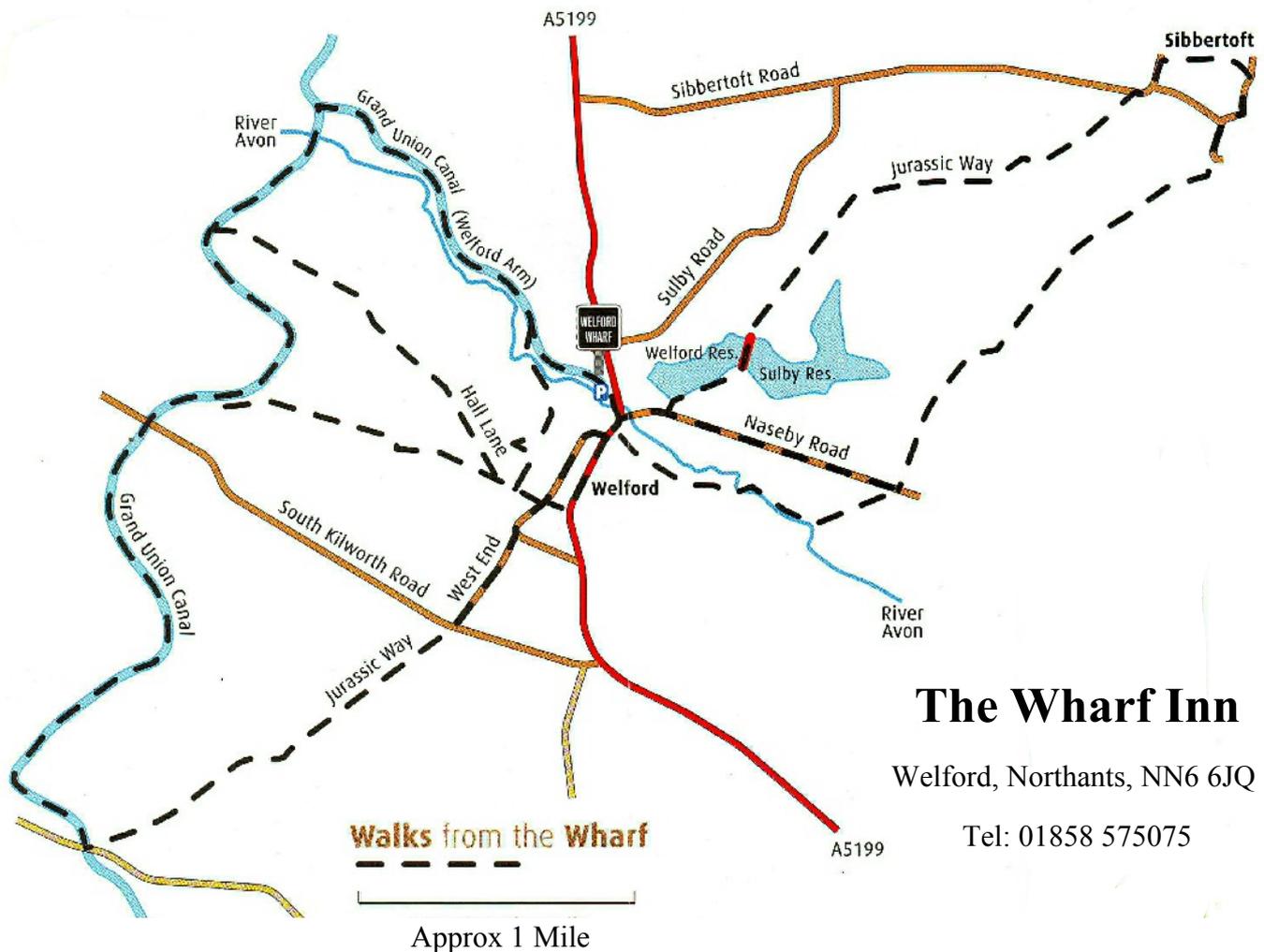




## Walks from the Welford Wharf



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A shortform version of the Walks from the Wharf is shown above.

