

Swan Walks

No 2

Miles	2.6
Km	4.2
Hours (return journey)	1¼

Nafford Lock

A pleasant amble through the village to Nafford Lock – where river Avon traffic climbs towards Stratford. From The Swan car park turn **R** (east) into church street. Where the lane turns left, turn **R** following the public footpath towards Hall Farm.

Leaving the farm and its pond on your left, cross the lane then follow the hollow way on southwards past the house and its tennis courts and across fields.

Follow the roads **L** and **R** past the Manor House into the no-through-lane which leads across the weirs to Nafford Lock.

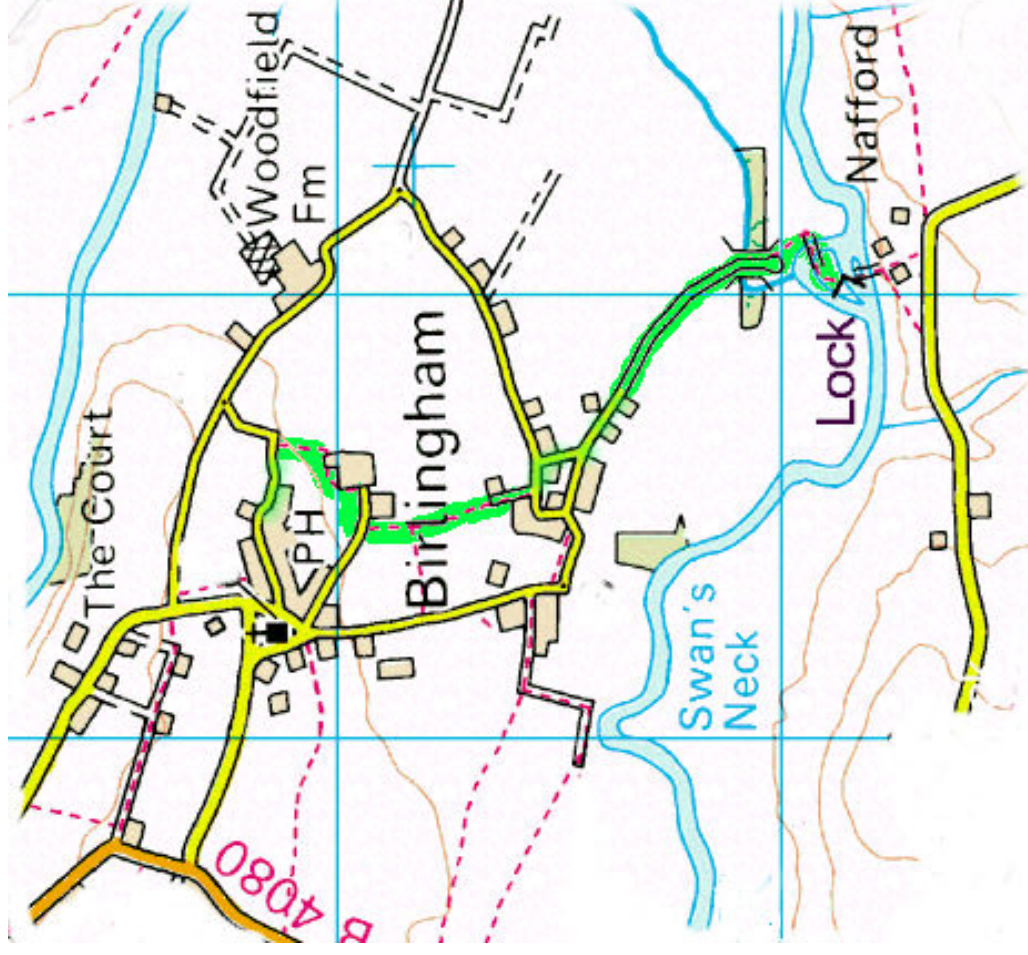
The Avon Navigation

The Avon is navigable for 44 miles from the River Severn at Tewkesbury to Stratford on Avon. On the journey boats have to climb some 80ft by means of 17 locks similar to Nafford Lock.

The River Avon was made navigable from as early as 1636 by William Sandys of Fladbury. But from the 1850s it suffered a slow decline and by 1945 was abandoned and in terminal decline.

C.D.Barwell, encouraged by the Inland Waterways Association formed a trust to reopen the navigation in 1962. The Avon restoration blazed the way for the many subsequent canal rescues.

Imogen and Nic Carson welcome your comments on this and other Swan Walks.



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