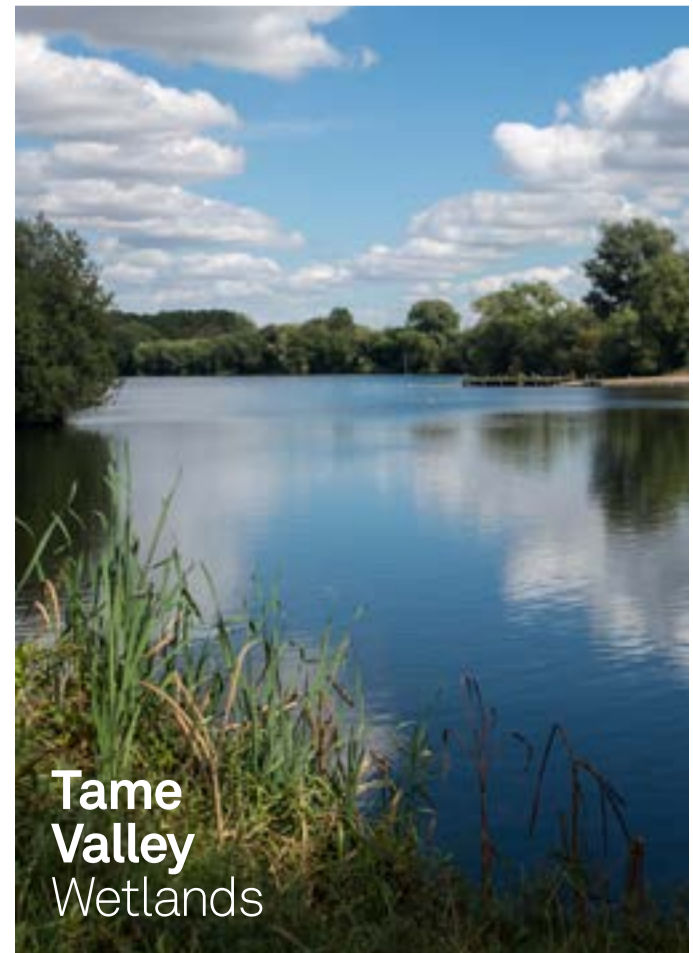


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# Kingsbury Water Park Circular Walk

Easy: 8km / 5 miles



Tame Valley Wetlands

## Walk highlights

**Kingsbury Water Park**  
Now a bustling attraction and country park, these lakes were created by pits left after gravel extraction. The Midland Gravel Company operated here from the 1950s-1980s.

**Kingsbury**  
The village of Kingsbury has a long history of habitation. Its Saxon name being 'Chinesburie', meaning a royal fortified site or King's Fort.

**Community Wetland**  
Scrapes and pools have been created here to encourage wildlife, along with an artificial sand

**martin bank for migrating birds to nest and breed.** This area was created with funding from Biffa Award, Environment Agency, The Howard Victor Skan Charitable Trust and Heritage Lottery Fund.

**Kingsbury Hall and the Church of St Peter & St Paul**  
Over the river, is the Church and Kingsbury Hall (also known as Bracebridge Hall) – a medieval fortified manor house. Partially surrounding the hall are the remains of a defensive curtain wall. The estate

is mentioned in the Domesday Book as being 700 acres in area with 33 workers and two priests. A private dwelling and listed building with timber framing and previously covered with wattle and daub.

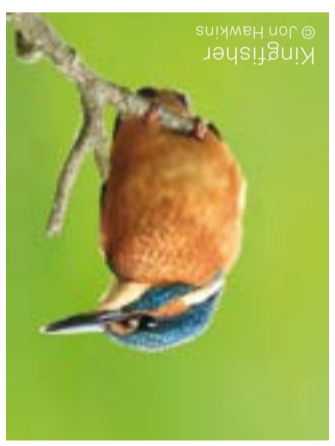
**Moorash Farm**  
A private dwelling and listed building with timber framing and previously covered with wattle and daub.

**Birmingham & Fazeley Canal**  
Beginning at Gas Street Basin in the heart of Birmingham, the canal links urban and rural landscapes across 15 miles and includes 38 locks. Opened in 1789,

it was constructed to link Birmingham and London, via the existing Oxford Canal, by engineer John Smeaton.

