

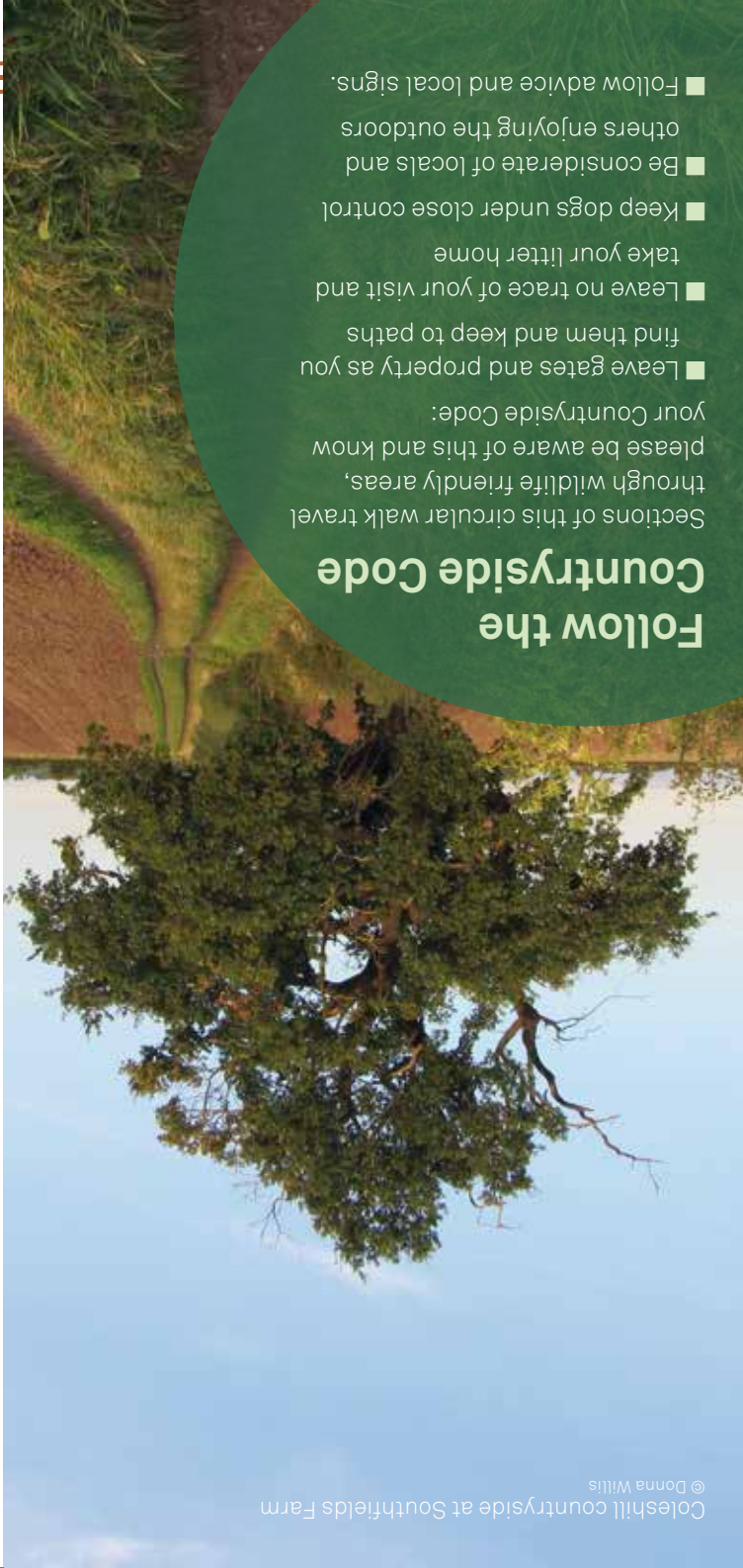
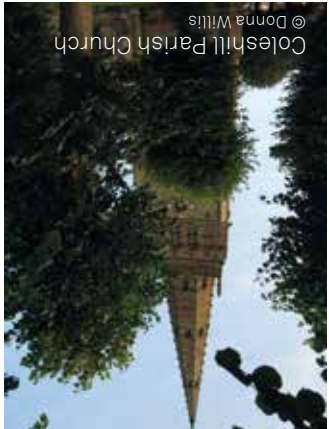
Duke Bridge
Duke Bridge (also known as Duke End Bridge) is a Grade II listed structure near Coleshill, on Maxstoke Lane. It is unclear when the bridge was built, but it is thought to date from the late 17th or early 18th Century. The Norman font inside the church gives a clue to a church being on the site much earlier than this.

