

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...

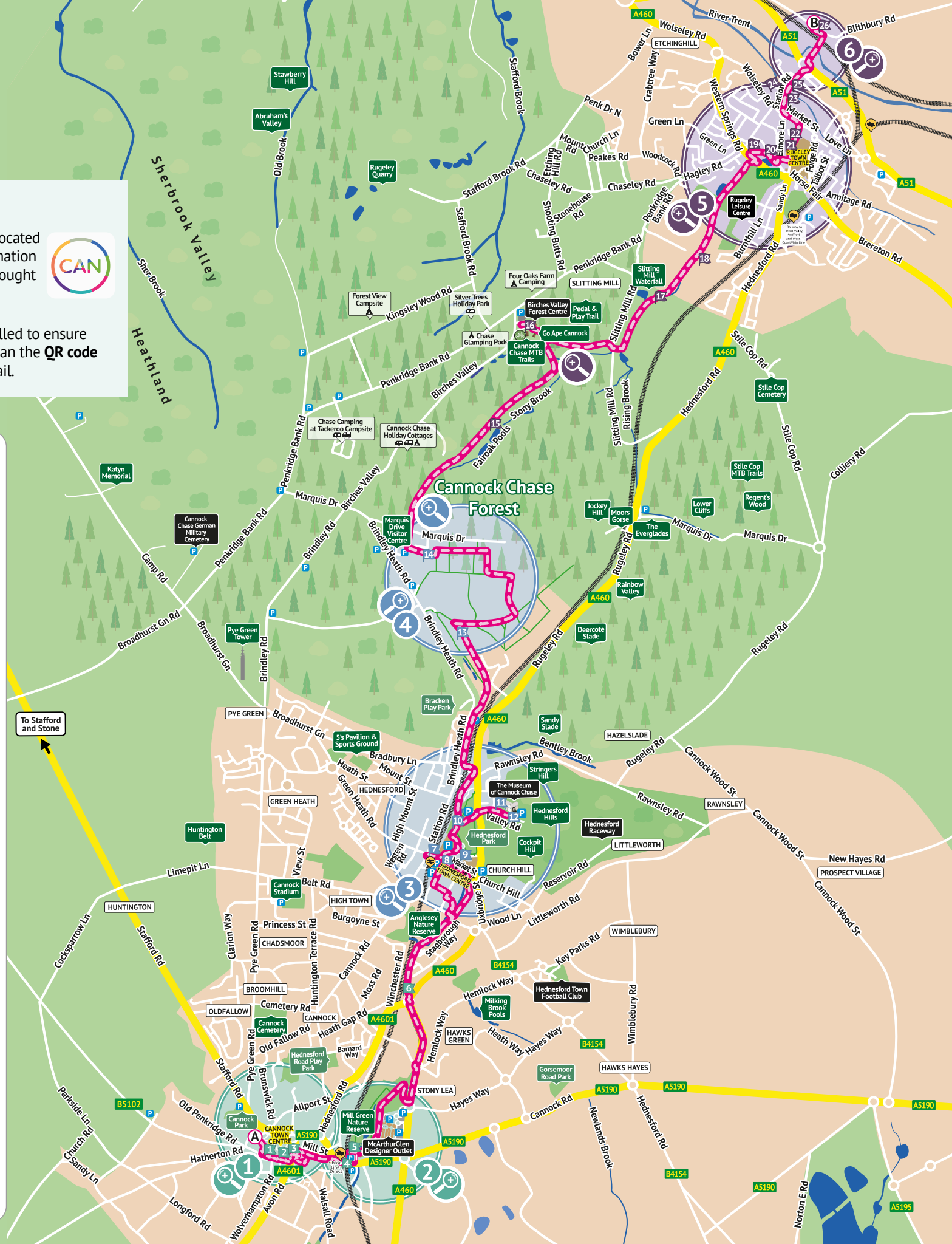
There are 26 installed interpretation panels located along the route which provide further information about each area. Each of these have been brought to life with the [Cannock Chase Can App](#).



