

# Cannock Chase Heritage Trail

A 10-mile cycling and walking route linking the towns of **Cannock**, **Hednesford** and **Rugeley**.



**Cannock Chase Heritage Trail is a 10-mile route linking the towns of Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley. It passes through, or close to sites of historic or environmental interest, with interpretation boards along the way that tell the story of each location. Intended to support a healthy lifestyle, the trail is a facility for walkers and cyclists, offering walks and off-road cycle routes.**

The trail was initially funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and several project partners in 2008.

The trail consists of mixed surfaces of tarmac, gravel and concrete. Gradients in some rural sections of the trail can be difficult for manual wheelchairs and buggies.

These include:

- A short section between Hednesford Park (along the former railway line) and Rugeley Road (A460).
- A short section near the concrete standing area adjacent to Brindley Heath Road.
- A short section between Cannock Chase Visitor Centre and Cannock Chase Forest Centre.

The trail passes close to wildlife sites of international importance. Cycle wheels, horse hooves, and feet, can severely damage these sites, and out of control dogs disturb wildlife.

Please help us to protect wildlife by remaining on designated routes and by keeping dogs under close control.

**Remember to follow the Cannock Chase Code.**

## Walk or cycle the Cannock Chase Heritage Trail...

The trail is suitable for walkers and cyclists.

Bikes are available to hire from Rugeley Bicycle Repairs for a discounted price if you take on the challenge via the **Cannock Chase Can App**.

**Rugeley Bicycle Hire** are a local bike shop offering service, sales, repairs and cycle hire.

They are open **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 9.30am - 5pm. Wednesdays 9.30am - 2pm**

Address: **11 Bow Street, Rugeley WS15 2BT** | Tel: **07423 197 615**

\*Please note there are other local hire companies available.



**Things to look out for...**

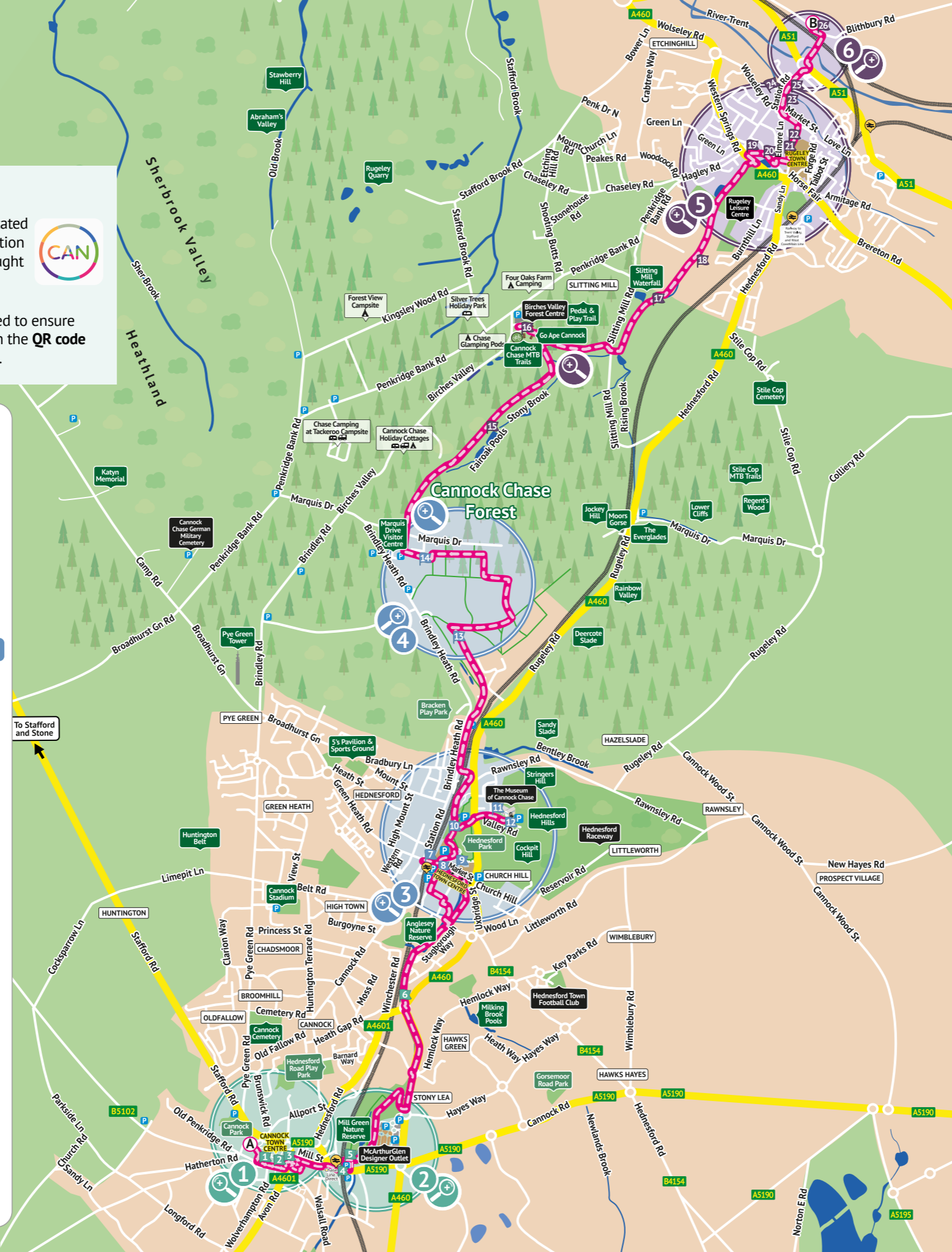
There are 26 installed interpretation panels located along the route which provide further information about each area. Each of these have been brought to life with the [Cannock Chase Can App](#).



