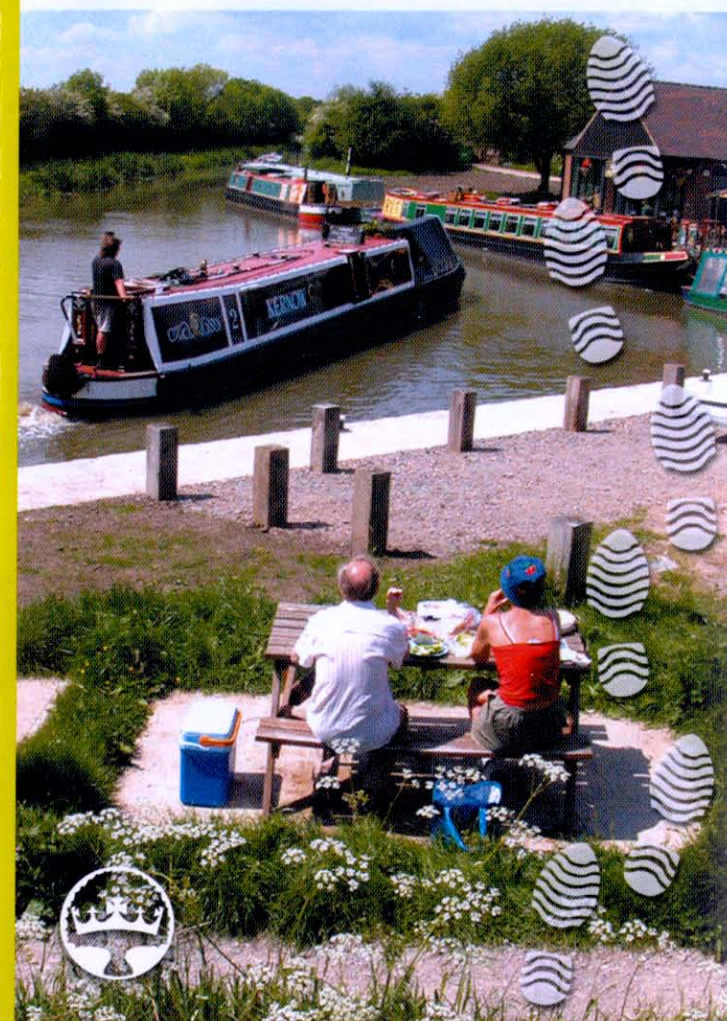




# Ambion Way



## Ashby de la Zouch Canal

19<sup>th</sup> April 1804 a canal link was completed between the coalfields at Ashby Woulds and Coventry Canal. The new, lock free waterway was more like a navigable river.

To start with boats using the waterway were all horse drawn, carrying cargo such as coal from the collieries in Moira.

The invention of the internal combustion engine in the 1920's brought about great changes to the transportation of cargo. This was further exasperated by subsidence problems and closure of sections of the canal near the colliery workings in the north. Regular commercial coal traffic ceased in the 1960's. Restoration to repair the canal between Snarestone and Donisthorpe are currently underway.

British Waterways now own and manage the canal as an environmental and leisure concern.

More information contact British Waterways  
tel: 01827 252000 or [www.britishwaterways.co.uk](http://www.britishwaterways.co.uk)  
If you wish to take a trip on the canal, contact,  
The Ashby Trip ([www.ashbytrip.com](http://www.ashbytrip.com)),  
or hire a boat contact, The Ashby Boat Company.

## The Battle of Bosworth, 1485



On an August morning just over five centuries ago the armies of King Richard III and Henry Tudor faced each other on Ambion Hill. The battle that followed - Richard's last stand in the Wars of the Roses - gave England a new King and saw the end of the medieval period. The powerful Tudor dynasty had begun.

The Bosworth Battlefield Visitor Centre is very informative and well worth a look.  
Contact tel: 01455 290429  
email: [bosworth@leics.gov.uk](mailto:bosworth@leics.gov.uk)

Other nearby places of historical interest include: Sutton Cheney Church, where King Richard III heard mass the day before the battle and Shenton Station for a ride on a steam train (only open at weekends). Whitemoors Antique Centre is also in Shenton, Tel: 01455 212250.

