



Directions from the Trent & Mersey Canal in Alrewas to the Arboretum

Introduction

These directions assume that you are moored against the tow-path on the north side of the Trent & Mersey Canal. Firstly you will need to make your way along the tow-path to one of the three bridges over the canal within the village of Alrewas. The first section of the notes gives you the directions from each of these bridges to the War Memorial. The second section gives the directions from the War Memorial to the Arboretum.

Part A – From the Bridges to the War Memorial

- **From Bridge No. 46** (Nearest Trent Lock). Leave the tow-path into Church Road and cross the hump-backed bridge into Park Road. After about 30 metres turn right into Post Office Road; stay on the right-hand side of the road. As you walk along the road you will notice the Crown Inn on your left and the Methodist Church on the right. After 225 metres (245 yards) you will arrive at the War Memorial on the junction with Main Street. Fork right at the memorial and cross Main Street to the road opposite (Fox Lane).
Now go to the instructions in Part B.
- **From Bridge No.47** (By the Churchyard). Cross the bridge and descend into May's Walk which about 100 metres long. On emerging onto Main Street turn left. After 125 metres (113 yards) you will arrive at the War Memorial. Cross Main Street and turn right into Fox Lane (Just before the War Memorial). Now go to the instructions in Part B.
- **From Bridge No. 48** (Kent's Bridge built in 1884) As you emerge from the tow-path into Main Street turn right and cross the bridge. Keep on the pavement on the south side of the road and after 300 metres (330 yards) you will notice the War Memorial on the opposite side of the road to your left. Just before you are opposite the War Memorial turn right into Fox Lane. Now go to the instructions in Part B.

Part B – From the War Memorial to the Arboretum

The total distance from the War Memorial to the Arboretum is just over 2 kilometres or 1 ¼ miles.

- From the War Memorial walk along Fox Lane to the A513, approximately 525 metres (570 yards). You will pass several junctions on both sides of the road. At some convenient point cross to the left-hand side of the road.
- When you arrive at the A513 (the village bypass) turn left along the footpath beside the A513.

- After 150 metres (165 yards) you will cross the slip road by the roundabout (note that this is two way traffic) and head along the footpath towards the fly-over crossing the A38.
- After a further 150 metres (165 yards), having crossed the A38 via the flyover, you will come to a second roundabout. Cross the slip road (note that traffic is from your left).
- Having crossed the slip road, turn left downhill and follow the footpath beside the A38 in a north easterly direction for 625 metres (680 yards) until you are opposite a filling station. Note you are walking next to the south bound carriageway of the A38.
- Opposite the filling station turn right into Croxall Road. You will pass several cottages, some small businesses including an electrical company and a vehicle repair shop. After 75 meters (80 yards) you will come to a level crossing and signal box. This is a working line so you may have to wait for a few minutes while a train goes by.
- After the level crossing keep to the footpath on the left-hand side of the Croxall Road and after 500 metres (545 yards) you will arrive at the main entrance of the Arboretum which is on your left. On this section of the road you will notice our car park on the right and the entrance to Lafarge gravel processing works on the left. Just before you arrive at the Arboretum you will walk under the bridge with the conveyer bringing the gravel to the processing plant.