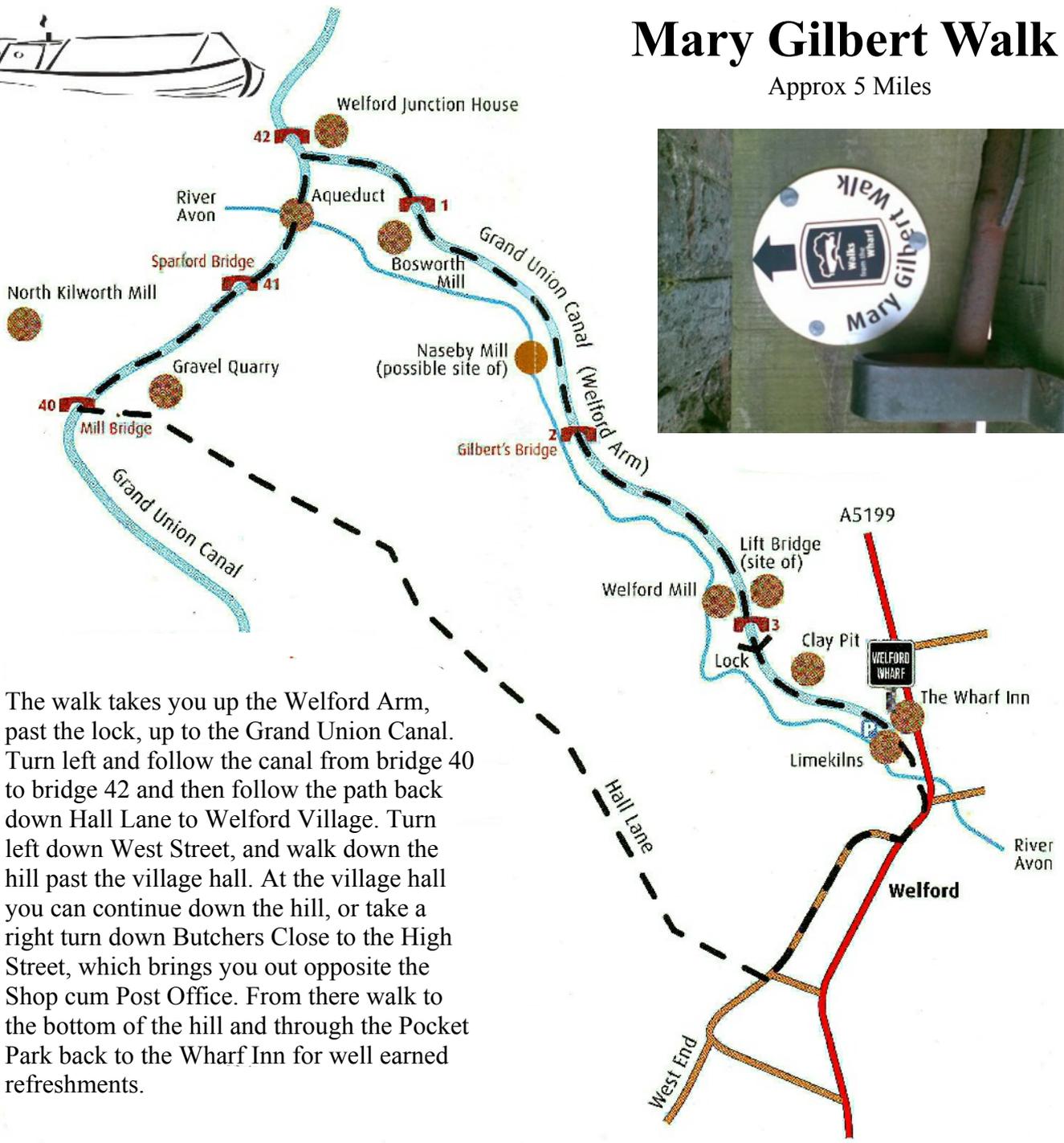
The Individual Walks are the Downtown Walk - 8 Miles, the Reservoir Walk - 6 Miles, the Mary Gilbert Walk - 5 Miles, Welford Walk - 2 Miles, and the Abbey Walk - 3 Miles.





# Mary Gilbert Walk

Approx 5 Miles



The walk takes you up the Welford Arm, past the lock, up to the Grand Union Canal. Turn left and follow the canal from bridge 40 to bridge 42 and then follow the path back down Hall Lane to Welford Village. Turn left down West Street, and walk down the hill past the village hall. At the village hall you can continue down the hill, or take a right turn down Butchers Close to the High Street, which brings you out opposite the Shop cum Post Office. From there walk to the bottom of the hill and through the Pocket Park back to the Wharf Inn for well earned refreshments.



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Walking groups welcome.

# Downtown Walk

Approximately 8 miles  
starting from Welford Wharf

## Take the short cut

From bridge 38 you can follow the path that joins Hall Lane and takes you back to Welford.

