08 WARWICKSHIRE HENLEY-IN-ARDEN

Distance: 12.5km/7¾ miles Time: 3 hours Grade: Moderate





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Explore a beautiful
stretch of the

Stratford Canal and the utterly charming Yarningale Common. as well as the architectural and historic pleasures of Henley itself. Until May 2016 there's also something extra to eniov: a cast-iron, mansized sculpture by Sir Antony Gormley, one of five commissioned by the Landmark Trust to celebrate its 50th birthday. The project is called LAND and the other sculptures are in coastal locations. This one, however. gazes into the Stratford Canal at Lowsonford, opposite a barrel-roofed cottage restored by the Landmark Trust.

Start

Join Heart of England Way (HEW), which leads from the station to High Street, where you turn R, then L on Beaudesert Lane. Cross Beaudesert Mount then continue along a ridge and through fields, eventually meeting Henley Road, where you turn L.

23.2km/2 miles
Leave the road on the L,
towards Coppice Corner.
Turn R after crossing
dismantled railway. Walk
through fields, woods and
more fields, finally passing L of
house to meet Lapworth Street
at Lowsonford. Take Mill Lane
opposite, cross canal at
Finwood Bridge and join

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking

Henley-in-Arden station, grid ref SP148659 Is it for me? Pasture, arable, woodland, towpath, excellent footpaths Stiles 21

PLANNING

Nearest town

Henley-in-Arden

Refreshments Henley-in-

Arden and Lowsonford

Public toilets

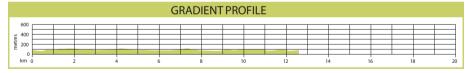
Station Road, Henley-in-Arden

Public transport

London Midland trains or Johnson's X20 from Birmingham and Stratford Maps OS Explorer 220:

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towpath, leaving HEW. Pass under bridge and follow towpath south, soon passing LAND at Lowsonford Bridge.

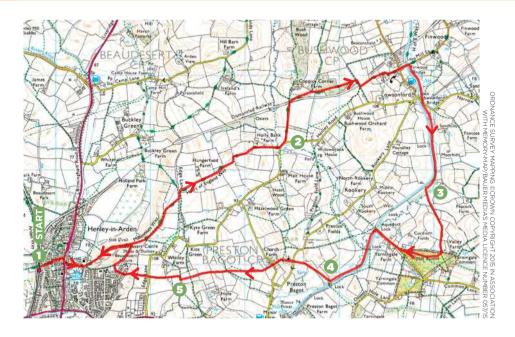




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7 6.5km/4 miles About 1km south of Lowsonford Bridge leave towpath for footpath through woods and then meadows. When you come to more woodland this is Yarningale Common. Cross track and footbridge then turn R. Turn R at next junction then shortly bear L uphill. Turn R near top of slope then R again by clump of brambles. Descend through wood, proceed across grassland, cross track near Well House and go straight on. Cross Spindlewood's driveway and turn R on lane. At end of lane take footpath to canal. Turn L on towpath, which changes sides here.

■ 8.7km/5½ miles

Leave towpath at bridge 46. Walk through trees, cross River Alne then follow L field edge to top L corner. Cross next field to lane. Take path almost opposite, passing L of Preston Bagot church. Go through gate by oak tree, descend to lane and take path opposite. Go straight across four fields to junction. Keep straight on, L of hedge, then through woods and fields.

__ 10.5km/6½ miles

Turn R on green lane, then take to fields on L. Go straight on to Edge Lane, turn R then L, along field edge then down through woodland. Cross park

and street and take the path opposite. After passing the school, either turn L for short-cut or (recommended) R through the meadows to rejoin HEW. Turn L to retrace your steps across Beaudesert Mount back to Henley-In-Arden and the end of the walk.



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