

Easter Walk

Starting and finishing: St John's Church, Saltwells Drive, Muxton, TF2 8NJ

Distance: about 4.5 miles of generally fairly flat terrain, although there are some options, including a diversion uphill for views in the Granville. Can be muddy in parts.

Turn left out of the church onto Saltwells Drive and then cross the road and turn right into Elmhurst Coppice, walking straight down to a cut-through and footpath.

Turn left to walk alongside the brook and follow this footpath until you come to the road (Marshbrook Way). Cross and walk down Brands Meadow straight ahead. Follow the footpath round to the right to cross the brook and then continue along the path under the underpass, through the gateway, bearing left onto the road (The Fields, Donnington).

Continue straight ahead past the field (on the left) with the donkeys and pony and then fork immediately left to come out onto the road (Church Road). Turn left, pass St Matthews Church on the right and cross St Matthews Road before going down Church Grove (ahead), passing St Matthew School. Carry on before turning right down Waxhill Close and follow the path until it merges with Bradley Road, passing a small industrial estate and then Severn Edge Vets.

At the top of the road turn left and cross at the roundabout, taking the first left (Lodge Road). Keep walking along past the end of the road and along a footpath to emerge at pedestrian lights on Donnington Wood Way. Cross and walk ahead down the footpath to eventually emerge on Granville Road. Cross the road, turn left and walk on the footpath alongside the road. There are two options here:

One is to stay alongside the road, passing a view of the old canal basin (with information board), until you come to the entrance to the main Granville Car park on your left.

The other option is to follow the path round until you come to a gate on your right. Go through it and walk straight ahead through the trees until you meet up with another path. Turn right by the owl carving, walk along and turn left by the handrail going down to the old canal basin. Follow the path to the right alongside the basin and then back up to the path, turning left when you reach it and continuing. (After about 50 metres, just before the low marker post, you can divert to the right to look at the remains of the old furnaces, including an information board, coming back to the same spot afterwards). Continue along the path a short distance until you come to a junction just after the remains of a small building (an old privy) on the left. Turn left and follow this path back to Granville Road, emerging opposite the Granville car park entrance.

Walk into the Granville to the end of the car park. Then you can either bear left and continue along the low level path or walk straight ahead and up the steps, emerging at the top for views across North Telford and a pause, if desired, to sit on the Top of the World bench. Then continue along the top of the rise to a set of stairs going down, turning right at the bottom to rejoin the lower path, alongside a series of large wooden features including a dragonfly.

Continue through two gates and along the path, passing a derelict engine house associated with the former colliery before emerging in the smaller Granville car park. Exit and turn left into Muxton Lane, walking down past The Shropshire on the right and housing on the left before eventually turning left down a footpath opposite a field entrance and a Quiet Lane ENDS sign. The footpath will emerge onto Marshbrook Way nearly opposite Muxton School. Turn right and follow the path to Saltwells Drive. Turn right and after about 30 metres turn right at the blue railings onto a footpath across a green wooded area. At the end the path, past the children's play area, emerge onto Saltwells Drive again and turn left to return to the church.