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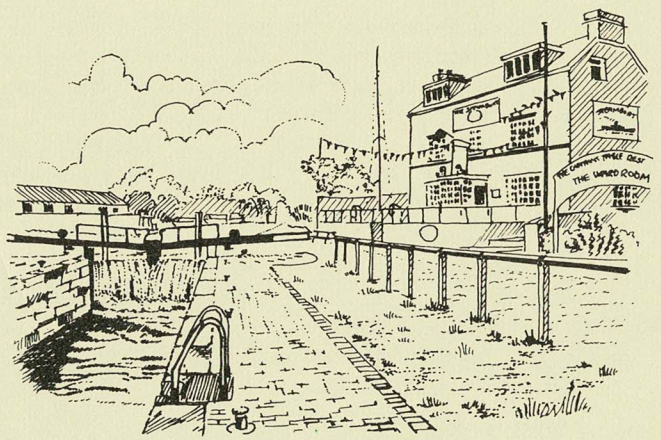
IN AND AROUND EREWASH

The Trent Meadows Walk

5 miles



Trent Lock

An easy walk around the plain and meadows of the River Trent.

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The Ramblers

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The Trent Meadows Walk 5 miles 2½ hours

Start Trent Meadows, off Meadow Lane, Long Eaton. Alternatively, from Trent Lock, Lock Lane, Sawley. None drivers may start from the end of Main Street, Long Eaton. (By the Tappers Harker pub).

Buses All services to Long Eaton Town Centre.

Time Allow 2 to 2½ hours.

OS Map Pathfinder Series — Nottingham (South West) SK43/53.

Type of Walk Along riverbank and towpath through very flat countryside.

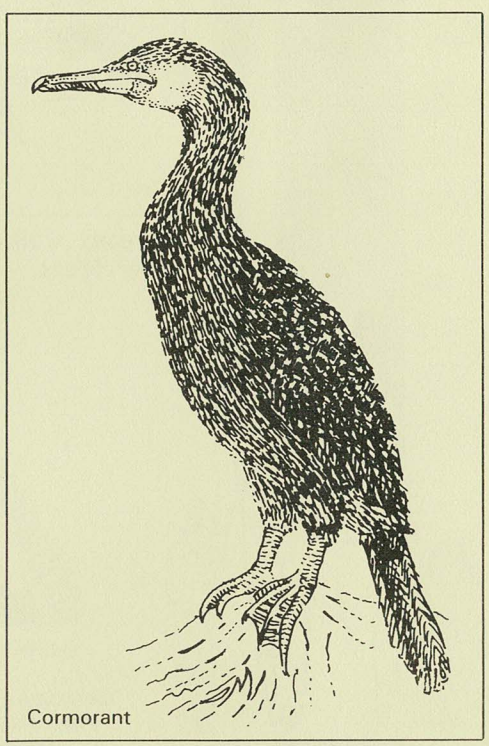
From Trent Meadows, leave old car park by bottom gate. Turn left onto path to reach footbridge over gravel workings access channel.

Flooded worked-out gravel pits like these are now home to many species of water-loving birds like tufted ducks, terns, great-crested grebes, herons and cormorants.

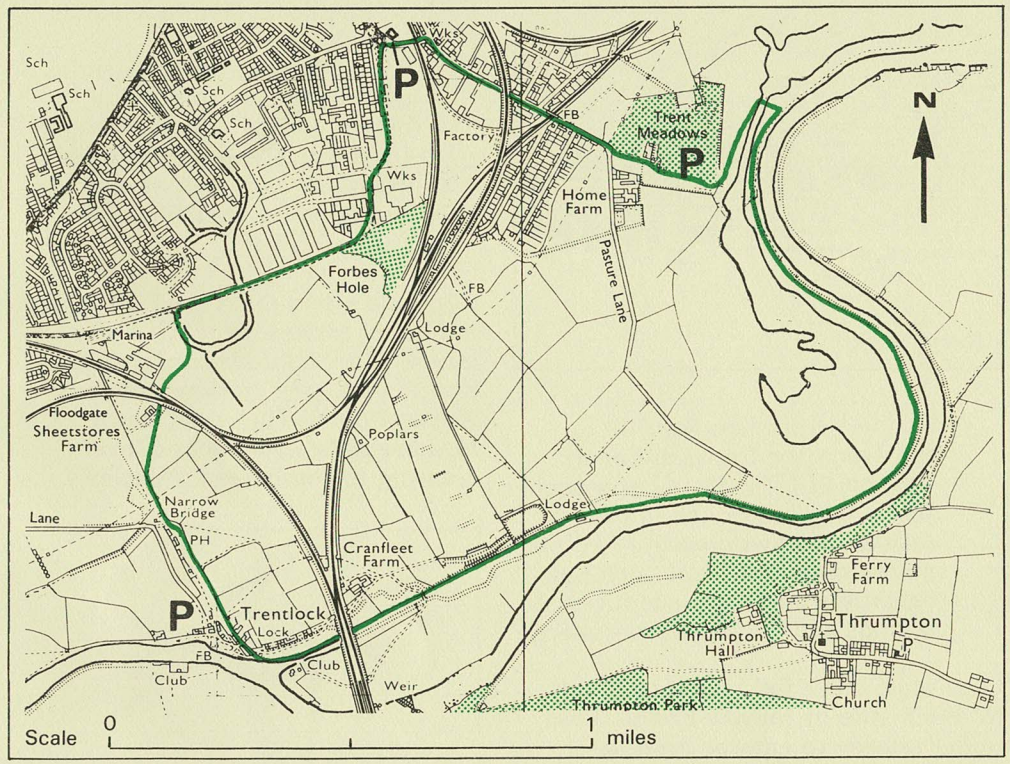
Cross over bridge and proceed to meet stile on right. Climb stile and follow riverside path towards Ferry Farm. You are now on part of the Trent Valley Way.

