



**DISTANCE**

3 miles / 4.82 km /  
7500 steps



**ELEVATION**

243 ft



**CALCULATED TIME**

Approx 1hr



**DIFFICULTY**

Easy

Braunston has so much to offer and we will be publishing a number of walks in this area. This particular walk includes the hidden village of Wolfhampcote (we once spent the night in the church and it was rather creepy!). You will spot a windmill with no sails, plenty of wildlife and if you are walking during the day then having a quick coffee at Gongoozlers Boat Café is a must!

# BRAUNSTON SHORT LOOP (AG15)



1. Please only use the parking facilities if you intend dropping in for a drink or something to eat. Starting from The Boat House Car Park | London Road | Braunston NN11 7HB – cross the road and head for the yellow posts.



2. Take the little footpath through the hedge and be prepared for a little climb up towards the church. See if you can spot an old plough on your left.



3. Go through the kissing gate and turn left. If you have time, then check out the church. There is also a lovely community café in the village which serves amazing homemade cakes!



4. Go past The Plough Pub and look out for the Hovis sign on your left. Cross the High Street and take a right turn into Nibbets Lane.



5. Continue straight as you make your way down the hill. (If you want a challenge then try doing this route backwards, where you will climb this hill at the end of the walk).



6. After you have crossed the bridge, turn right onto the canal towpath.

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7. Continue walking alongside the Grand Union Canal, passing Braunston Marina and Gongoozlers Boat Café. Pass under the A45 bridge.



8. Immediately after the bridge turn left. We will be joining the canal again a bit later on.



9. Turn right (with the A5 now behind you). Either brave the cattle grid or go through the small gate on the right.



10. You will now walk along a farm track which is rather uneven underfoot so please careful of your footing. Cows and sheep are often in this field.



11. When you see the church on your left, you have reached Wolhampcote. This church is usually open, so take a few mins to check it out. To the right of this track you will see the bumps and lumps in the terrain. This is the hidden village of Wolhampcote which was killed off by the plague. (eery at night!).



12. Continue straight. You will go through another gate. Spot the pigs in the farm to your right. (Clue for a photo challenge!).

Continue up the hill and then take the path that leads off to the right. You are now heading towards the canal again.

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13. When you arrive at this metal gate, make sure that you do not miss the turning to your left for the footpath. You will soon be on the towpath again.



14. But first you have a stile to cross.



15. And some steps to descend. Turn left at the bridge. There is a nice long stretch of canal to walk now. Keep going until you go under a bridge.



16. We now need to double back and go over the bridge and down the other side. Continue along the towpath on the other side of the canal, heading towards the white metal bridge. Continue to the right, do not go over the bridge, unless you would like to take some awesome photos.



17. After a short walk you will pass the pub on the left which is where your car is parked, however, you need to continue on the footpath until you reach the bridge. From here you can exit right, cross the bridge and make your way back to the pub to enjoy a well deserved drink.



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## PHOTO CHALLENGE:

Your challenge, should you choose to accept it, is to capture a photo of a windmill with no sails or “Pink Floyd Wall”



For each Adventure Geek walk we will challenge you to take a photo and upload to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #AGPhotoChallenge.

## CAFÉ / PUB BREAK

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- Seating inside and outside
- Various events held
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