

The HARTSHILL Parish walk

The Hartshill Parish walk (The Quarryman's Walk) is a waymarked route off The North Arden Heritage Trail. This is a project which has worked with local communities to establish a 25 mile circular heritage trail through North Warwickshire. The project was funded by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and supported by the North Warwickshire Community Partnership and Parish Councils.

The Trail passes through the parishes of Atherstone, Mancetter, Hartshill, Ansley, Arley, Astley, Fillongley, Maxstoke, Shustoke, Nether Whitacre, Kingsbury, Baddesley Ensor and Merevale.

This major walking route promotes the area's fascinating local heritage and distinctive landscapes. Where possible, the route has been developed to make it accessible for all.

Enjoy your walk!

ENJOYING YOUR VISIT

We want you to enjoy your visit, so please remember you will be sharing the countryside with:

- Other visitors enjoying themselves
- People who live in the countryside
- Wildlife and farm animals

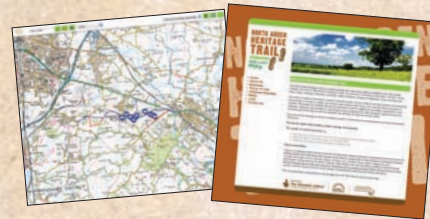
WALKERS PLEASE:-

- Wear suitable footwear and clothes
- Keep your dog under close control
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Be safe, plan ahead and always give yourself enough time to finish the route before it gets dark

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more walks and information visit:-

www.northardenheritagetrail.co.uk



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Miles



3hrs



MEDIUM



Visitor Centre of
Hartshill Hayes
Country Park



When crossing roads.

Stone and manganese have been quarried in this area since Roman times. Quarries and quarrymen have come and gone but their legacy remains. During this walk, discover impressive views of Jeas Quarry, Boon's Quarry and man-made Mount Jud. Stone sculptures, heritage and geological information feature along the route to tell you more about Hartshill's fascinating and explosive history.

A quarryman's life was hard. In the early days they used only simple hand tools like a levering bar, chisel and hammer. Sometimes the quarrymen worked from cradles suspended on ropes down the rock face. Later, gunpowder was used to open up large areas of rock. The stone was 'dressed' in the quarry before being taken away on horse-drawn wagons. Machines gradually replaced horses - firstly small steam-driven locos then diesel-engined dump trucks.

The walk passes over the Coventry Canal at Wood Bridge. Stone was brought to the canal by horse-drawn wagons, lorries and rail where it was tipped into narrowboats for onward transportation. Its main use was for roadbuilding.

It is possible to walk shorter sections of the trail by using the canal towpath and other footpaths in the area. The trail is steep in places and can be muddy, so strong boots are advised during winter and wet periods.

For more information about this "Quarryman's Walk" please contact Groundwork Coventry and Warwickshire on 01676 524320 or email: co@groundwork.org.uk



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