From its source on Biddulph Moor in the S.W. Pennines, the River Trent loops south around the Derbyshire Dome for 170 miles before joining the Humber and the North Sea. Used by birds of passage and boats of pleasure, it forms the core of the greatest river system in England.

The path leads to another gate/stile. Carry on past large river-traffic board to meet Cranfleet Lock. Follow canal towpath to Trent Lock.

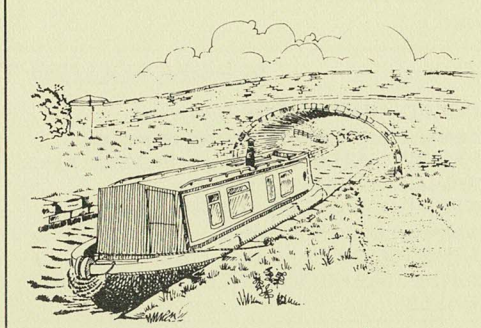


Cormorant

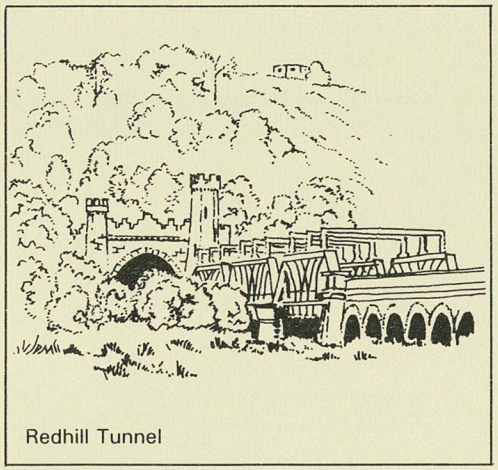


The Cranfleet Canal was cut in 1797 to bypass Thrumpton Weir and shoals on the River Trent. Around halfway, it passes under the Stephenson railway to Leicester, which disappears into Redhill Tunnel through a wonderful castle-like entrance — a Victorian desire to beautify our railways.

At Trent Lock, turn right onto towpath of Erewash Canal. Follow towpath past the Steamboat Inn and old canal bridge to reach stile in hedge on right. (Ignore first three paths off to right).



Cranfleet Canal/barge



Redhill Tunnel

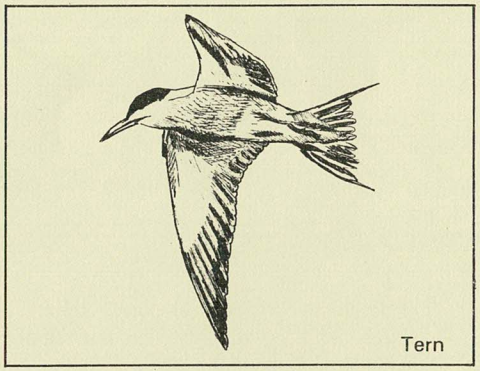
Running from Langley Mill to the Trent, the Erewash Canal was cut in 1777-79 to carry coal south. Nowadays, the lower reaches are favoured by houseboats and Trent Lock has become a popular place for outings with a lively atmosphere.

Over stile, cross field diagonally left to reach stile by railway bridge. Pass under railway to emerge on new housing estate. Turn right out of Tenter Close into Holland Meadow, left into Rush Leys then left again along Bosworth Way to join main road.

Turn right along main Fields Farm road. Where road swings round to left, turn right off road to visit Forbes Hole Local Nature Reserve.

Forbes Hole is one of a series of borrowpits dug to provide ballast for the railways. Dug in 1839, the site has developed a wealth of plant and animal life and is now a valuable local nature reserve.

Continue along main road, through industrial estates, to reach traffic island. Turn right by the Tappers Harker pub, over railway line to Meadow Lane. Turn right down Meadow Lane over second level crossing to reach Trent Meadows.



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PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

GUARD AGAINST FIRE Every year, carelessness costs thousands of pounds.
FASTEN GATES - even if you find them open. Animals will wander if they can.
KEEP DOGS UNDER CONTROL - on a lead wherever there is livestock.
KEEP TO PATHS - if they exist.
AVOID DAMAGING FENCES, HEDGES AND WALLS
LEAVE NO LITTER
SAFEGUARD WATER SUPPLIES Do not pollute streams or cattle troughs.
PROTECT WILDLIFE, PLANTS, TREES
GO CAREFULLY ON COUNTRY ROADS Keep in single file, facing on-coming traffic, on the right.
RESPECT THE LIFE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

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