

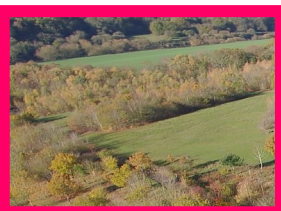
Riverside Trail information

Length: 2 miles, 1.5 hours (approx)

Terrain: Steep slopes, several steps,
may be muddy

Waymarking: Follow the blue arrows

If you enjoyed our Riverside Trail
why not try



Our Woodland Trail
Explore our three
distinctly different
woodlands

Our Family Play Trail
Enjoy a walk of
discovery down to the
river and back



**Severn Valley
Country Park**

**Lives in the
Landscape**



Our History Trail
Uncover the hidden, and
sometimes forgotten,
history of lives in the
Severn Valley landscape

The Lives in the Landscape project was funded by National Lottery
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Play Areas



Picnic Spots



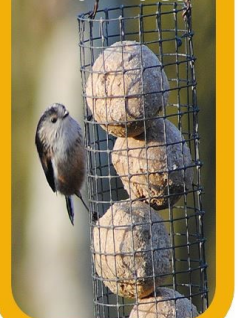
What's next?

**There's so much
more to discover at
Severn Valley
Country Park!**

Pools and wetlands



Bird Hides



Visitor Centre



Wonderful Wildlife



Waymarked walks



Discover our Riverside Trail

This nature trail will take you along
the unspoilt banks of the River
Severn, through traditional meadows
and woodland both ancient and new

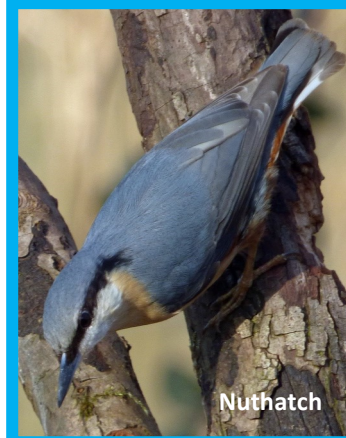


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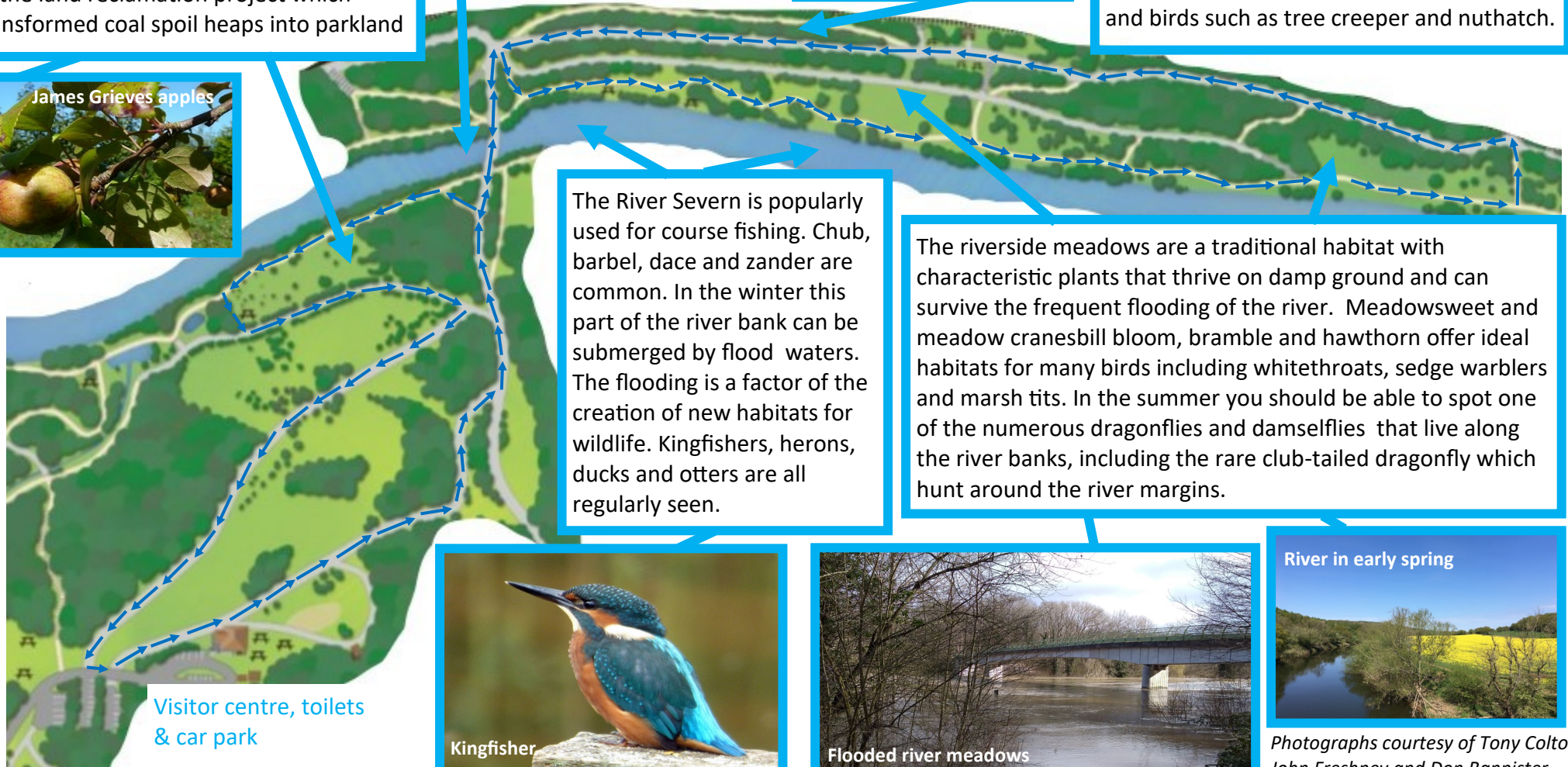
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A new bridge replaced the original Miners' Bridge in 2006. It is similar in design to the original, but rather than transporting coal across the river it enables visitors to easily explore the park.



The Sidings were opened in 1939 to serve Alveley Colliery. After the mining stopped in 1969, secondary woodland developed in this part of the park. The main tree species are silver birch and willow. They are pioneer species which can grow in nutrient-poor soil. Through a natural process called succession, they stabilise and improve the disturbed ground so that ash and oak trees can become established. The Sidings are a great area to see scarlet elf cup fungi in the spring and birds such as tree creeper and nuthatch.

The memorial orchard is planted with local varieties of fruit trees including apples, pears and damsons. It was the location of Potter's Loade which for hundreds of years was a ferry crossing point. Close-by are man-made ponds which were a vital part of the land reclamation project which transformed coal spoil heaps into parkland



The River Sever is popularly used for coarse fishing. Chub, barbel, dace and zander are common. In the winter this part of the river bank can be submerged by flood waters. The flooding is a factor of the creation of new habitats for wildlife. Kingfishers, herons, ducks and otters are all regularly seen.

The riverside meadows are a traditional habitat with characteristic plants that thrive on damp ground and can survive the frequent flooding of the river. Meadowsweet and meadow cranesbill bloom, bramble and hawthorn offer ideal habitats for many birds including whitethroats, sedge warblers and marsh tits. In the summer you should be able to spot one of the numerous dragonflies and damselflies that live along the river banks, including the rare club-tailed dragonfly which hunt around the river margins.



Visitor centre, toilets & car park

Photographs courtesy of Tony Colton, John Freshney and Don Bannister