New directional signage has also been installed to ensure the correct route is followed. You can also scan the **QR code** on each to download a digital map of the trail.

**26 newly installed interpretation panels:**

- 1 High Green Panel 1B
- 2 Cannock Town Centre Panel 2B
- 3 St. Luke's Church
- 4 Welcome to Cannock
- 5 Mill Green & Hawks Green
- 6 East Cannock Road Panel 6B
- 7 Welcome to Hednesford
- 8 In and Around Anglesey Street Panel 8B
- 9 In and Around Market Street & Hednesford Town Centre Panel 9B
- 10 Hednesford Park
- 11 Museum of Cannock Chase
- 12 Hednesford Hills
- 13 Brindley Heath Panel 13B
- 14 The Great War Hut
- 15 FairOak Valley and Fair Oak Colliery
- 16 Cannock Chase Forest
- 17 Slitting Mill Village
- 18 Slitting Mill along Rising Brook
- 19 Church Street Conservation Area
- 20 Sheep Fair
- 21 Rugeley Town Centre Panel 21B
- 22 In and Around Market Square & Working Life Around Market Square
- 23 St Augustine's Church
- 24 The Old Chancel
- 25 Trent and Mersey Canal
- 26 Welcome to Rugeley



**KEY** Map not to scale

- Cannock Chase Heritage Trail
- Pathways

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- ① Cannock Town Centre - start of trail **A**
- ② McArthurGlen Designer Outlet
- ③ Hednesford Town Centre
- ④ Brindley Heath Rd Area
- ⑤ Rugeley Town Centre
- ⑥ Rugeley - end of trail **B**

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- A** Cannock Chase Heritage Trail- start point
- B** Cannock Chase Heritage Trail- end point

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- Location of new interpretation panels (colour coded according to area)