**Cheate's Farm Bridge**  
A Grade II listed structure dating from the late 18th Century. After the bridge is the Dog and Doublet pub, an ideal place for a halfway refreshment break.

At the head of Lock 8 is a footbridge across the overflow culvert. Take the chance to cross and take a look at the brickwork in the culvert.



## Getting here

Kingsbury Water Park is located south of Tamworth and near Junction 9 of the M42.

It operates a pay as you enter car park. Charges also apply to Blue Badge holders. Visit the park's website for details: [warwickshire.gov.uk/parks](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/parks).

This walk is served by Arriva Buses, services 115 & X16 Monday to Saturday inclusive. Use the stop at The White Swan, Tamworth Road (A51), Kingsbury. Check online for times.

This guide is available to download from the website. For more information visit:

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**START/END  
KINGSBURY  
WATER PARK**

- Key**
- Walk highlight
  - Refreshments
  - Toilets
  - Parking
  - Visitor centre
  - Campsite
  - Route point
  - Railway
  - Road
  - Footpath
  - Bridleway
  - Byway
  - Track
  - Kingsbury Circular Walk
  - The Tame Way (Canal route)
  - The Tame Way (River route)
  - Woodland
  - Buildings
  - Open water

## Kingsbury Water Park circular walk

**Distance:** 8km (5 miles)  
**Allow:** 2 hours  
**Ascent:** 15m

**Landscape and path type:** Surfaced paths, towpaths, footpath and lanes in country park, canal, and open country. There is one kissing gate and one short set of steps along this route.

**Map:** OS Explorer 232 Nuneaton & Tamworth

**Dogs:** Permitted, under control at all times.

### Directions

**1** From the car park, follow the path alongside the miniature railway towards Bodymoore Heath Water then Woodcock Bridge. Continue along this path, past Willows Pool on your left, keeping Bodymoore Heath Water on your right, heading towards the footbridge over the River Tame.

**2** Before the footbridge, turn left and follow the course of the Tame along a permissive bridleway. On your left you will see Kingsbury Community Wetland. Take some time to explore the area. Return to the bridleway and continue following the Tame Way along the bank of the river.

**3** Turn left after crossing a footbridge, walking south west, parallel to the M42, between Sandy Pool and Alder Pool. Walk beneath the underpass, between Moorash Pool and Gibson's Pools and then continue ahead, staying alongside Moorash Pool towards Moorash Farm.

Take the path which turns to the right, walking beneath willow and oak trees, joining Bodymoore Heath Lane. Turn right, heading north along the lane alongside Ash Pool, to Broomey Croft Pool.

After taking some time at Broomey Croft Pool, head to the left, keeping the pool on your right. Pass a barrier then turn left towards a kissing gate. After the kissing gate, turn right and walk along the lane to the towpath of the Birmingham & Fazeley Canal.

**4** Turn left on to the canal towpath, following a section of the Tame Way canal route. Walk along the towpath for approximately 1.1 miles (1.8 Km), passing beneath Bodymoore Heath Bridge, Cheatle's Farm Bridge and Double Bridge until you reach Marston Field Bridge.

**5** Leave the canal towpath and walk up the slope to the left then along the bridleway, over the M42 motorway. Carry on along the bridleway, which eventually becomes Seeny Lane.

**6** At the end of Seeny Lane, turn left onto Kingsbury Road into Marston.

**7** At the junction of Kingsbury Road and Coton Road, bear left then cross Coton Road to follow Kingsbury Road once again, towards Kingsbury Water Park.

After passing through the barrier into the park, there are two options for continuing your walk:

**8a** Turn left along the path, with Causeway Pool on your right hand side. Upon reaching the road, turn left and walk for approximately 50m to the pedestrian crossing. Cross the road and follow the way marking posts into the woodland past a den building area and model boat pool on your right. From the small car park, cross the road and head towards Bodymoore Heath Water and the visitor centre and the end of the circular walk.

**8b** Alternatively, continue to follow the road alongside Swann Pool and take the way marked track to the right past Mill Pool. This short track will once again reach Kingsbury Road.

**9** After approximately 350m you will reach Hemlingford Bridge, rejoining a section of the Tame Way. Turn left and follow the permissive bridleway, along the course of the River Tame, keeping Hemlingford Water on your left. In 620m you will again reach the Community Wetland. Return to the bridleway and continue following the path along the bank of the river.