

THE LEIGHTON JONES 80th BIRTHDAY LOOP



Historic Knowle - the Parish Church and Guild House

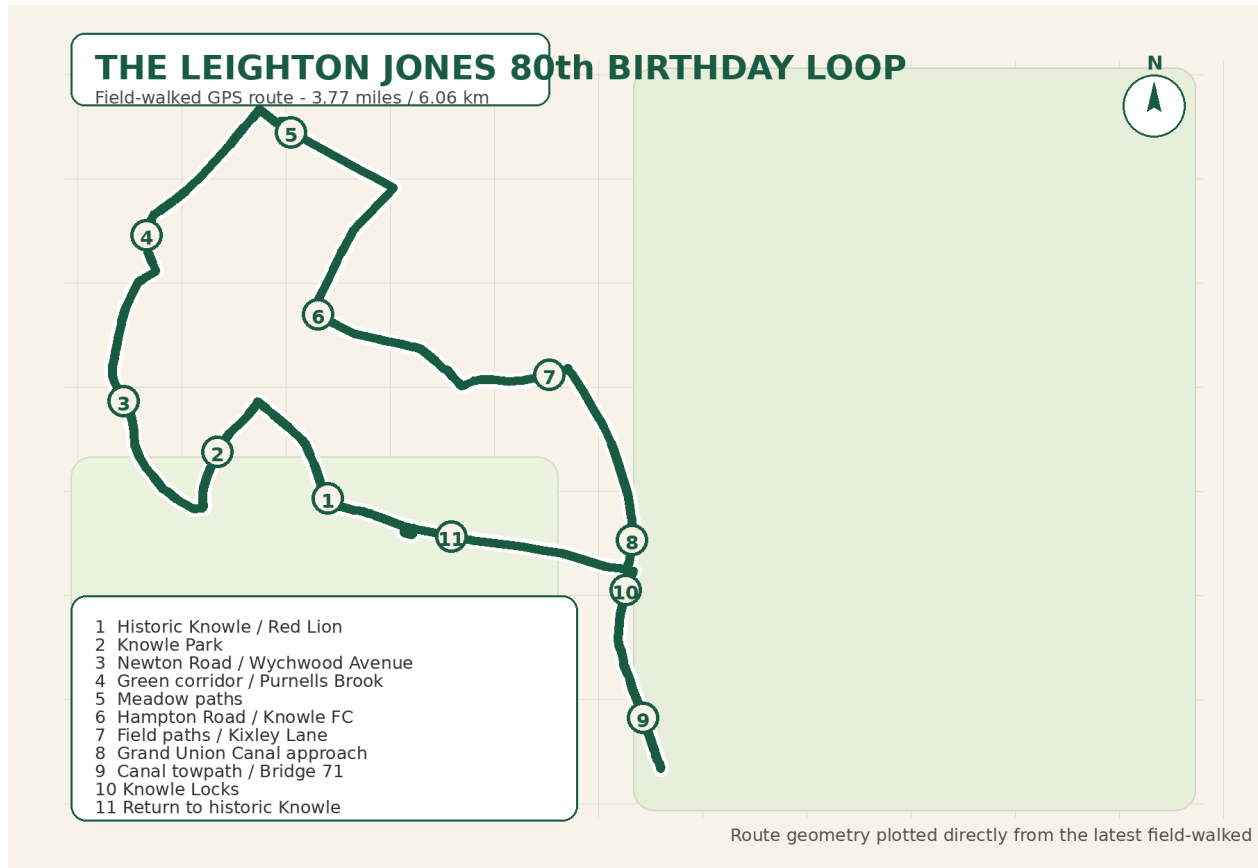
3.7-3.8 miles	About 2 hours	The Red Lion / historic High Street
APPROX. DISTANCE	WALKING TIME	START / FINISH

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Created to mark Leighton Towyn Jones's 80th birthday, in recognition of more than two decades spent helping people explore, understand and care for Knowle.

Happy 80th Birthday, Dad.

ROUTE MAP



Navigation

The numbered points on the map correspond to the eleven sections in this guide. For live navigation, scan the Komoot QR code at the end.

1. Historic Knowle - start at The Red Lion

Gather in the historic centre of Knowle, with the Red Lion, Parish Church and Guild House forming the opening setting. Standing outside The Red Lion, start the walking-app recording here (if using one) and set off left along the High St in the direction of The Wilsons Arms (Toby Carvery).



The Red Lion, High Street



Knowle Parish Church and Guild House

2. Through Knowle Park

As you arrive at the end of the High St with The Wilsons Arms in front of you to the right, continue left along the pavement down Lodge Rd, and walk until you see Knowle Park on the right-hand side. (There is a pedestrian crossing that can be used to cross over safely) Follow the footpath through Knowle Park before emerging towards Newton Road. (keep to the main path and just head straight ahead).

You will then leave Knowle Park and cross Longdon Rd to enter Newton Rd. (please be careful of traffic while crossing)



Crossing to Knowle Park



Entrance to Knowle Park



Keep straight ahead as you approach the exit



Exit across Longdon Rd into Newton Rd

3. Newton Road and the first public footpath

Follow the residential section along Newton Road, and as you arrive at a sharp right-hand turn, continue ahead down the ramp towards Warwick Rd. Turn left on Warwick Rd towards the roundabout. Once at the roundabout, cross over the road toward Wychwood Avenue. You will walk along Wychwood Avenue until you see a Public Footpath sign on the right-hand side.