This walk is an extended version of the Mary Gilbert. Instead of turning left at bridge 38, keep following the canal as far as bridge 31. Turn left and walk along the footpath, and then along the single track road towards the village. Cross the South Kilworth Road and keep going.

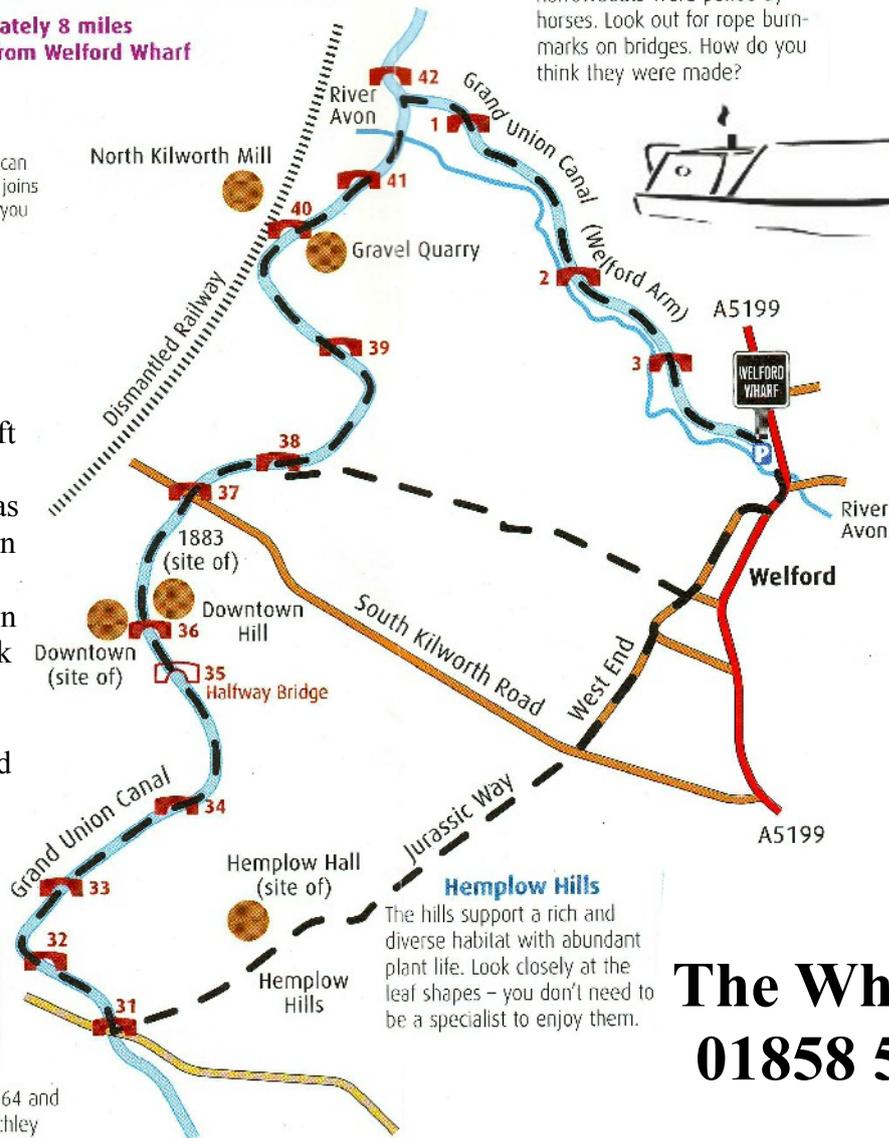


### Hemplow Hall

The Hemplow was built in 1864 and became a centre for the Pytchley Hunt and 'The Hemplow Hills' Club. By the 1950s it was dilapidated and became a turkey farm. It was demolished in the 1970s.

Once you return, it's time for a refreshing drink at the Bar, which is open daily from 12 noon for the rest of the day on every day of the week. At the Bar, you can also order a snack or enjoy a full meal either in the Bar areas, or in the dining room. In summer months you might be tempted to drink or eat al fresco in our large garden.

Travelling by boat is easy now, but it was much harder when narrowboats were pulled by horses. Look out for rope burn-marks on bridges. How do you think they were made?



