

NAPTON-ON-THE-HILL WALK MONDAY 5th AUGUST, 2019

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: 09:15 Chiltern train from Birmingham Moor St to Leamington Spa (09:46). Day Return £10:60 (£7 with Senior Railcard). Then 665 bus at 10:19 from Leamington Parish Church to Napton-on-the-Hill (arrives at Crown 11:11). We will return on the last bus from Napton at 16:32.

BY CAR: Park near the Crown (closed) in High St (Post Code CV47 8LY). The walk starts at 11:15 from the junction of Hackwell St and School Hill (Grid reference SP465612).

WALK: Length is 12.1km (7½ miles). Vertical gain 144m (472') – gentle! 5 stiles. Walk commences in Napton, past the parish church and windmill then **descends*** to the Oxford Canal. The walk follows the towpath as far as Napton Junc when it joins the Grand Union as far as Calcutt Locks. From there a combination of field paths, bridleway and a short distance along the Oxford Canal bring us to Lower Shuckburgh where lunch will be taken at about 1:15pm. The A425 is crossed and a field path is followed up into the Shuckburgh Hills, past Long Hill Wood, Lodge Hill and Beacon Hill. A path is then taken down to Halls Barn Farm then further field paths back into Napton.

* The descent is slippery after wet weather so bring a walking pole



