

HARTSHILL WALK MONDAY 20 MAY, 2019

This walk will commence at 11:00 on Monday 20th May and finish at the car park of Hartshill Hayes Country Park located at 155 Oldbury Road, Hartshill, Nuneaton, CV10 0TE. Car park charge is £2:50. There are toilets but they are not always open. Map below of how to find the Country Park if travelling from either Coleshill along the B1114 or from Meriden via B4102 to Astley, Nuthurst Lane then B4112 and B4114.

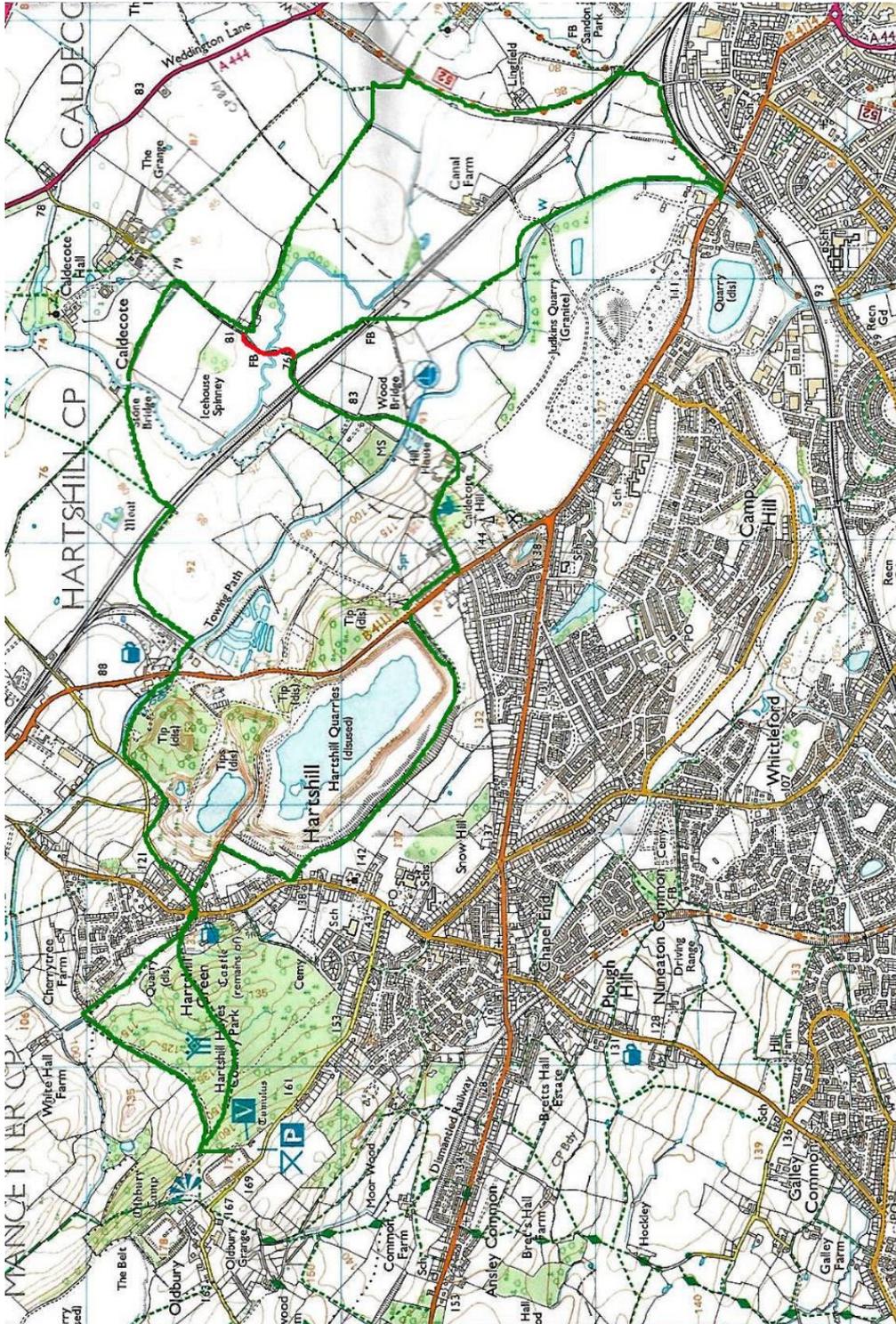


The walk commences at the Park and descends to Hartshill Green on the edge of the northern and eastern edges of the wood, then passes through the village to join a footpath that passes one of the abandoned quarries towards the Coventry Canal. The towing path of the canal is followed before taking a series of footpaths first across the West Coast railway line then across the River Anker and its floodplain towards Caldecote Hall. Once the Weddington Country Walk is reached the walk turns south towards Nuneaton and a stop will be made for lunch. Continuing along the Weddington Country Walk the outskirts of Nuneaton are reached at the point where the railway line from Birmingham makes a junction with the West Coast line. The walk then joins the towing path of the Coventry Canal for about ½ mile, taking a path back over the WCML then left under it again! The walk passes over the so-called Wood Bridge to follow a track uphill through Windmill Hill Nature Area to the B4111 Nuneaton Road. After a short distance along this road it is crossed and a footpath is taken that passes

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to the west of Hartshill Quarries back into Hartshill Green and then the direct track through the wood is taken uphill to the Car Park.

The paths are generally dry although in the vicinity of the Anker there are some wet muddy patches. There are some downhill and uphill stretches, particularly through Hartshill Hill Country Park and the descent to the Anker where some care should be taken. There are no stiles. Apart from at the Car Park there are no public toilets. The distance is about 8½ miles.



Iain Wells, 22 April 2019