Coleshill Parish Church
The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, known commonly as Coleshill Parish Church, is a Grade I listed building. The oldest section dates back to the 14th Century but construction largely took place in the 15th Century. The Norman font inside the church gives a clue to a church being on the site much earlier than this.

Coleshill
Coleshill was originally an Iron Age settlement in existence before the Roman Conquest of AD 43. Archaeological excavations at the end of the 1970s showed the presence of a Romano-Celtic temple on Grimstock Hill, built over the previous Iron Age huts. The area was also on the boundary of two Celtic tribes – the *Coritanii* to the east and *Cornovii* to the west. In the Domesday Book, Coleshill is listed as land held by William the Conqueror and the site

Southfields Farm
A family owned arable farm in Coleshill, it is a popular site for education visits where students learn about biodiversity and farming practices by carrying out surveys in wildlife friendly habitats and along the River Blythe.

Walk highlights



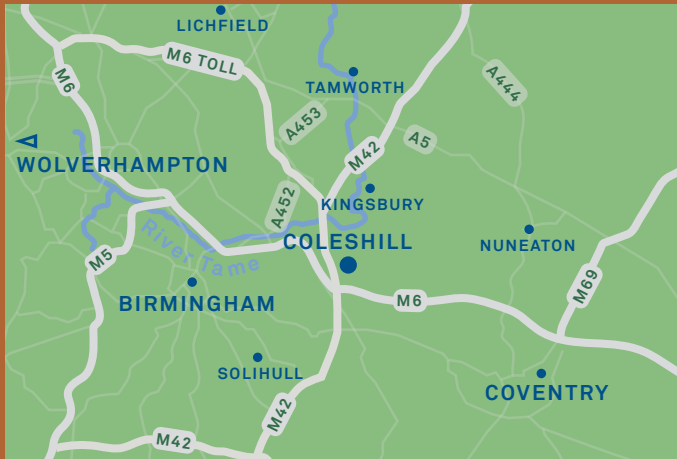
Coleshill countryside at Southfields Farm
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Follow the Countryside Code

Sections of this circular walk travel through wildlife friendly areas, please be aware of this and know your Countryside Code:

- Leave gates and property as you find them and keep to paths
- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Be considerate of locals and others enjoying the outdoors
- Follow advice and local signs.

Explore the landscape, history and wildlife of the Tame Valley Wetlands. Stretching between Birmingham and Tamworth is an extraordinary, hidden landscape on the doorstep of over one million people.



Getting here

This walk is served by a number of bus services throughout the week. More information can be found at the following web address:
warwickshire.gov.uk/BusTimetable

Coleshill has two car parks, both are free to park:

Church Hill (B46 3AD – 19 spaces).
Limited parking Mon-Sat.
Parkfield Road (B46 3LD – 13 spaces).