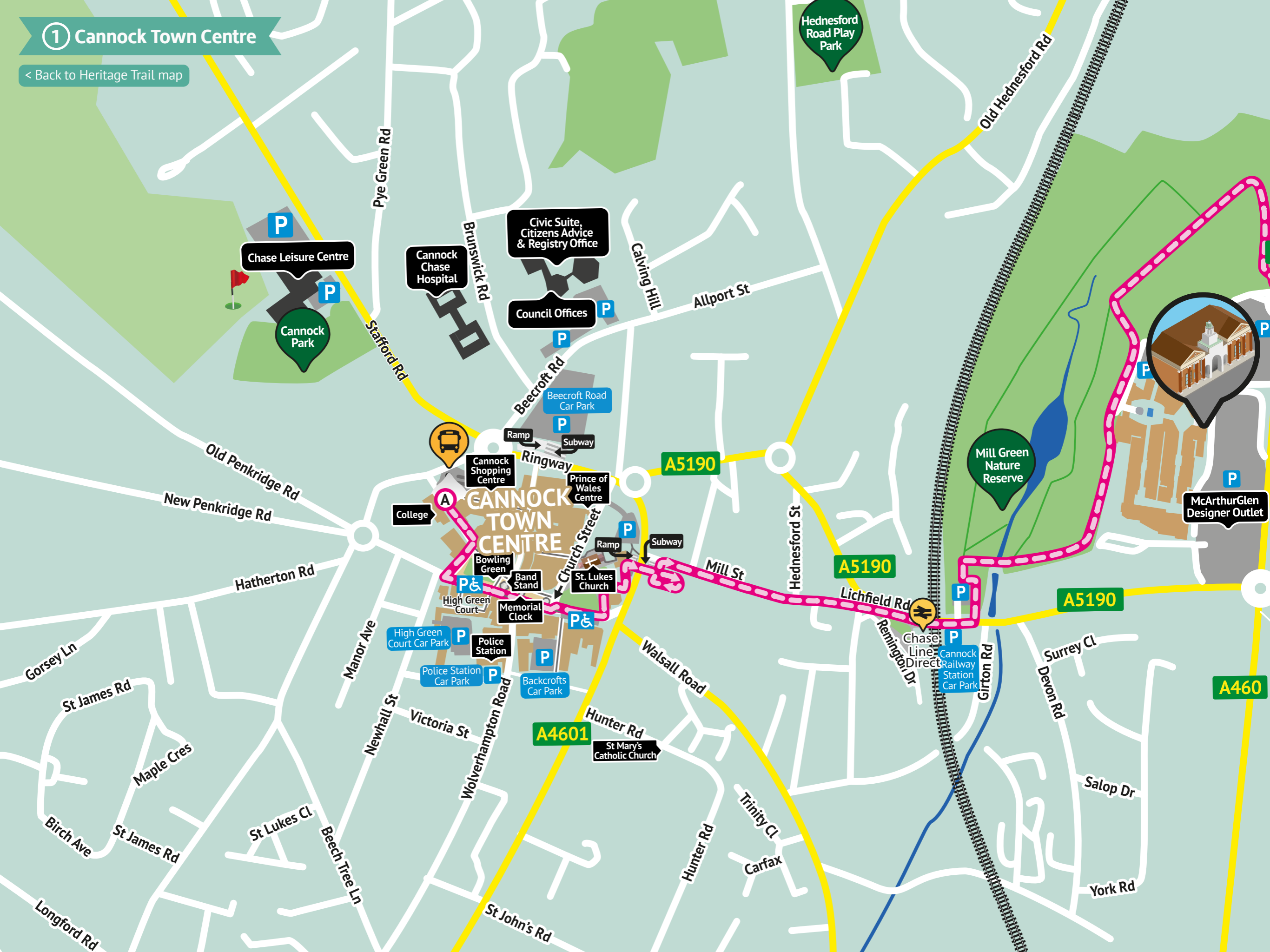
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- Bus station
- Train station
- Parking
- Disabled parking
- Caravan and Campervan
- Static caravan Tents

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# 1 Cannock Town Centre

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## ② McArthurGlen Designer Outlet

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Hawks Green

Stony Lea

A4601

A460

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Hednesford Road Play Park

Mill Green Nature Reserve

McArthurGlen Designer Outlet

Biffa Poplars

Subway

Allport St

Mill St

Hednesford St

Lichfield Rd

Remington Dr

Chase Line Direct

Cannock Railway Station Car Park

Girton Rd

Heath Gap Rd

Walnut Dr

Old Hednesford Rd

Hemlock Way

Hawks Green Ln

Heath Way

Hayes Way

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### 3 Hednesford Town Centre

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Nine Gates Car Park  
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# 4 Brindley Heath Road Area