## Ambion Way

Ambion Way is a circular walk 9½ miles (15km) taking approximately 4 hours. There is an optional short cut making the route 7½ miles.

The route description starts from the Bosworth Battlefield Visitor Centre, near Sutton Cheney, in South West Leicestershire. However, if travelling by public transport, the route can be started in Stoke Golding or Dadlington.

The walk takes you through woodland, across farmed landscapes and along the towpath of the Ashby de la Zouch Canal. If you are looking for quiet, relaxing enjoyment of the Leicestershire countryside, this walk will suit you.

### Refreshments

The Buttery, Bosworth Battlefield Visitor Centre,  
tel: 01455 291048

The Ashby Trip and Riverside Café - Sutton Wharf,  
tel: 01455 213838

Pubs and shops in Stoke Golding  
Dog and Hedgehog pub, Dadlington,  
tel: 01455 212629

Whitemoors Tea Rooms, Shenton, tel: 01455 212981

### Public Transport

Mon - Sat, hourly, Services 86 and 87,  
Hinckley to Nuneaton via Stoke Golding and Dadlington.

Please confirm with  
Traveline (0870 608 2 608) before you travel.

### Contact Details

Access Officer, Community Services Dept

☎ 0116 265 8160

📄 0116 265 7965

📠 0116 265 7334

✉ [footpaths@leics.gov.uk](mailto:footpaths@leics.gov.uk)

🌐 [www.leics.gov.uk/paths](http://www.leics.gov.uk/paths)



With the Bosworth Battlefield Visitor Centre on your left, take the path that leads downhill along the vehicular track and through a gate. After a few metres leave the track and pass through another gate on the right leading to Ambion Wood.

A wide surfaced path descends through the wood to the canal and Sutton Wharf. Cross the bridge and take the steps on the right. Go under the bridge and along the towpath with the canal on your left.

⊗ (An optional shortcut leaves the main route - see below for the route description)

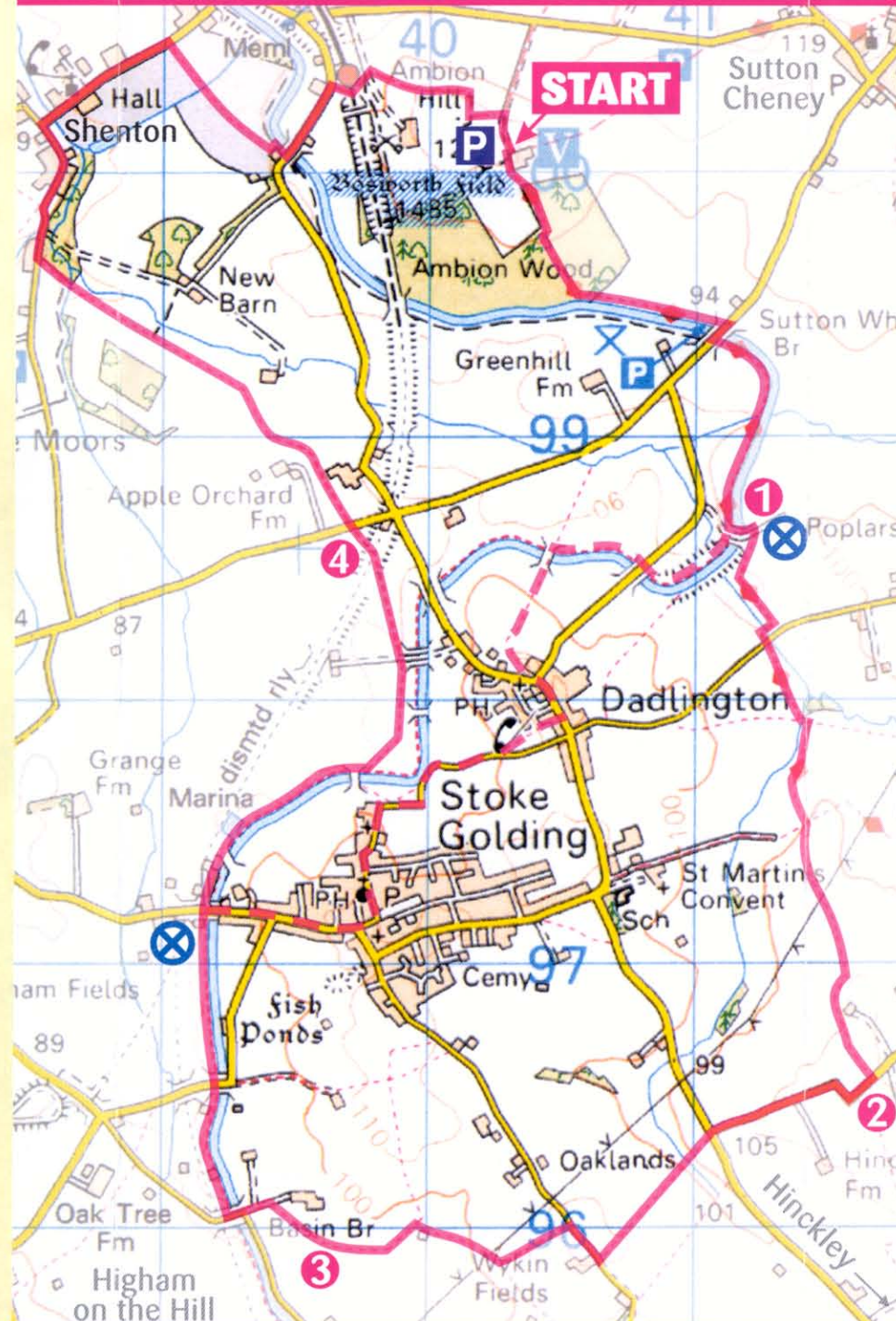
1 The main route continues under the first bridge (No. 33) and across the stile immediately to the right. Cross the Canal Bridge then go right, following the waymark post over a stile and across the fields to the road.