### Hemplow Hills

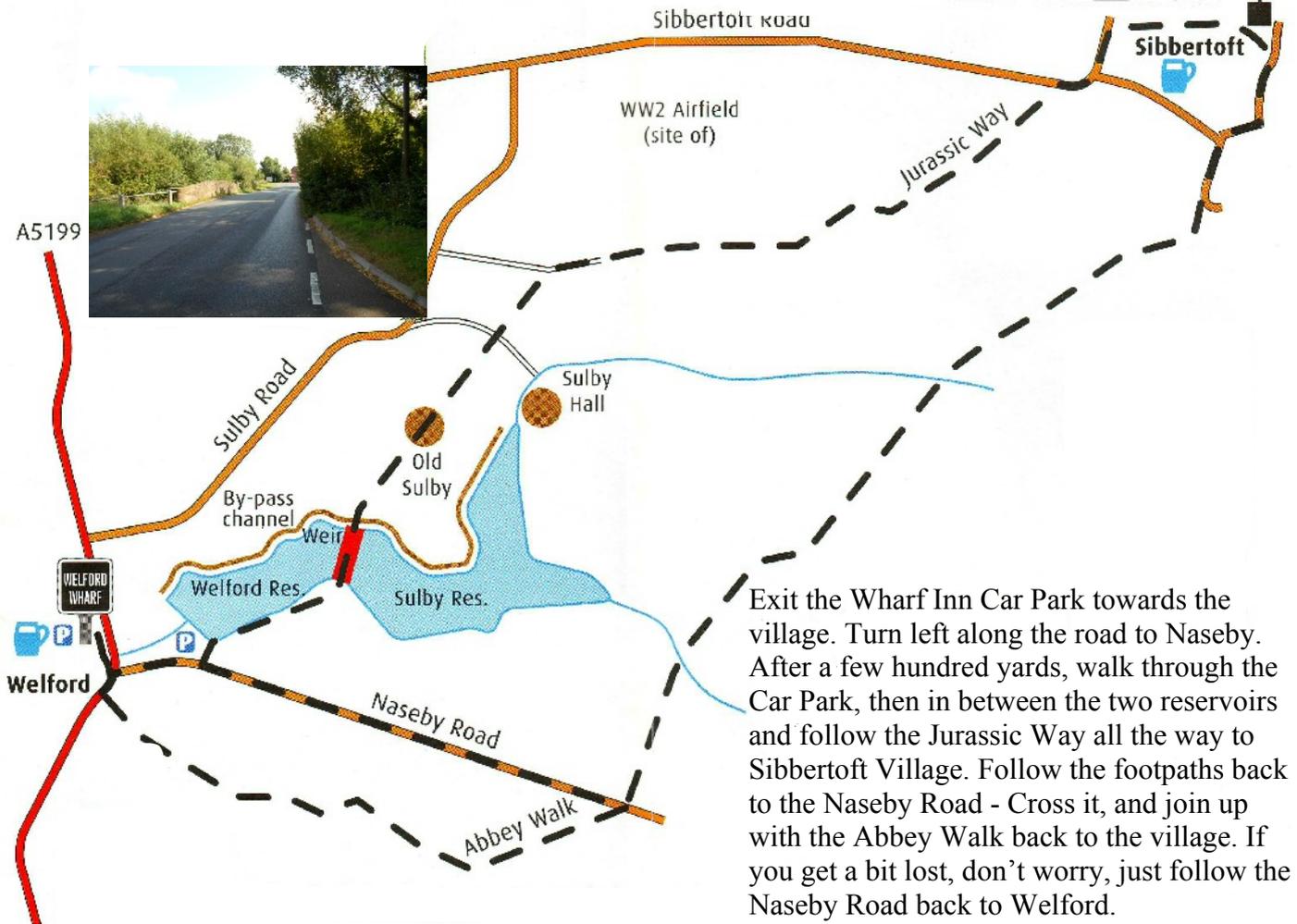
The hills support a rich and diverse habitat with abundant plant life. Look closely at the leaf shapes - you don't need to be a specialist to enjoy them.

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# Reservoir Walk

Approximately 6 miles  
starting from Welford Wharf



Exit the Wharf Inn Car Park towards the village. Turn left along the road to Naseby. After a few hundred yards, walk through the Car Park, then in between the two reservoirs and follow the Jurassic Way all the way to Sibbertoft Village. Follow the footpaths back to the Naseby Road - Cross it, and join up with the Abbey Walk back to the village. If you get a bit lost, don't worry, just follow the Naseby Road back to Welford.