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
- 2 Cannock Town Centre
- 3 St. Luke's Church
- 4 Welcome to Cannock
- 5 Mill Green & Hawks Green
- 6 East Cannock Road
- 7 Welcome to Hednesford
- 8 In and Around Anglesey Street
- 9 In and Around Market Street & Hednesford Town Centre
- 10 Hednesford Park
- 11 Museum of Cannock Chase
- 12 Hednesford Hills
- 13 Brindley Heath
- 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
- 22 In and Around Market Square & Working Life Around Market Square
- 23 St Augustine's Church
- 24 The Old Chancel
- 25 Welcome to Rugeley



KEY Map not to scale

- Cannock Chase Heritage Trail
- Pathways

- 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**

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

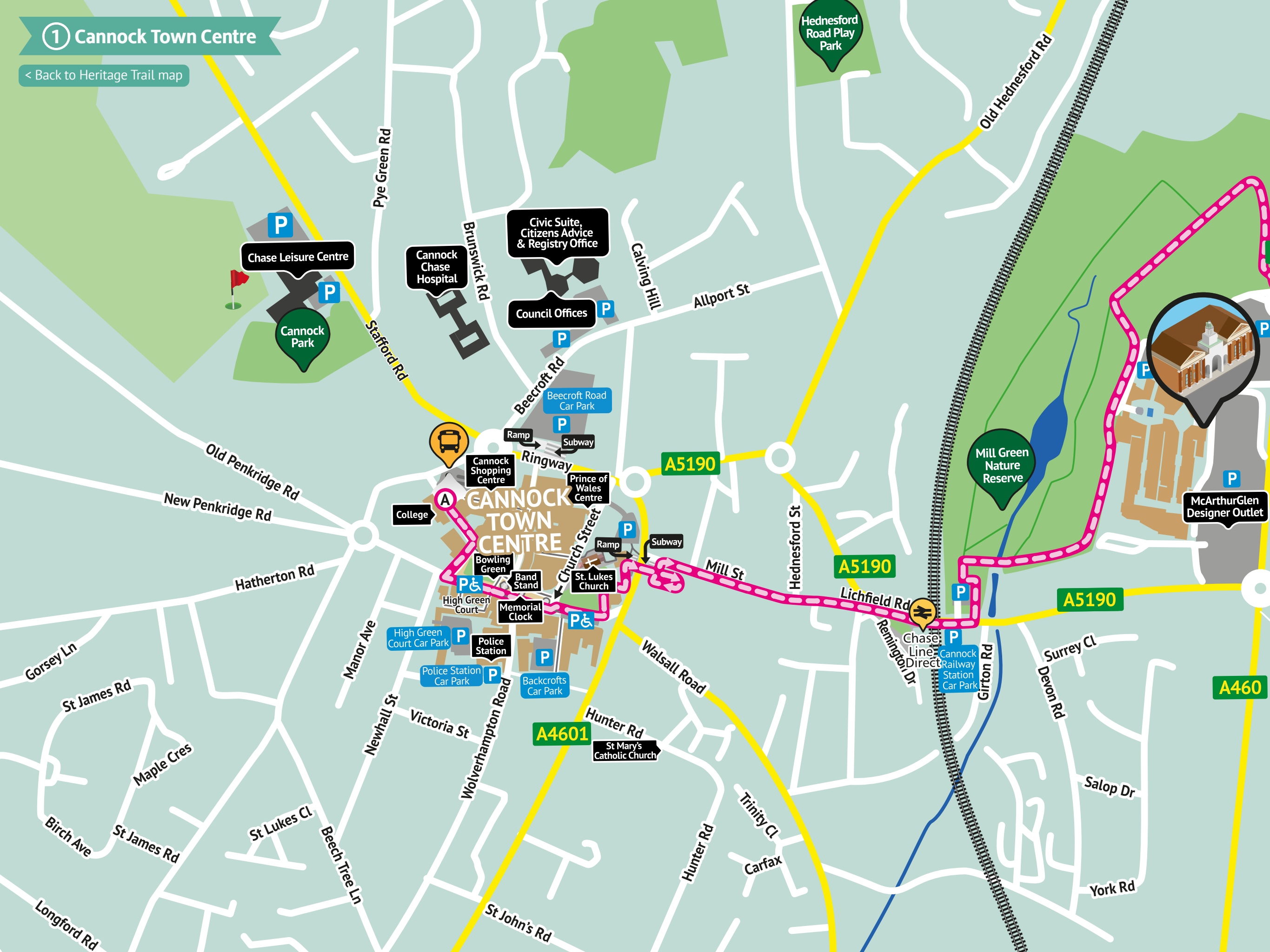
- Location of new interpretation panels (colour coded according to area)