Cross the road and take the footpath opposite. Aim for the right-hand side of a small wood, to reach a bridge, then bear right and cross two more fields. With the hedge on the left continue towards the farm. Just before the farm, take the stile through the hedge, and cross the field to a hedge corner, to the right of the farm. Walk to the road with the hedge on your left.

2 Turn right along the road to the T-junction. Cross the main road to the path opposite and follow it across the fields, aiming for a large house on the skyline. Upon reaching the road turn right. After 250m take the path on the left. With the hedge on your left cross two fields, then turn right over a stile and follow the hedge towards the derelict farm buildings.

Pass to the right of the buildings and across the corner of the field to a stile in the left-hand field boundary. Continue straight ahead to the hedge corner and with the hedge on your right, walk to reach another stile.

3 Once over the stile cross the field diagonally left to the track, and follow it to the road. Turn right along the road, over the Canal Bridge, and descend to the towpath. Turn left and follow the canal.



⊗ (The short cut rejoins the main route at this point)

At Bridge No. 27 take the stile left. Do not cross the bridge, but use the stile on the other side of the track and cross a small field to a further stile. The path heads diagonally left across a large field to a bridge over a ditch in the middle of the field, cross the bridge and continue straight ahead to a private road. Go straight over and follow the right hand side of the hedge, before crossing a field to the dismantled railway line. Climb the embankment, cross the old track bed, and descend the other side, then cross a field to reach Fenn Lanes.

4 Take the path opposite, cross a field and then pass to the right of the horse exercise area. The path then crosses several fields to reach the road near Shenton. Turn right and follow the road through the village. Turn right again to go past the church and Shenton Hall before taking a footpath on the right, along an avenue of trees, over a bridge and adjoining field to reach the road.

Turn left along the road to the car park for Shenton Railway Station on the right. Cross the car park, and a gated crossing takes the path over the railway. Take the left-hand path, cross a vehicle track and continue to climb gently on a surfaced path to return to the Visitor Centre.

⊗ Optional Short cut - From Point 1

Continue along the towpath under Bridge 32 and then up and over the next bridge to follow the path into Dadlington village. At the road, cross over and take the lane immediately opposite, past the Dog and Hedgehog. As the road turns left, on the crown of the bend follow the path between houses on the right, and descend across fields to the road. Turn right and follow the road to Stoke Golding. Stay on this road through the village and at the road junction turn right in front of the George and Dragon public house onto Station Road. Continue along the road to the Canal Bridge, and descend to the towpath. Go left to rejoin the main route.

**Key**

- Main route
- - - Short cut
- ◆- Leicestershire Round
- PH Public House
- ⊗ Short cut start/finish