

Head for The Napton

Bridge Inn on the

canal/A425. At the

A425 turn ◀ where you

have a choice of returning

to The Folly via Napton

village or along the canal. To

return through the village go over

the bridge and then cross the road

at the junction with the entrance to the

industrial estate. Follow the way markers

up over the hill and down into the

village. To get back to The Folly

follow the road from the post office

through the village in a south

westerly direction to Folly Lane and

you are then back at your start. For

the shorter route along the canal walk

down to the towpath and turn ▶ Walk

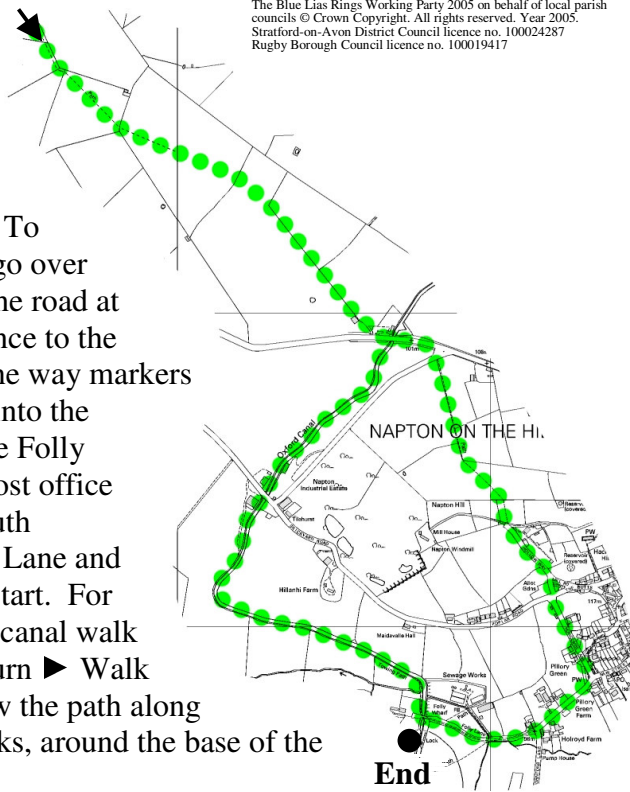
under the bridge and follow the path along

past the site of the old works, around the base of the

hill and on to The Folly.

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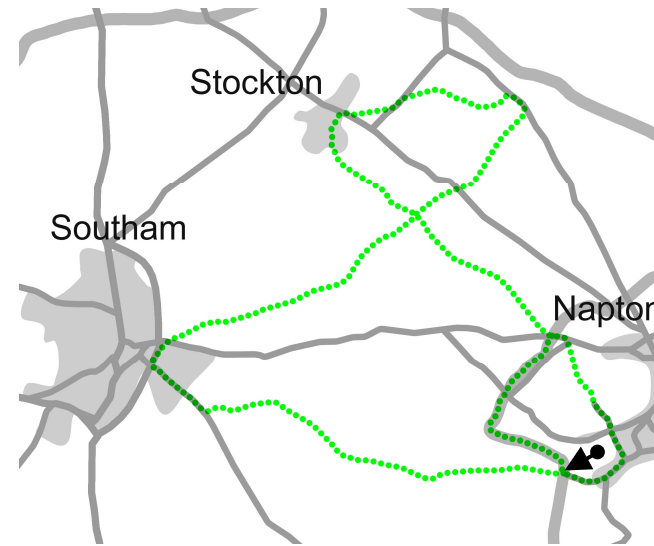
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Walk 2

Napton, Stockton and Southam

A circular walk of 8 km (5 miles) with an optional loop of 4½ km (2¾ miles) into Stockton.



Historical notes on points of interest are shown in italics.

Stiles referred to in the text may have been replaced with gates as part of an ongoing access improvement plan.

Start at The Folly public house, Napton. *Originally The Bull and Butcher and now The Folly, this canal side inn was re-opened about 1990 after being shut just after World War II. It is one of four public houses in Napton on the Hill. Napton is known for its windmill perched high up on the edge of the escarpment overlooking the site of the old brick and tile works, once a large employer in the village.* From the car park make your way to the old telephone kiosk in front of the pub, cross the stile and turn ▶ and head off down the field. Cross over the small brook and head for the open gateway, pass through here and walk to the far hedge keeping in a straight line from The Folly. Cross the stile and walk across the middle of the field to another stile. Head out across the field but veer to the left hand hedge. This field is often used by model aeroplane enthusiasts - take care. Walk around the edge of the hedge and go towards the corner of the field. Continue across the next field and head towards the far hedge, here you will come to a stile in the corner of the field. *The large field in front of you was the site of Salt Springs Farm and consisted of a farm, orchard and numerous small fields – all long since gone. In part of this field is a salt springs pond – an SSSI.*