- 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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3 Hednesford Town Centre

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④ Brindley Heath Road Area

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Nine Gates
Car Park
P

Bracken
Play Park

Brindley Heath
Car Park
P

Sandy
Slade

Deercote
Slade

Bradbury Ln

Bradbury Ln

Brindley Heath Rd

Rugeley Rd

Rawsley Rd

Rawsley Rd

Bentley Brook

A460

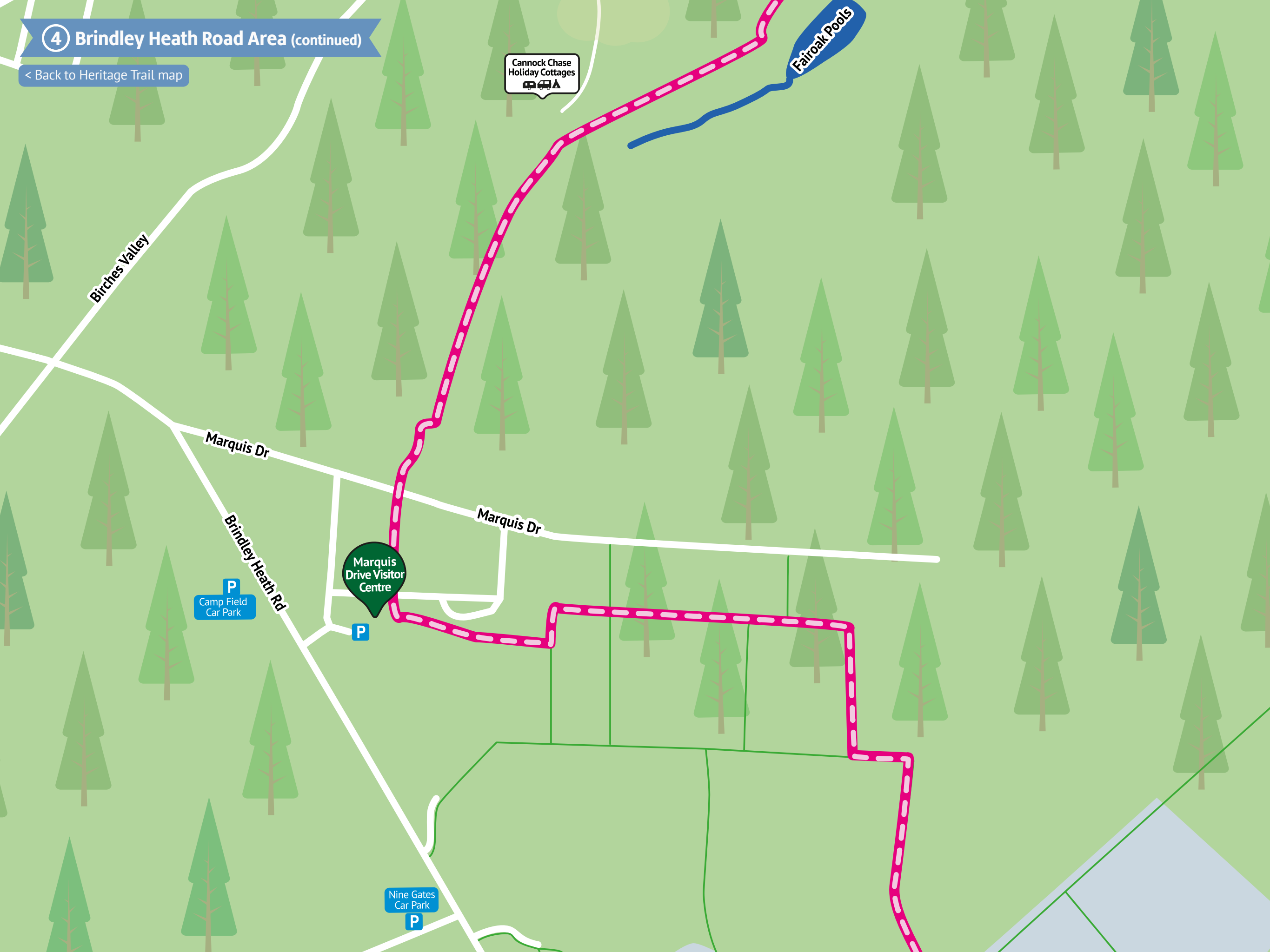
Brindley Heath Rd

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Rugeley Rd

4 Brindley Heath Road Area (continued)

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Fair Oak Pools

Cannock Chase
Holiday Cottages

Birches Valley

Marquis Dr

Brindley Heath Rd

Marquis Dr

Marquis
Drive Visitor
Centre

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Camp Field
Car Park

P

P
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

Stony Brook