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

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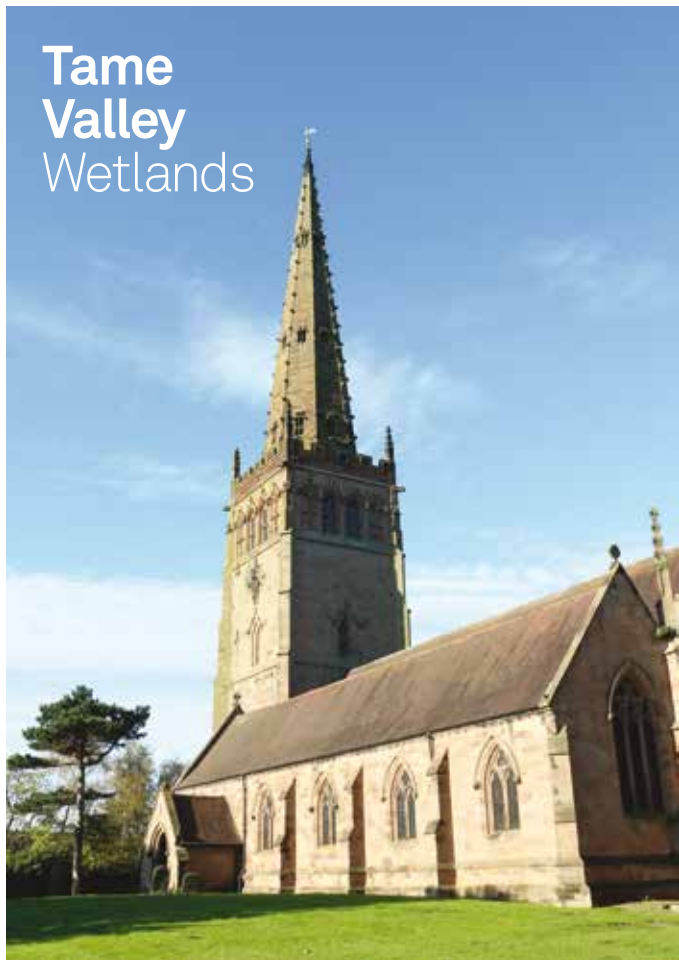


Coleshill Countryside Circular Walk

Medium: 8km / 5 miles



Tame Valley Wetlands





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Distance: 8km (5 miles)

Allow: 2.5-3.5 hours

Landscape and path type:

The route uses unsurfaced footpaths through arable fields, muddy farm tracks, tarmacked pavements and roads. There are sets of steps, footbridges, slopes, pedestrian and kissing gates during this walk. Sturdy footwear is recommended. Please be aware that parts of the walk cross areas where the river floods during adverse weather.

Map: OS Map 221
Coventry & Warwick,
Royal Leamington Spa
& Kenilworth.

Directions: (Circular route through countryside)

1 The walk starts at Coleshill High Street, at the entrance to the Croft, follow the finger post through the timber arch towards the Parish Church and The Croft.

2 Go across the Croft to the cemetery, turn right and walk south for 200m to cross Maxstoke Lane, then continue south onto The Drive for 250m, passing through a pedestrian gate onto arable farm land. Take a moment to enjoy the views east towards Maxstoke then north towards Shustoke.

3 Follow the waymarking posts and path towards the far corner of the field, passing through a gap in the hedge and bearing right. At the next gap, turn left and follow the farm track along the north edge of the field for 390m through another gap then down the track. Look for another waymarking post on the right hand side and follow it through a kissing gate.

4 Head south a short distance around a group of trees surrounding a pool, the site of some ruins, then walk south-west to the field gate following the footpath, then left, doubling back to follow the southern field boundary back to the east towards a kissing gate.

5 After 110m, walk through another kissing gate and over the remains of a disused railway. On your right is the River Blythe, keep this on your right hand side, walking down the slope through a pedestrian gate.

6 Walk along the south field boundary for 360m, passing through three more gates, re-joining Maxstoke Lane and Duke Bridge. Cross the bridge and turn right onto Arnolds Lane.

7 Walk south for 360m, leaving the lane and continuing south following the path. Follow the waymarking posts, briefly turn left through a pedestrian gate then immediately right to and through a kissing gate. The path bears left

after the gate and crosses two bridges over the River Blythe.

8 Look for the waymarking post ahead near the field gate. Walk along the track out of the field past oak trees and through another field gate. Walk over the disused railway again and up the slope.

9 Follow the waymarking discs, turn right around the marl pit through three kissing gates and skirt the edge of the farm through a fourth kissing gate, joining Hawkeswell Lane. Turn right and walk along Hawkeswell Lane for approximately 1km and bear right, heading north along Packington Lane.

10 In 360m, turn right along the footpath and entrance to Southfields Farm. *Alternatively, walk to the end of Packington Lane, turn right and walk along Coventry Road (B4117) back to the centre of Coleshill and the end of the walk.*

11 Walk along the farm track past Southfields Farm, turn left sharply after 550m, continuing to follow the waymarking post back towards the pool and the ruins. Retrace your path around the group of trees surrounding a pool and the kissing gate, then west (left) along the field boundary turning north and northwest back along the paths towards Coleshill Town centre.