

The route

Start at the Roundhouse

4 Miles
2 hours
9500 steps
425 kcal

- 1** *What3words///rising.lift.demand*
From the Roundhouse courtyard head down to the canal and turn right, along the towpath then up the slope to road level. Cross the road and across the bridge and back down onto the canal again; ending up on the other side of the canal.
- 2** *///fever.cage.apple*
Follow the towpath past Monument Lane basin. Built in the 1880s, this basin allowed transhipment between the railway and canal. Continue along the towpath under the main road and over another section of canal, and then take the left exit from the towpath into the Port Loop housing development.
- 3** *///worked.woes.gravel*
At the end of the road cross over, then turn right along Icknield Port Road heading slightly uphill to the sailing club car park on the left. Head through the pedestrian gate and take in the panorama of Edgbaston Reservoir.
- 4** *///formal.bats.riders*
From here, head along the dam wall to your left and keep following the perimeter path around the reservoir. Cross the former car park, bringing you into the wooded area, and then at the furthest point away from the dam wall follow the path to your left, towards the road.
- 5** *///grapes.showed.seated*
Turn right on to Rotton Park Street and head to the top of the hill, where crossing over the road you can join the Harborne Walkway. Head down the slope, turning left at the bottom. Enjoy the peacefulness, the nature and exclusiveness of this green corridor.
- 6** *///larger.leans.whites*
Once you reach the end of the walkway, the path will fork; the right takes you over the last railway bridge but take the left down towards Harborne village. At the bottom of the small slope head left along Park Hill Road, right at the barbers onto North Road and follow your nose to the top of the hill where our walk ends at the High Street.

End at Harborne High Street

Focus on nature

We're closer to nature than you might think. See if you can find these plants and trees as you follow the route.



Daffodil



Holly



Bluebells



Wild Garlic



Fern



Blackberries

ROUNDHOUSE BIRMINGHAM

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Towers, teddy bears and trains



A picturesque walking route between the Roundhouse and Harborne along the Harborne Walkway.



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Cape Hill Brewery

Built in 1879, the M&B Brewery went from strength to strength and merged with Bass in 1961. The Brewery had its own railway line that linked to the Harborne railway along the Cape Hill Branch.

Teddy Bears

One of the main businesses that took advantage of the railway to Harborne was Chad Valley toys. Still operating today, they became popular by manufacturing large numbers of teddy bears before widening their range to include tin vehicles and toys.



Harborne Railway

Opened in 1874, the line originally had three stations: Icknield Street, Rotton Park Road, and Harborne.

Although initially built through countryside, the surrounding areas quickly developed into housing that, in its hey day, kept this commuter line busy with up to thirty trains each way.



Canal

The first mainline canal followed a very squiggly line away from Birmingham when it was dug (by hand) in 1772. By 1838, improvements were made that made it straighter and shorter by 7 miles, and therefore quicker to get coal from the coal fields in the Black Country.

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Tolkien's Towers

Edgbaston Reservoir is overlooked by two towers, one belonging to the Victorian waterworks and the other is Perrott's Folly. The folly was built in 1758 for John Perrott, who owned the land, so he could entertain visitors to Rotton Park where he lived in his hunting lodge.

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BIRMINGHAM

Built in 1874, the Roundhouse was originally built for use as stores and stables for the horses that powered Birmingham's municipal functions.

Today the building acts as a base from which to explore Birmingham by foot, bike and water.



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Birmingham Buddhist Vihara

The gold coloured Dhammatalaka Peace Pagoda (Birmingham Buddhist Vihara) was opened in June 1998. In Buddhism, the oriental style sacred tower is also called a stupa or caitya.

The Birmingham Buddhist Vihara has an oriental style sacred tower symbolising peace, compassion and the noble qualities of the Buddha.



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