

Route 4 The Pingles to Higham via the Coventry Canal and Weddington Country Walk. Also includes a shorter ride Weddington.

Distance: 6 miles (40-60 mins) or 9 miles (60-90 mins).

Start: Pingles Leisure Centre, Avenue Road, Nuneaton CV11 4LX OSGR SP367909.

The Route

A From the **Pingles leisure centre** entrance, take the cycle path L. Before the tunnel under the railway turn L and follow the path to the main road.

B Cross at the toucan and turn R along the shared-use path, bearing L around the corner into **Coventry Rd**. Follow the cycle path to the canal bridge and turn L and then R onto the towpath (canal on L). Continue along the towpath for 1.75 miles, passing under a railway, to reach bridge 23.

C Immediately after the bridge leave the towpath following the NCN route 52 signs. At the top of the ramp turn L and immediately L again into **Stoney Rd**. Follow this old industrial road alongside the railway, eventually passing under another railway.

D After the railway bridge there is a choice of two routes:

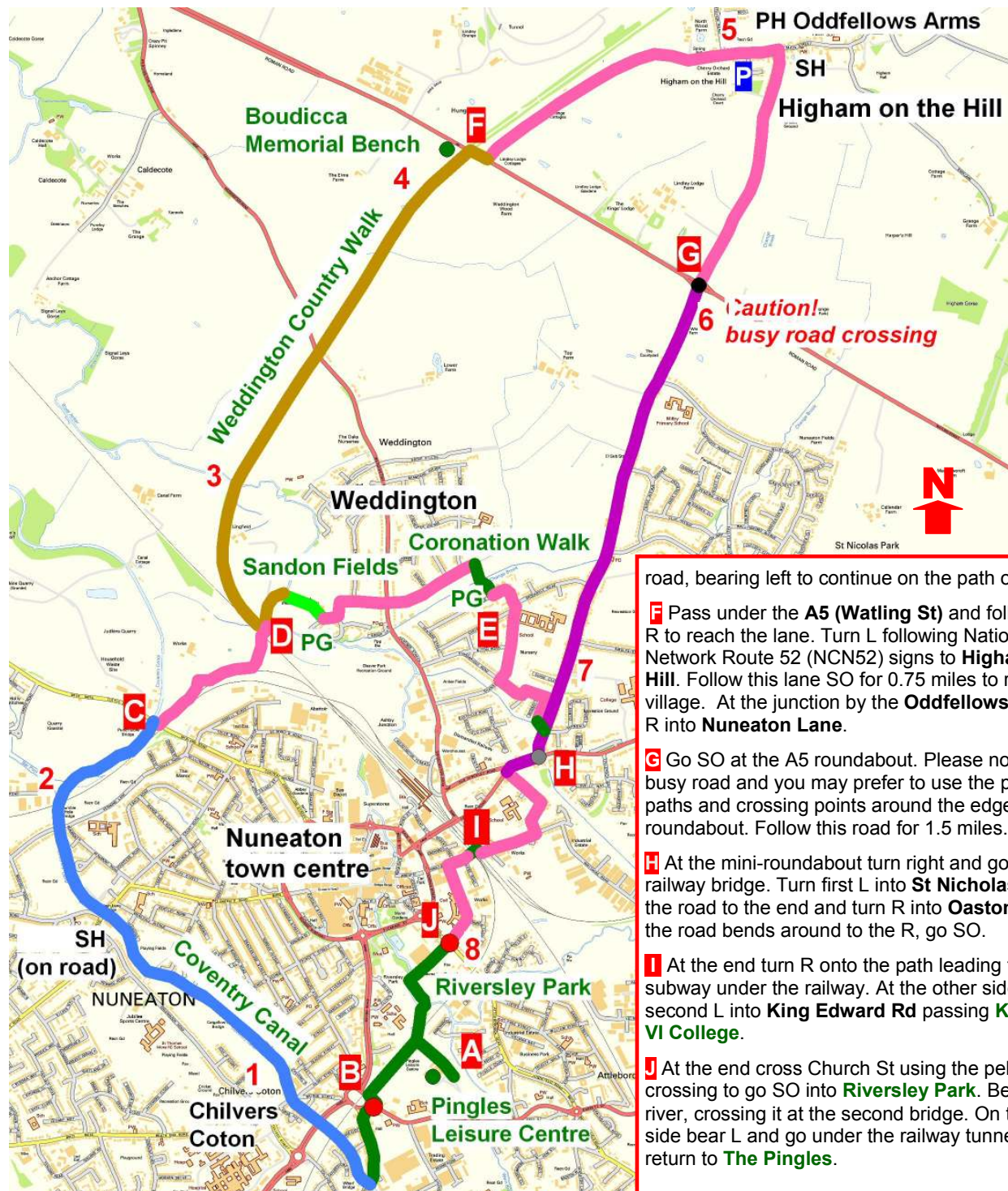
Short route (6 miles) via Weddington

Go SO taking the lower of the two paths to the river bridge. Cross the bridge (6 steps to negotiate) and the open, grassed area (no surfaced path) heading to the right of the building to reach the children's playground. Get onto the road and turn L and at the end of the road turn L and follow the road around to the R. At the end of **Shawe Avenue**, cross **Weddington Rd** going SO into **Glenfield Avenue**. Continue SO to the end and turn R onto a path across **Coronation Walk** park.

E At the end of the path turn L and at the end of **Ryder Avenue** turn R into **Shanklin Drive**. Turn first L into **Kingsbridge Rd**. At the end turn L into **Queensway**, following the road around to the R. At the end of **Queensway** join the footpath of the parallel **Higham Lane** for a few yards to turn R onto the road opposite **Ferndale Close**. Continue at **H**.

Main route (9 miles) via Higham

Turn left up a narrow track to join the **Weddington Country Walk**. At the next road, negotiate the barrier and cross the



road, bearing left to continue on the path opposite.

F Pass under the **A5 (Watling St)** and follow the path R to reach the lane. Turn L following National Cycle Network Route 52 (NCN52) signs to **Higham on the Hill**. Follow this lane SO for 0.75 miles to reach the village. At the junction by the **Oddfellows Arms** turn R into **Nuneaton Lane**.

G Go SO at the A5 roundabout. Please note this is a busy road and you may prefer to use the pedestrian paths and crossing points around the edge of the roundabout. Follow this road for 1.5 miles.

H At the mini-roundabout turn right and go under the railway bridge. Turn first L into **St Nicholas Rd**. Follow the road to the end and turn R into **Oaston Rd**. Where the road bends around to the R, go SO.

I At the end turn R onto the path leading to the subway under the railway. At the other side go SO and second L into **King Edward Rd** passing **King Edward VI College**.

J At the end cross Church St using the pelican crossing to go SO into **Riversley Park**. Bear L at the river, crossing it at the second bridge. On the other side bear L and go under the railway tunnel. Go SO to return to **The Pingles**.