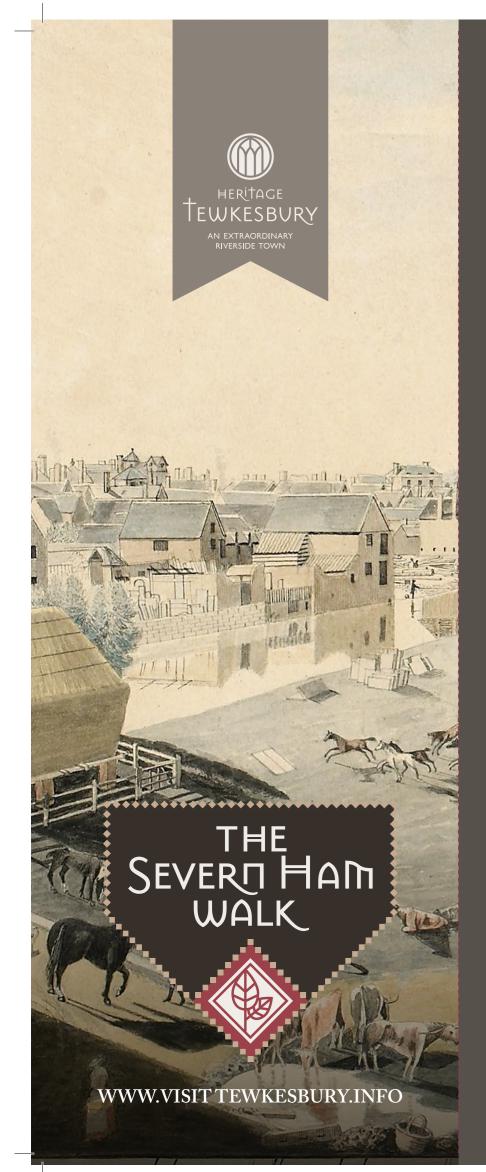
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THE SEVER I HAM WALK

Across from the river and away from the town centre is the Severn Ham. It is a beautiful and unspoilt open space in Tewkesbury and is well worth a detour to stroll around the lovely natural environment.

There are many different species of flora and fauna to look out for. The Ham was the first location for the famous Gold Cup horse race that is now staged in Cheltenham.

The Severn Ham is an area of outstanding beauty, full of wildlife, and with something to see whatever the season. It has been traditionally managed for many centuries and both a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and part of the local conservation area. The Severn Ham is naturally flooded regularly by its surrounding rivers, the Severn, Avon and Swilgate. It is the silt brought down by these rivers and deposited here that make the Ham such a fertile area.

Follow the 2 mile trail around the edge of the Ham and discover the wonderful flora and fauna of the Severn Ham. The pictures on the panels should help you to find a range of species from birds and insects to flowers and trees.





Use one of the crossing points over the Mill Avon to reach the Severn Ham. You can start your walk from either Location 1 or 3. It will take approximately one hour to complete.

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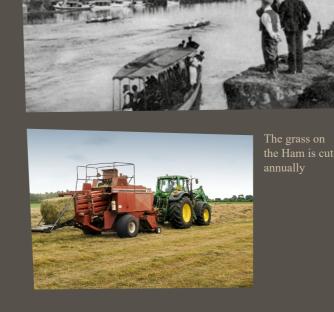
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THE HISTORY OF THE SEVER I HAM

Around a thousand years ago, the Ham became an islandwhen the Mill Avon was dug, probably by the Abbey monks. The Mill Avon was a man-made channel off the main river for the possible dual purposes of defence and to provide a water source to power mills where the Abbey Mill now stands. Learn about the history of the Ham as well as the two species that give the Ham its Site of Special Scientific Interest status.



3 SOME MORE HISTORY ...

hamm meaning 'meadow in the bend of a river' or 'water meadow'. It is a piece of land next to a river or other watercourse that naturally floods. The board at this point gives you lots more history of the Ham. You can also see the species of insects you are likely to see on the

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For a town to have an area that is home to so much wildlife on its doorstep is rare. The Ham is a special place that has so much to look out and listen for; from salmon jumping the weir to a huge variety of bird calls. This point is at the far end of the Ham but will give you a guide to the flora and fauna you may see on your walk.

Severn Ham Cover



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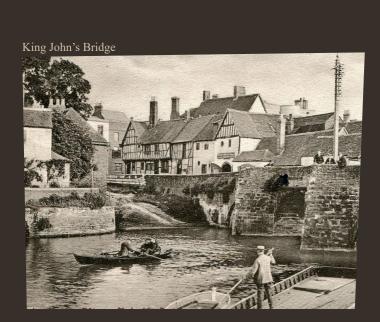


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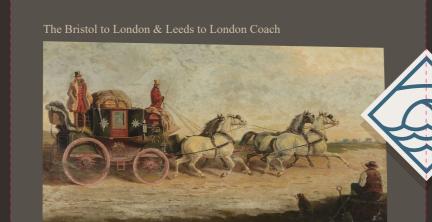
TEWKESBURY'S RIVERSIDE WALK

This easy walking route meanders along the beautiful River Avon in the town centre of Tewkesbury. It is a short route, is mainly flat and has disabled access until point 6. Along the way you will learn about the history of Tewkesbury and its lovely rivers.