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Bracken Play Park

Brindley Heath Car Park  
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Sandy Slade

Deercote Slade

A460

Bradbury Ln

Bradbury Ln

Brindley Heath Rd

Rugeley Rd

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Bentley Brook

Brindley Heath Rd

Bracken Cl

Rugeley Rd

# 4 Brindley Heath Road Area (continued)

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Cannock Chase  
Holiday Cottages

Fairoak Pools

Birches Valley

Marquis Dr

Brindley Heath Rd

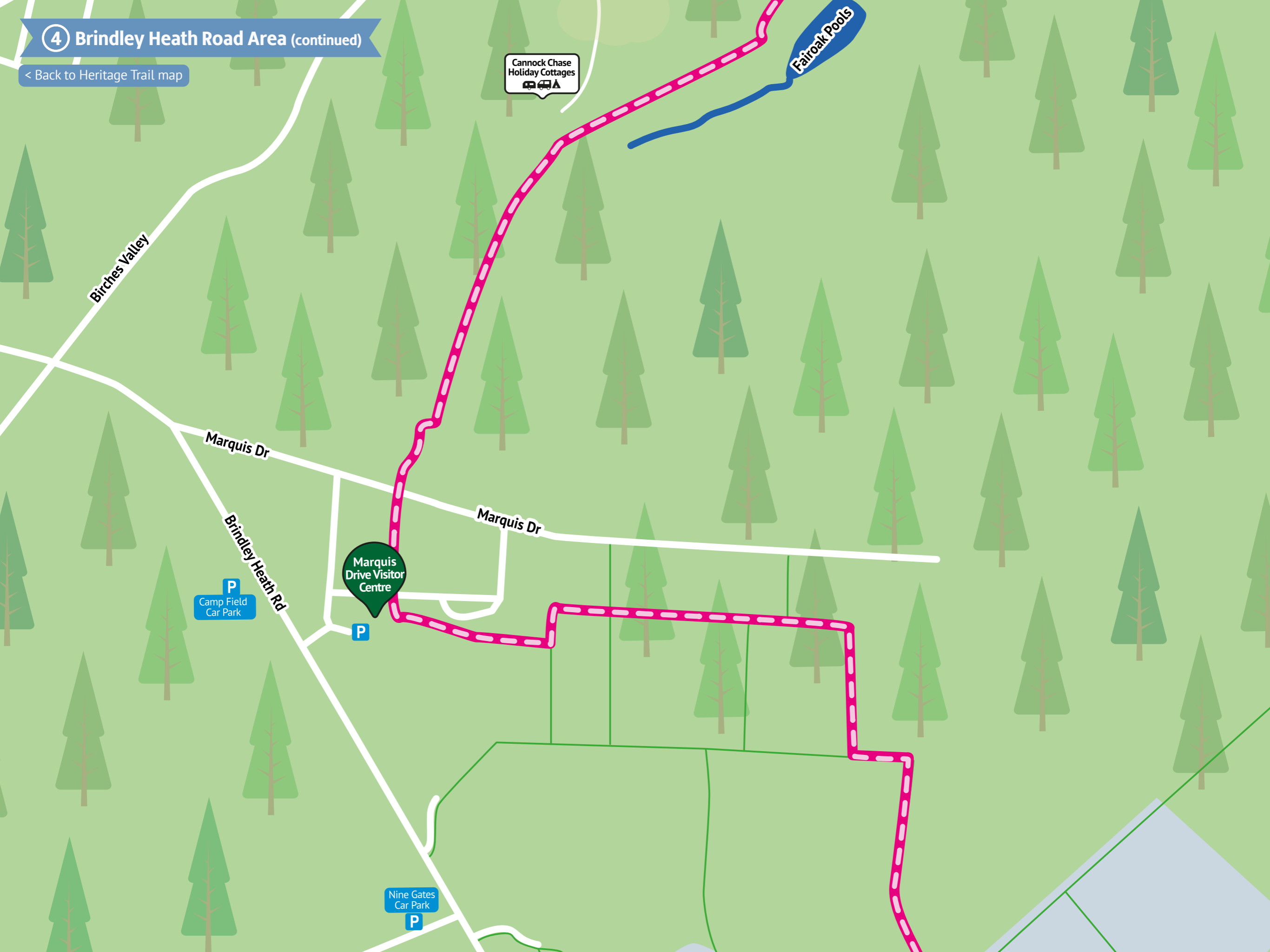
Marquis Dr

Marquis Drive Visitor Centre

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Camp Field Car Park

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Nine Gates Car Park





# Birches Valley Forest Centre

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Slitting Mill

Four Oaks Farm -  
Camping

Pedal &  
Play Trail

Silver Trees  
Holiday Park

Birchwood Manor

Birches Valley Forest  
Centre Car Park

Birches  
Valley Forest  
Centre

Cannock  
Chase MTB  
Trails

Go Ape  
Cannock