Slitting Mill Rd

Rising Brook

Penkridge Bank Rd

Slitting Mill Rd

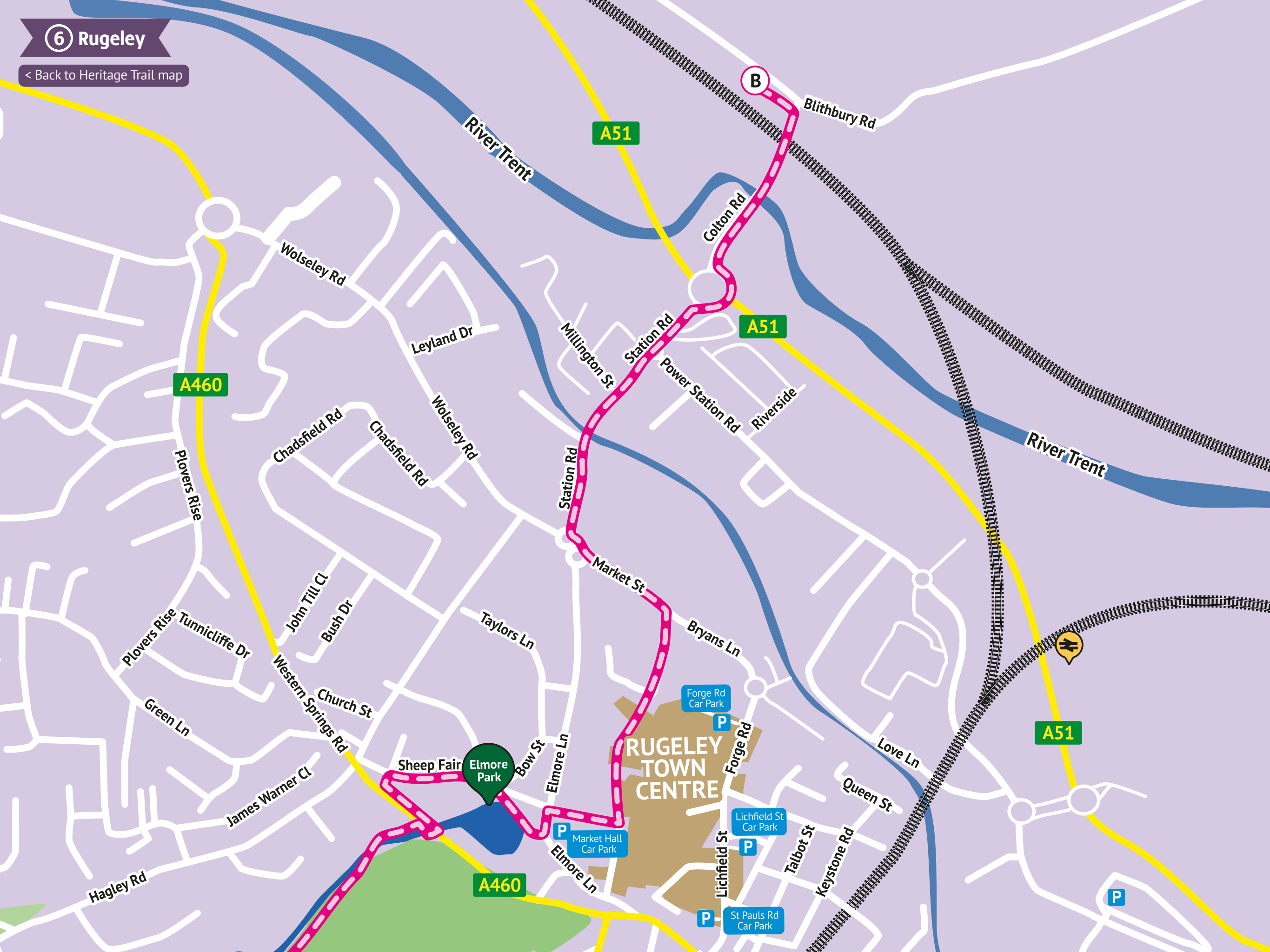
Penkridge Bank Rd

Birches Valley

Cannock Chase Forest
Christmas trees

6 Rugeley

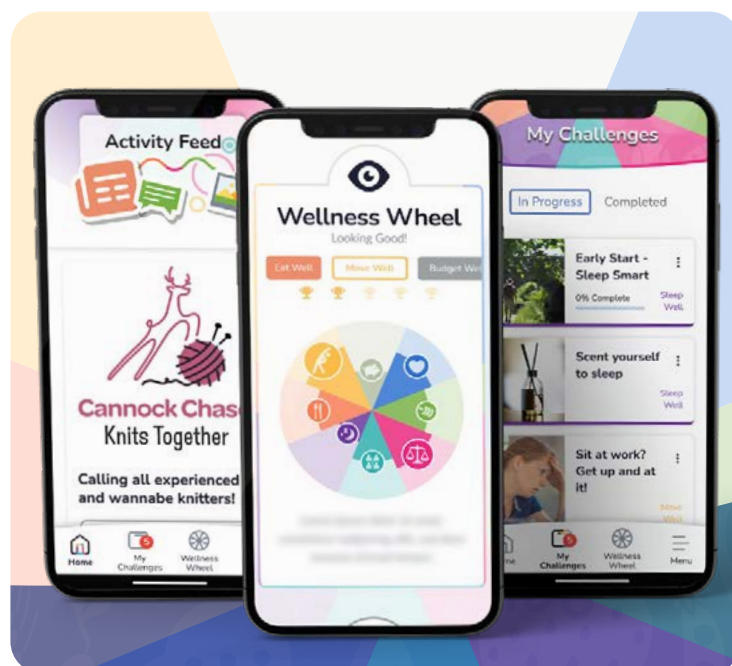
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Take on the
Cannock Chase Heritage Trail Challenge
with the **Cannock Chase Can App**!

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

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