There are fascinating panels along the route which will give you a deeper insight into many aspects of the history of the rivers and the town. Make sure you read the quirky facts on each panel – we have tried to give a fun and interesting piece of history at each point along the route.

Tewkesbury is at the meeting point of three rivers, the smaller Swilgate, the mighty Severn, the longest river in Britain and Shakespeare's Avon, one of the most picturesque boating areas in Britain. The Mill Avon which is the part of the river that runs close to the town, dates back to the 12th century when the Benedictine monks, based at Tewkesbury Abbey, were thought to have diverted the water course to power their mill.





Numbers relate to points on the map. Visit each point to gain further information of Tewkesbury's history.

OF BURGAGES, BARTIS AND ALLEYWAYS

Tewkesbury has always been shaped by the landscape. It sits on raised land surrounded by floodplains and rivers that restrict the land available for building. Learn

2 TEWKESBURY ABBEY

Walk to point 2 on the map. This is a beautiful spot that affords a great view of the Abbey Mill and The Severn Ham floodplain. A little further on and you will see the impressive Abbey which has shaped much of the town impressive Abbey which and dates back to 1102.

NOTE: There is a walkway bridge to the Severn Ham here. See the Severn Ham Walk on the reverse

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VIII became King, the religious makeup of the town changed significantly. In 1540, the Abbey monastery was closed during the dissolution, when Henry disbanded England's monasteries and destroyed many the different religions of the townspeople and the places they worshipped.

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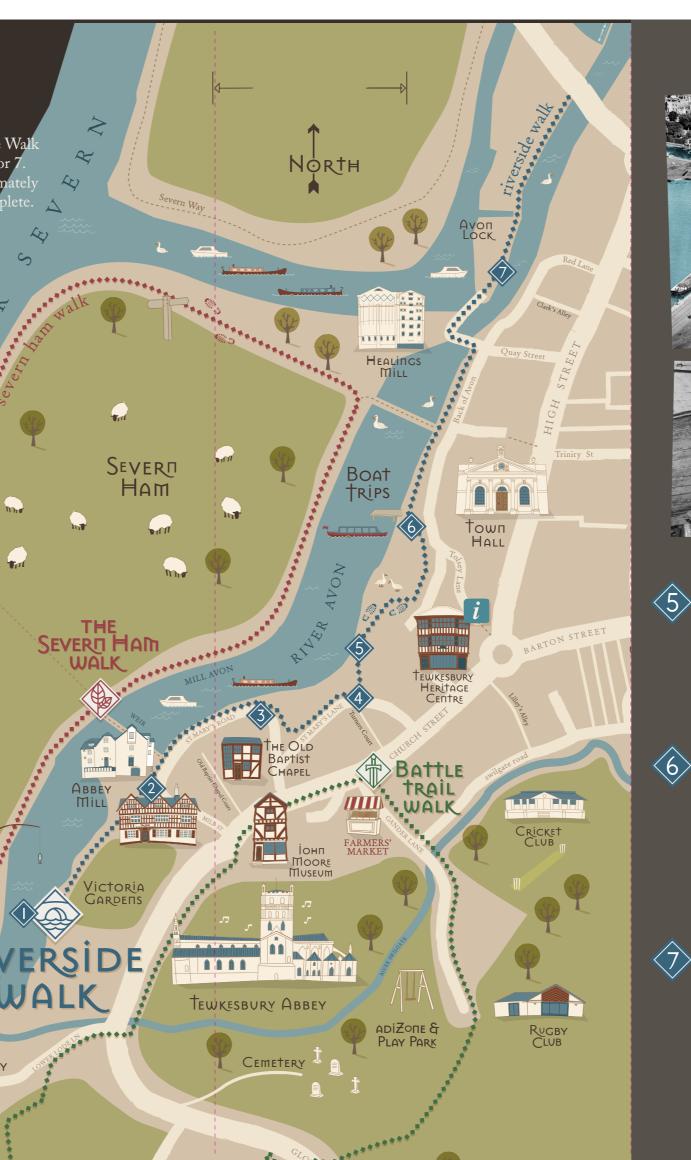
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5 TRADE, CRAFTS AND INDUSTRY

Walk to point 5 on the map. In medieval times, Tewkesbury grew as a market town to service the needs of the surrounding agricultural estates. Over time, many different types of crafts and industries developed, making it a vibrant and important town.

MİLLS & MILLERS

Walk to point 6 on the map. Milling has enjoyed a long history as a key industry in Tewkesbury. Rivers provided power to early water mills and a means of transport for grain and flour.

NOTE: There is a walkway bridge to the Severn Ham here. See the Severn Ham Walk on the reverse.

SHIPS, RIVERS & TRADE

Walk to point 7 on the map. From the earliest times to the 1800s, Tewkesbury's rivers provided the main method of moving goods around.

You may now like to cross the river at one of the crossing points to walk around the beautiful crossing poin Severn Ham.



THE BATTLE TRAIL WALK

You can also pick up a copy of the Battle Trail which takes you on a self-guided tour of the fields surrounding Tewkesbury which saw the penultimate, and one of the bloodiest battles in the Wars of the Roses.

Use the map to guide you around the story of the significant events of 4 May 1471 when the Yorkists defeated the Lancastrians at the Battle of Tewkesbury. It is easy walking terrain and takes approximately 45 minutes to complete.

These are available from Tewkesbury Tourist Information Centre.

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