

WALKING ROUTE: TYRLEY TO MARKET DRAYTON



3 miles /
4.8km



10.70m
Ascent



Leisurely

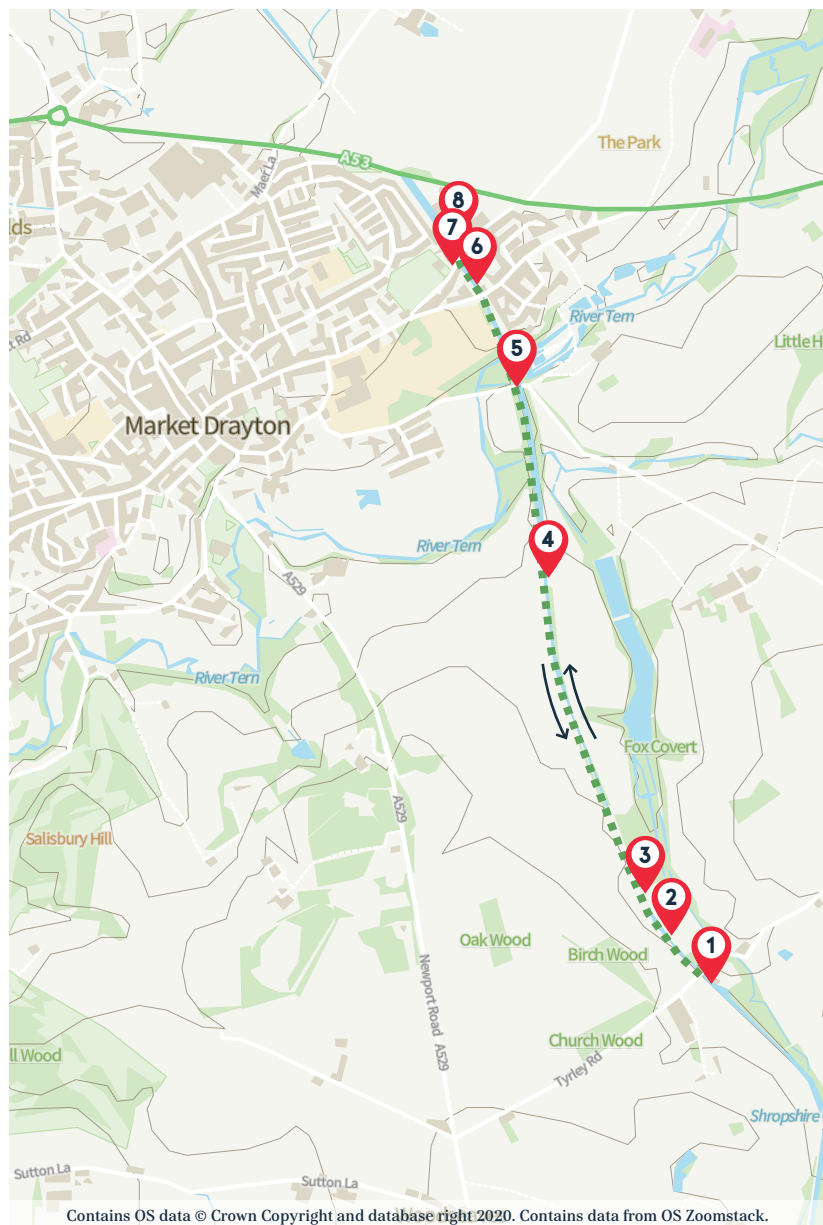


Tyrley Wharf
TF9 2AH



Park alongside
Tyrley Road
near the bridge

(Please do not park in
the area reserved for
long-term moorers)



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This leisurely walk is 1.5 miles to Market Drayton and back following the route of the Shropshire Union Canal. See locks, embankments and cuttings on the last canal built by renowned engineer, Thomas Telford.

- 1. Woodseaves Cutting** - Looking south from the Wharf, is Woodseaves Cutting, the longest cutting on any canal in Britain at just under 3km. The sides are up to 21 metres deep.
- 2. Tyrley Wharf** - The wharf buildings were erected by the Twemlow family of Peatswood Hall shortly after the canal was opened.
- 3. The Tyrley flight** - Head North along the canal and after about 200 metres you will reach the Tyrley Flight. The flight of five locks lowers the canal by 33 feet. Between the second and third lock down, on the other side of the canal to the towpath, are a couple of short posts made of cast iron with the letters 'SUC'. These are boundary markers, showing the extent of the canal company's property.
- 4. Tyrley Castle Bridge (Bridge 61)** - At the bottom of the flight you will see a bridge. This bridge has the date '1829' inscribed. It is typical of Telford's designs; the stonework curves satisfyingly in every dimension.
- 5. Tyrley Castle Bridge to Newcastle Road Bridge** - Follow the canal over the Coal Brook, Berrisford Road and the river Tern. The steep-sided embankment is about 500 yards long and up to 50 feet high. Where the canal crosses Berrisford Road there you will see a flight of steps showing

170 years of wear. In the Second World War, pill boxes were built in strategic locations; there is one just by the bridge under the former turnpike road to Newcastle.

- 6. Market Drayton Wharf** - Keep walking and you will see the wharf, sometimes known as 'the Old Wharf', the main wharf at Market Drayton was divided into two from the very start.
- 7. Betton Mill** - Continue to the next bridge and you will see Betton Mill to the left. The Mill was originally built as a warehouse in about 1905 by James Henry Jones, a corn merchant, but is now mainly apartments.
- 8. Ladyline** - North of Betton Road Bridge were the headquarters premises of Ladyline, one of the country's most successful canal firms in the 1960s and 1970s. From here you are about half a mile from Market Drayton town centre if you want to see the area, or you can return along the canal to complete the walk.

TIP: Download the more detailed notes from waterways.org.uk for a more detailed insight into the Canal's history and features along the route.

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