

Devizes Club Site Caen Hill

Locks walk

Camping and Caravanning



Route Summary



Follow the picturesque Kennet and Avon Canal to see the remarkable Caen Hill Locks – and on to historic Devizes.

Route Overview



Category: Walking
Rating: Unrated
Surface: Very Smooth
Date Published: 9th July 2018
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 9.440 km / 5.90 mi
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Description



A pretty stroll along the Kennet and Avon Canal leads to the famous Caen Hill Locks, 29 locks that help the canal water rise 237ft over two miles – an extraordinary view. Walkers can continue on to explore historic Devizes, or double back on the other side of the canal, perhaps calling in at the tempting Caen Hill Café.

Waypoints

1 (51.35646; -2.07212)

Exit the Camping & Caravanning Club Site and turn right to go along the lane, soon reaching a bridge.

2 (51.35564; -2.07175)



Just before the bridge turn right and go through/past a gate to reach the Kennet and Avon Canal (signposted National Waterway Walk number four). Turn left along the towpath.

3 (51.35427; -2.05075)



Just after the canal swings left (by a barge station), take the next footbridge over the canal. Turn left and continue following the canal in the same direction.

4 (51.35213; -2.03478)



Go under road bridge and your next view will be of the famous Caen Hill Locks. Continue slightly uphill in the same direction.

S (51.35260; -2.01118)



After passing Caen Hill Café on your left, carry on uphill to bridge 142 (which carries the A361 over the canal). To

continue on into Devizes, go under the bridge and straight on. To explore the other side of the canal on this walk, turn right and go over the bridge.

6 (51.35291; -2.01062)



Go over the bridge and back down the other side, on a lane (marked private road) or footpath slightly closer to the canal.

7 (51.35288; -2.01786)



You can either visit the inviting Caen Hill Café, or head round to the right of the café following the lane past a fenced-off working area.

8 (51.35345; -2.02103)



Go through a small car park and continue in the same direction, downhill, following the canal.

9 (51.35326; -2.02499)



From here you could simply follow the canal back to the start, but for a bit more variety, turn right (by a sign for Caen Hill Diamond Jubilee Wood), down some steps and down a lane.

10 (51.35674; -2.03057)



Just before reaching the road, turn right through a kissing gate to take Marsh Lane Footpath alongside the hedge.

11 (51.35233; -2.03468)



Follow a good path and go through a kissing gate, to reach a bridge on the edge of Rowde. Before the bridge, turn left down to the canal, go over a footbridge (pictured), and turn right. From here it's the simple matter of retracing your steps alongside the canal for about 1.5km, and back to the Camping and Caravaning Club Site.

