Historic King's Norton

(Circular route) 4km (2.5 miles).

 Walk clockwise.

1… Enter Kings Norton Nature Reserve at the Beaks Hill Road entrance.

2... Turn right, and walk past Merecroft Pool, keeping the lake on your left.

3… At the end of the path which followed the fence, turn left, and follow the path to the exit onto Wychall Lane (kissing gate).

4… Cross over Wychall Lane into the meadows, and follow the Rea Heritage Trail route, turning right after crossing the footbridge.

5… Cross over another (blue) bridge near an old mill race.

6… On reaching the Camp Lane exit, cross at the traffic lights, turn right slightly uphill, over the R.Rea, and into Kings Norton Park near the car park.

7… Follow the No. 5 cycle route through the park heading towards the church spire, but then take a left fork past the skate park, and exit the park at the traffic lights on Redditch Road. (You could shorten the walk here by going up the road to the roundabout, and turning right to The Green.)

8… If continuing the walk, cross over at the lights into the recreation ground, and take the tarmac footpath across the field.

9… Cross over a little wooden bridge before reaching the Worcester and Birmingham canal.

10… Turn right here, noting the Junction House, an old toll house where the two canals, the Birmingham – Stratford and Worcester - Birmingham meet.

11... At the next bridge, leave the canal, walk up the ramp onto Parsons Hill.

12… This becomes renamed as Wharf Road. Walk up it, past the Police Station to the roundabout, and cross straight over to King's Norton Green. There are two cafes here and a pub. If you have time, visit the church and St. Nicolas Place Tudor building.

13… Keep left at The Green past the shops, follow Rednal Road, then right into Beaks Hill Road.

14… Walk along the road until you are back at the start!

15… (If you used public transport to get to Kings Norton Green area then you will not need to go back to the start but will finish at the Green area.)