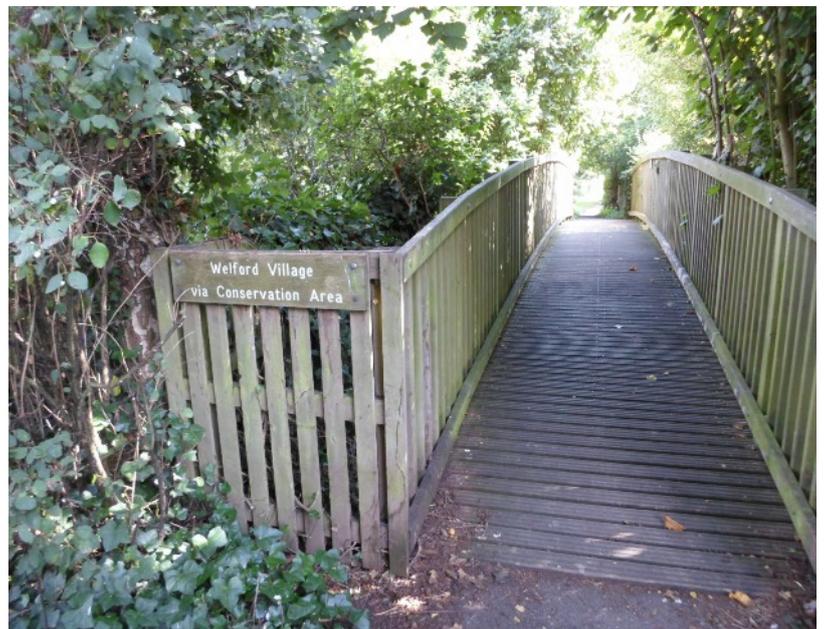
There is no footpath over the road bridge, so cross over the River to and from the Pocket Park using the wooden foot bridge.



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# Welford Walk

Up to 2 miles – choose your route starting from Welford Wharf

## Brickmaking in Welford

The site of the clay pit is now occupied by a marina, and the bricks were made in the area that is now the marina car park. To take a look at the marina, either cross the footbridge or take the level path around its edge.



# Abbey Walk

Approximately 3 miles starting from Welford Wharf

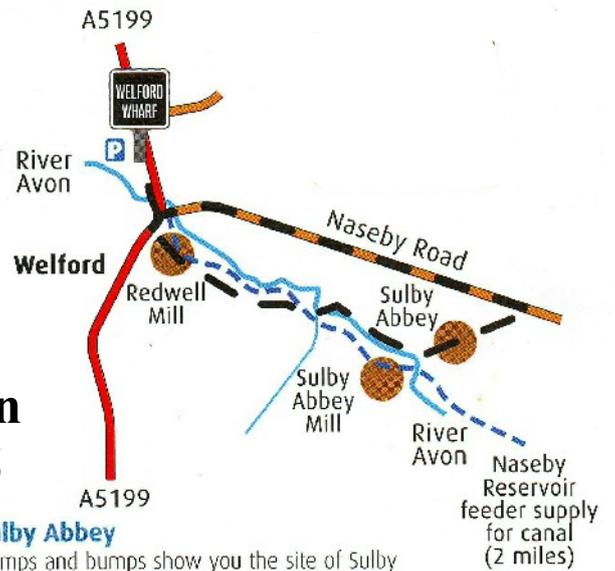
A footpath marker shows the route from the A5199, where access is through a garden gate. Keep to your left, following the footpath into open fields.

## Look out for

As you stroll through the fields on Abbey Walk you can see the meandering route of the River Avon and a straighter, man-made watercourse – the Naseby Reservoir 'feeder' – which supplies water to the canal.

These waterways intersect but their waters do not mix. A siphon tube takes Naseby Reservoir feeder water under the Avon and its tributary stream.

The site of Redwell Mill is marked by marshy land and the humps and hollows that are the only remains of its watercourses and buildings.



## Sulby Abbey

Humps and bumps show you the site of Sulby Abbey. The monastic farm would have adjoined the abbey and had fish ponds, cattle sheds, dwellings, and at least one watermill sited close to the river.

The abbey estate extended from the earthworks that you see where the land rises on the opposite side of the river to a cross-shaped depression leading towards Naseby Road.





Our large garden allows for al fresco eating and drinking. Plenty of room for children and dogs to run around (sensibly). For your special function or party, we can provide barbecued food, or snacks and meals from the menu.

The river Avon flows along the edge of the garden, and is fenced off to prevent dogs and small children escaping.



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