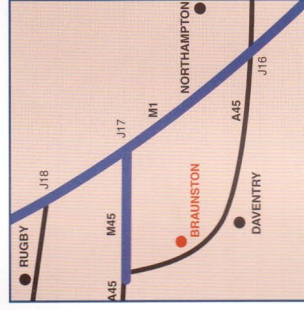


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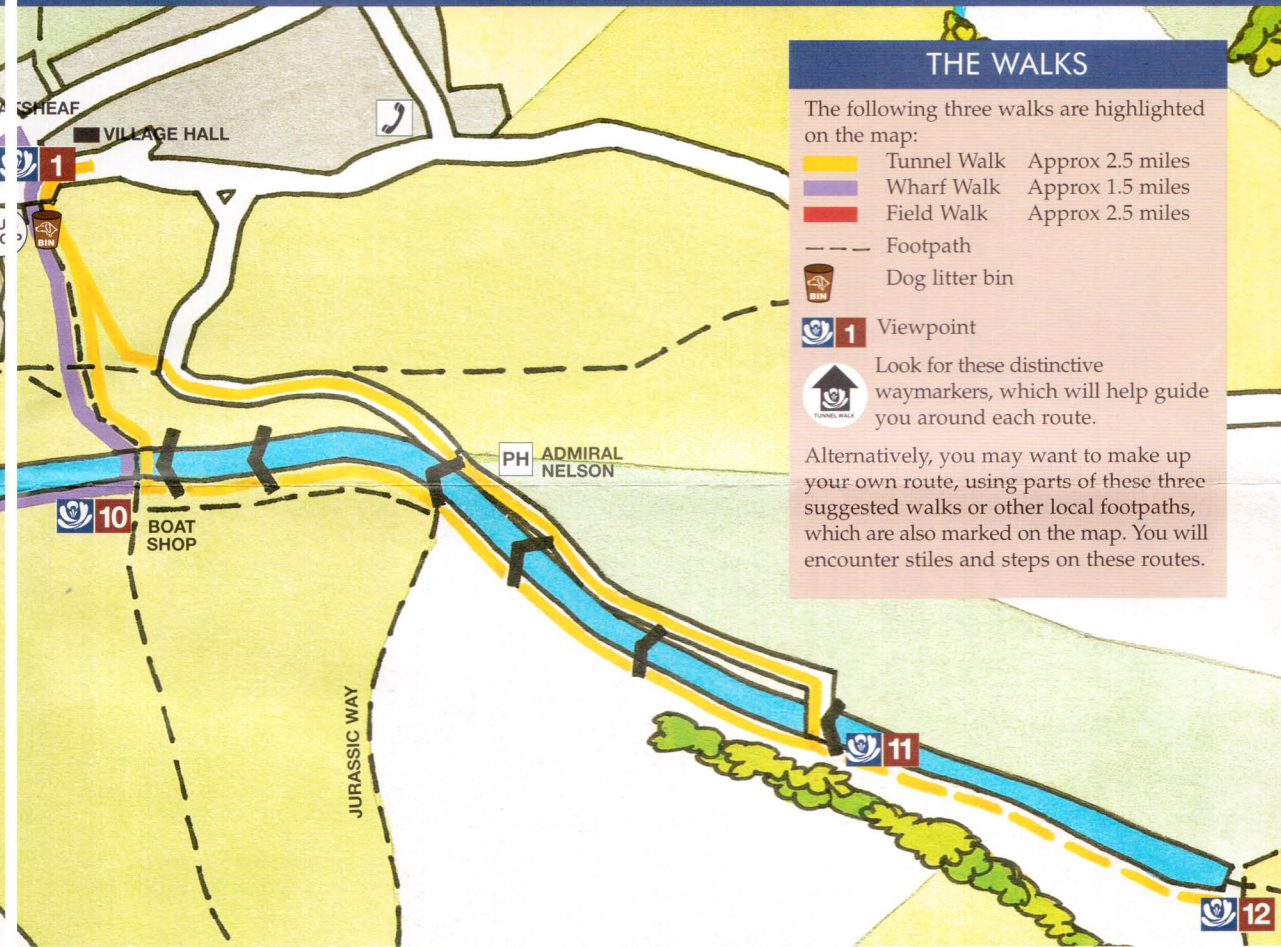
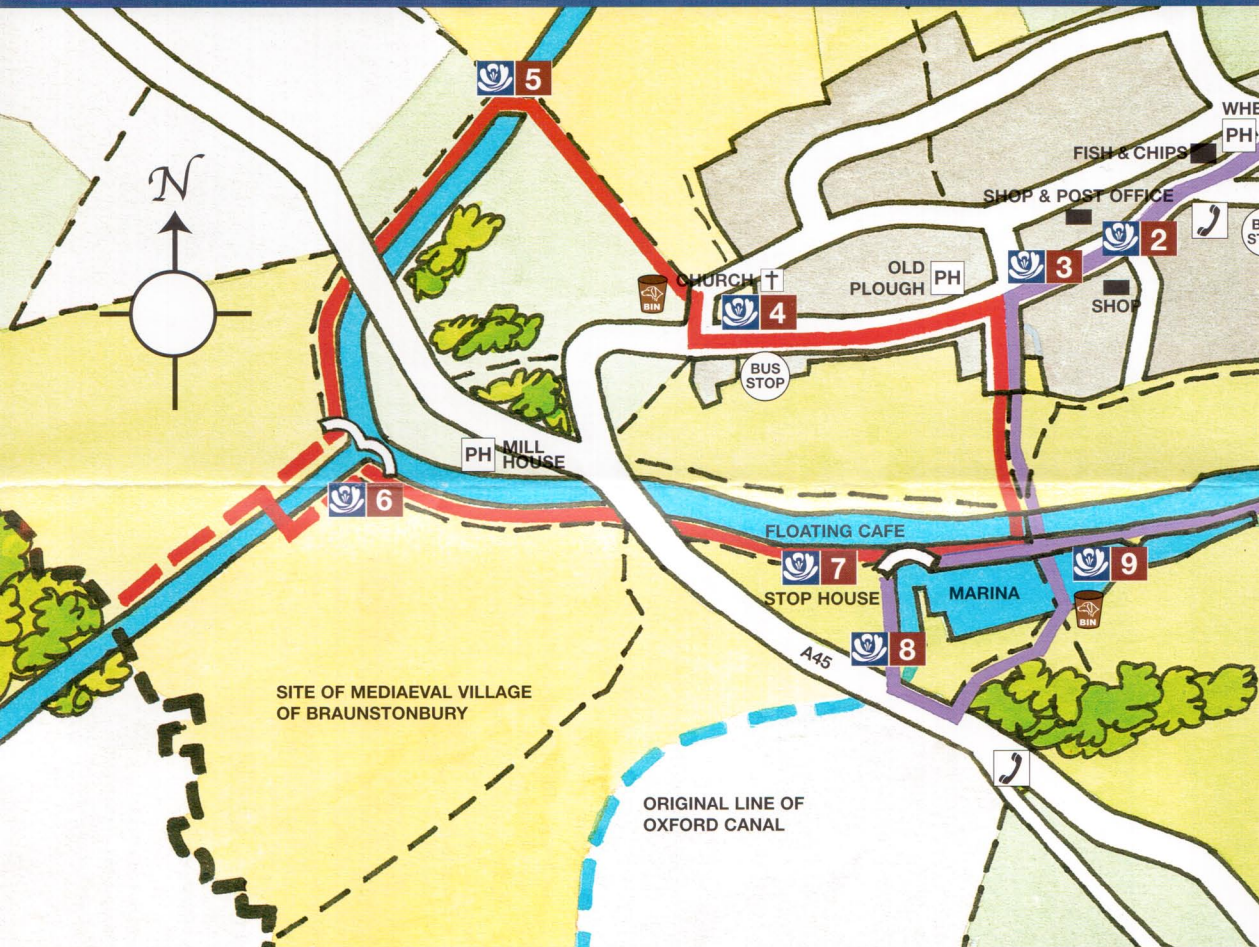
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# DISCOVER HISTORIC BRAUNSTON

## CIRCULAR WALKS AROUND BRAUNSTON



## WELCOME TO BRAUNSTON

This leaflet introduces you to the rich heritage of the village and canal of Braunston and suggests some walk routes to help you enjoy your visit and discover more about this fascinating area.

Although little is known of Braunston's early history, it is referred to as Brandestone in the

Domesday Book in 1086 and described as a small farming community. The name Brandestone is of Saxon origin and its earliest known reference is from AD956

Braunston's location would have been attractive to ancient man, particularly because of the many

springs of water here, and its commanding position on a high spur jutting out into the surrounding countryside with fine views in every direction. It remained a rural community until the late 1700s, when the construction of the canals greatly influenced village life. Braunston became a central point in the

canal system, the main transport network at that time, around which goods were carried countrywide.

Although commercial traffic on the canals ended in the 1960's, Braunston is still busy with leisure boats, and retains many canal businesses. Boats are still built in Braunston to this day.