Chase Glamping  
Pods

Birches Valley

Stony Brook

Slitting Mill Rd

Rising Brook

Penkrige Bank Rd

Birches Valley

Cannock Chase Forest  
Christmas trees

Stony Brook

**5 Rugeley Town Centre**

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**RUGELEY TOWN CENTRE**

Railway to  
Trent Valley,  
Stafford  
and West  
Coast Main Line

Rugeley  
Leisure Centre

**A460**

**A51**

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**A460**

River Trent

Rugeley  
Leisure Centre

Rugeley  
Town Station  
Car Park

Market Hall  
Car Park

Forge Rd  
Car Park

Lichfield St  
Car Park

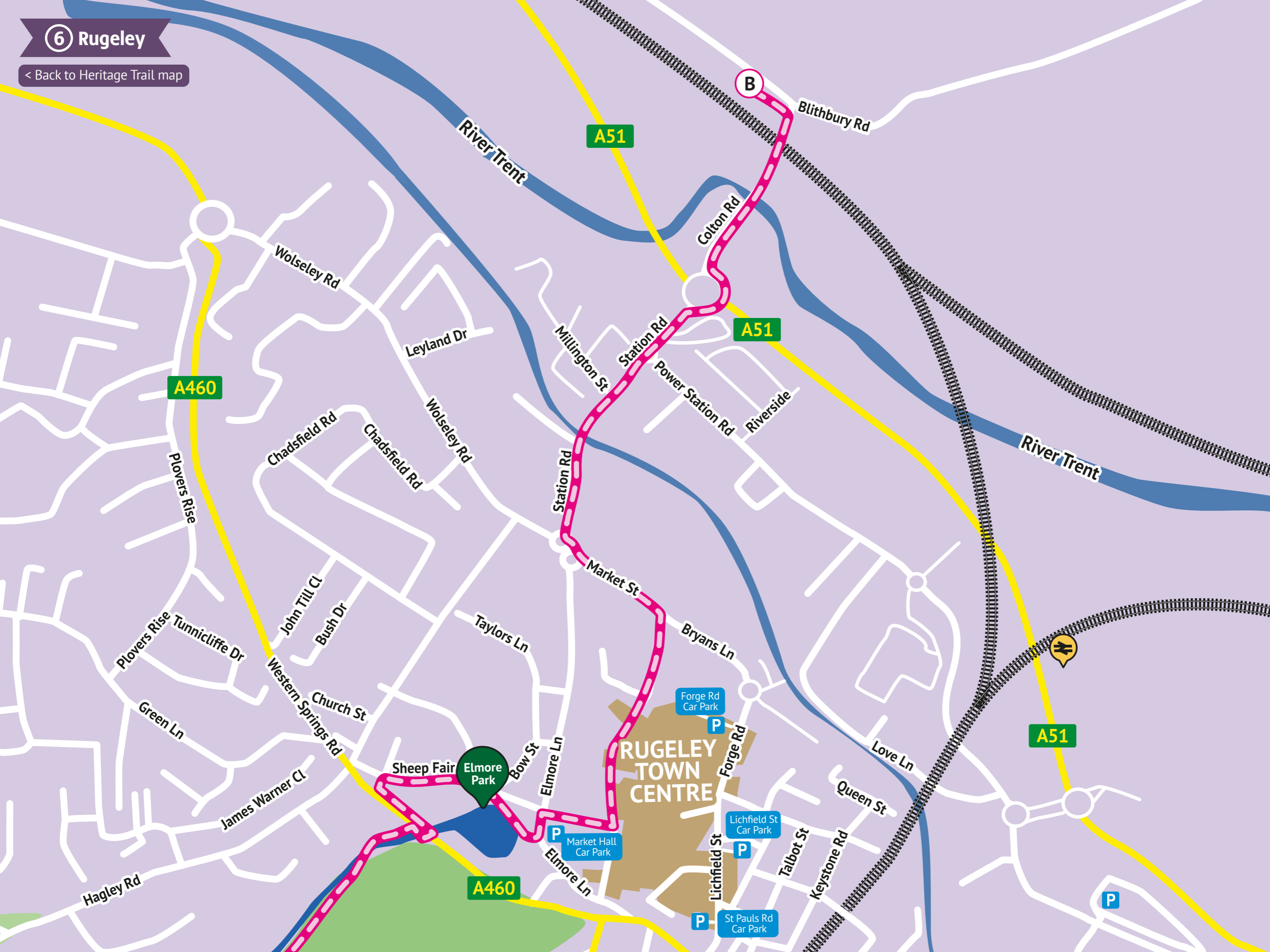
St Pauls Rd  
Car Park

Rugeley  
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6 Rugeley

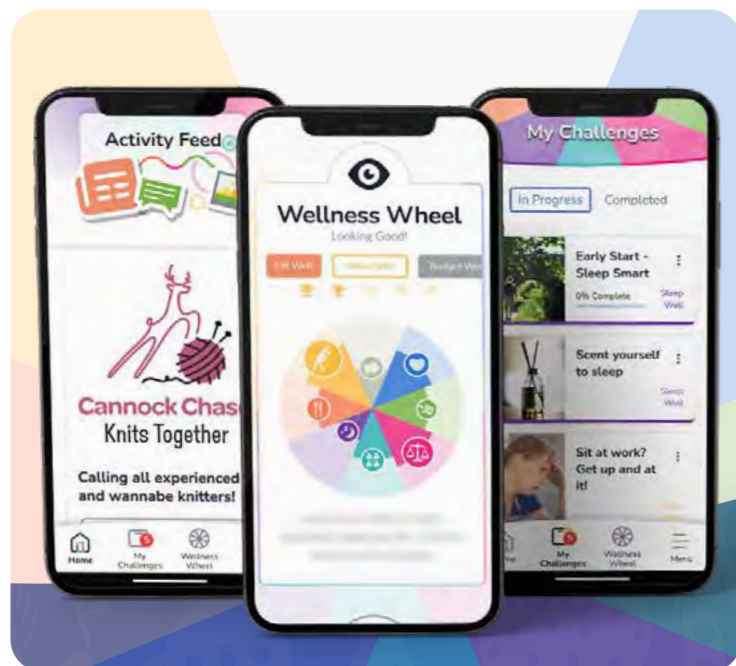
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Take on the  
**Cannock Chase Heritage Trail Challenge**  
with the **Cannock Chase Can App!**

**Cannock Chase Can** is an exciting health and wellbeing programme to help you make healthier lifestyle choices. It hosts a variety of wellness challenges which can be undertaken as an individual, group or family. Here's how you can get involved...



There are two challenges including the **Chase Tales Trail** or **Hear Our Heritage**.

### Chase Tales Trail

This challenge is suitable for families and brings to life the interpretation panels with the use of musical animations.



Content has been created by local schoolchildren alongside professional artists and The Birmingham Repertory Theatre.

### Hear Our Heritage

This challenge is suitable for families and history enthusiasts who would prefer to listen to the interpretation panels. An audio piece has been created and allows people to listen to the history whilst they walk along the trail. The audio has been created by members of Tower Players.



Collect all the **QR codes** for each themed trail to complete the challenge and gain points and rewards for your efforts.

Download the  
**Cannock Chase Can App for FREE**



For more information visit  
[www.cannockchasecan.co.uk](http://www.cannockchasecan.co.uk)

**Cannock Chase Can**



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**Heritage**  
Trail