Newton Road ramp to Warwick Rd



Turn left on Warwick Rd towards the roundabout



Warwick Rd to Wychwood Avenue



Continue onto Wychwood Avenue

4. Into the green corridor

As you walk up Wychwood Avenue you will come across a Public Footpath sign on your right-hand side. Enter the narrow footpath between the houses and continue into the wooded section. The route becomes more enclosed and passes along a boardwalk & wooden bridge. (This section is a bit of a hidden gem and isn't the best-known area of Knowle. It is surprising what you find when you leave the beaten track)



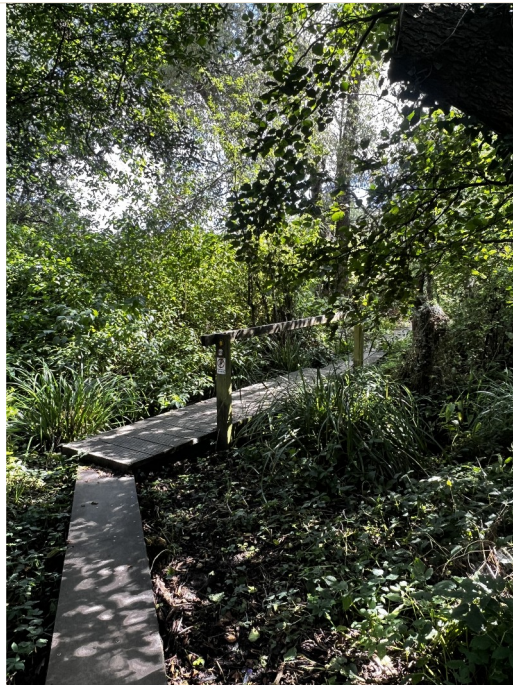
Public Footpath Sign



Narrow footpath entrance



Boardwalk through the wooded section



Wooden Bridge across Purnells Brook

5. Open meadow and countryside paths

The enclosed path opens into meadow and rough grassland. Continue along the clear path through the open landscape, following the recorded route through the field edges and gates. (Keep to the right-hand path as you go through the first gate)



Open Meadow Path



Path through the grassland



Keep to the right-hand path as you go through the first gate



Gate exit on to Hampton Rd

6. Hampton Road and Knowle Football Club

The route returns briefly to the road network around Hampton Road and the football-club area before heading back towards quieter paths and lanes.

As you exit on to Hampton Rd, turn right along the path that turns into pavement after a short distance. You will shortly see Knowle FC on your left across the road. You will cross the Hampton Rd at this point and follow the road directly on the right-hand side of Knowle FC's entrance gate (Wootton Close on to Godwin Lane). Keeping the Football and Cricket pitches to your left continue this road until it becomes another Public Footpath.



Hampton Road / Knowle Football Club



Godwin Lane

7. Field paths, small bridge and rural lane

Continue through the field-path section, crossing the small wooden bridge and following the path to the right towards a small gate. As you go through the gate, turn left on to Kixley Lane.



Head over the wooden bridge



Keep to the right-hand path as you come off the bridge



Gate exit to Kixley Lane



Turn left on to Kixley Lane

8. Approach to the Grand Union Canal

Please be careful on this section as there is no pavement on Kixley Lane. Please walk on the right-hand side of the road and be very aware of traffic. Follow the rural lane to the canal crossing. Descend from the bridge area to the towpath and join the Grand Union Canal.



Approach to the bridge on The Grand Union Canal



Join the canal just after the bridge and turn left on to the towpath

9. Canal towpath and Bridge 71

Turn onto the towpath and follow the canal through the tree-lined section. Pass beneath the brick canal bridge marked 71 and continue towards Knowle Locks.



Enjoy some views along the canal



Walk underneath Bridge 71 and you will find yourself at Knowle Locks

10. Knowle Locks

Arrive at Knowle Locks - one of the major landmarks of the walk. We are going to walk down past the locks, taking in some amazing views across the canal and fields. You will arrive at a house on your left and an information board ahead of you. At this point we will turn back on ourselves and walk back up towards Kenilworth Rd. Allow time to look across the lock flight before continuing on the return section towards Knowle.



Approaching Knowle Locks



Welcome to Knowle Locks



Canal & River Trust Notice Board (our turning around point)



Approaching Bridge 71 again, take the footpath on the right up to Kenilworth Rd

11. Return to historic Knowle

Leave the canal section and cross Kenilworth Rd to the pavement heading left back into Knowle Village. Re-enter the historic centre and finish at the Red Lion, opposite the Parish Church and Guild House.



Turn left on to Kenilworth Rd and cross to the pavement



Returning towards the village



Knowle Church & The Guild Hall on your right-hand side



Finish at The Red Lion

DOWNLOAD THE ROUTE

For the final printed guide, this section can contain a live QR code taking walkers straight to the route on Komoot or to a downloadable GPX file.



SCAN TO OPEN THE ROUTE IN KOMOOT

LIVE ROUTE LINK: [Open The Leighton Jones Walk in Komoot](#)

Best option

The QR code above now links directly to the shared Komoot route. Walkers can scan it on their phone to view and follow the route in Komoot. The editable guide also contains a clickable text link for the digital version.

Final checks before printing

- Replace provisional directions with the wording checked against today's Komoot recording.
- Confirm the exact start/finish point outside the Red Lion.
- Add historical notes and Leighton-specific memories where wanted.
- Replace the QR placeholder with a live QR code and test it on both iPhone and Android.
- Add an accurate basemap with the GPX overlaid - not an AI-drawn map.