

Irthingborough - Rushden & Diamonds Football Club

Wellingborough to Rushden & Diamonds, 4.5 miles, 3 locks

Good moorings here on the left bank going downstream. In past years there has been a few problems with youths on motorbikes, but of late they seem to have found somewhere else to go. I always moor here now. It is very quiet except at the weekends in early or late summer when the guys are out on the football pitches which the moorings overlook.

The Environment Agency services are not in use here at the moment as the football club have refused to maintain them at their cost. It remains to be seen if EA pick up the bill in future for the maintenance. When we were here last (late summer 2009) the water tap was working along with the diy pump out machine which is free to use as is all EA pump outs on their waters.

Irthingborough is not too far away to deserve a walk to. There are good shops and pubs as well as a Post Office. Walking is excellent in this area by crossing the bridge at the lock in front of the moorings. The end of that path reveals yet more of these ex gravel pit areas, and this is a good one. Plenty of lakes to walk around plus a reception and exhibition centre with a great deal of local information as well as a cafe. It was open all summer, not sure about the winter, but would guess that it would be open at weekends.

A circular walk along the river (Nene Valley Way) and over the next bridge after the lock will take you to the lakes, along the disused railway track (now a long distance path) and back up the path to the lock.. an attractive 2 mile plus walk without any diversions. See the map. There is a [bus service](#) to Wellingborough, go out past the football complex, across the roundabout and the bus stop is on the left hand side of the road as you head towards Irthingborough, leaving every hour at 27 mins past taking about 20 minutes.

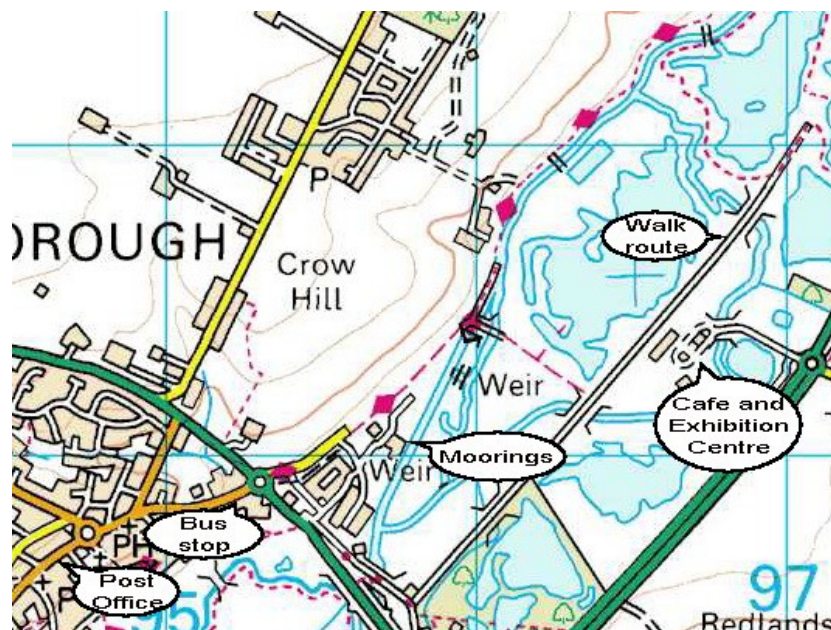


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