

MWW website directions – stage 7, The Barge Inn at Seend Cleeve to Devizes Wharf Centre

Maps: OS Landranger 173, OS Explorer 156 & 157

Distance: 4 ½ miles (7.2 km)

West to east

Go L out of the Barge Inn car park, follow the road over the bridge over the Kennet and Avon canal, and descend onto its towpath by going L on the other side and under the bridge you have just crossed. Walk along the towpath away from the Barge Inn for 4 1/2 miles (7.2 km). This stretch of the canal is famous for the series of 16 locks at Caen Hill, a wondrous sight! These take the narrow boat user (and walker) up into Devizes. At the top, continue under the A361 passing more locks and approximately ½ mile (0.8 km) later ascend some steps to cross it again, this time also crossing the canal, to continue along the towpath. As the canal bends R, the Canal Museum and Shop of the Wharf Centre come into view on the other side. Cross the bridge to R just past the cemetery and after a few metres turn R into the Wharf Centre, which has a (paying) car park, as well as a museum, shop and café.

East to west

Walk to the R of the Museum and Shop in the Wharf Centre, then turn L to cross the bridge over the canal. Once on the other side, with cemetery to R, descend onto the towpath. On reaching the A361, cross it and also the canal. Descend steps on the other side to continue along the towpath, passing a number of locks, and go under the A361 in approximately ½ mile (0.8 km). Shortly after this the famous series of 16 locks on Caen Hill appears before you, a wondrous sight! These take the narrow boat user (and walker) downhill and away from Devizes. Continue along the towpath with the locks on your R. Just under 3 miles (4.8 km) from the last lock at Caen Hill, the Barge Inn at Seend Cleeve will appear on your L on the opposite side of the canal. Go under the bridge just before it and turn sharp R up and over the bridge. Follow the road a few metres to the entrance to the pub.