

# ISE VALLEY VAGABONDS

Stratford upon Avon Permanent Trail BWF App No PT20  
The Shakespeare Walk

START & FINISH: Seven Meadows Car Park (aka The Stratford Greenway),  
Seven Meadows Road, Stratford upon Avon, Warks CV37 6GR

OS map 151 Grid Ref SP196540 Distance 10km

**Winter Car Park times (8 – 4) apply from November to February inclusive**

Fee £1.00

Route last updated on 19 June 2011

This route description is valid from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012

This walk has been established by members of the Ise Valley Vagabonds Walking Club (BWF Club No 70) and is a qualifying event in the IVV award scheme. It can be walked at any time.

*(Before starting, take time to read the two information boards in the car park)*

Follow the narrow cycleway, inside and on the left of the car park entrance and cross Wetherby Way at the pedestrian crossing, then down the steps and straight ahead to Hertford Road. Then turn right. Follow this road staying parallel to the main road and at the left hand bend, cross the road to go under the bridge.

**QUESTION 1. UNDER THE BRIDGE, ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE, THERE IS A PLAQUE. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THIS BRIDGE?**

Cross the road using the pedestrian crossing and at the roundabout, cross over the road to take the cycleway number 5. After 150 metres, turn left through the staggered barriers onto a footpath. Follow it ahead as it crosses 3 roads and reaches some playing fields. About 100 metres into the playing field, the path forks. Take the left fork. Turn right at the road. Turn left into Quineys Road.

**QUESTION 2. WHAT IS THE NAME OF HOUSE NUMBER 7?**

At the T-junction at the end of the road, turn right into Hathaway Lane (no name visible) and cross to the left hand side of the road. Turn left. Pass The Bell on the right and turn left again into Cottage Lane. Follow it as it bends to the right, passing Anne Hathaway's Cottage. After 200 metres, with The Tryst House on the left, turn right onto a footpath.

**QUESTION 3. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE COTTAGE ON THE LEFT AT THE END OF THE FOOTPATH?**

At the end of the footpath, turn right. At the mini-roundabout turn left into Bell Lane. Do not follow around to the right, but bear left at the bend, into Tavern Lane. At the next bend, go ahead on the footpath between the houses towards Stratford and Shakespeare's Birthplace. It soon opens out onto a large playing field. Turn left and follow the footpath to the road. Turn left and immediately right, onto cycleway 5. After 200 metres, take the left fork and leave the cycleway, continue to the road along the backs of the houses, ignoring another turning to the right. At the road, turn right. Go straight ahead at the first set of traffic lights, then cross to the left hand side of the road. Turn left at the next set of traffic lights into Windsor Street. Take the first turning right into Henley Street.

#### **QUESTION 4. WHAT IS THE STATUE?**

Go ahead into Bridge Street, cross over the river bridge, and pass the Pen and Parchment Pub on the left. Follow the road as it bends to the left, and go ahead passing the Riverside Leisure Centre to turn right again into Warwick Road, and almost immediately bear left, then left again into St Gregory's Road. At the T-junction at the end of the road, turn left into Maidenhead Road. After Summer Court, turn left onto the canal towpath with the canal on the right. Follow it under bridge No 68, cross to the other side and continue under bridge No 69, emerging on Waterside.

#### **QUESTION 5. WHICH YEAR IS ON THE PLAQUE ON BRIDGE No 69?**

Keep straight ahead towards the Royal Shakespeare Theatre (RSC) and the Swan Fountain. At the fountain, turn right and cross the road and go ahead into Sheep Street. After the Town Hall, turn left into Chapel Street. Go straight ahead into Church Street and at the end, turn left into Old Town. Continue and enter Trinity Churchyard. At the far side of the church, take the left hand exit into Mill Lane (opposite Avonfield). Go ahead, past Lucy's Mill, onto the footpath. It passes under the road, bears right and continues parallel to the road. At the fork, turn right to the car park.

We hope you have enjoyed the walk!

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**ISE VALLEY VAGABONDS  
PERMANENT TRAIL REGISTRATION FORM**

TRAIL	Stratford upon Avon Permanent Trail 2012(1)	
ROUTE UPDATED	19 June 2011	
DATE WALKED		
NAME		
ADDRESS		
ADDITIONAL WALKERS		
ENTRY FEE	Walkers @ £1.00 each	Total £
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</b>		<b>£</b>
Please put my IVV stamps on a new set of Insert cards Yes/No		
<b>ANSWERS</b>		
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Comments		
<p>If you have a problem with this trail, please try and resolve it with the organiser.          If you are unable to resolve the problem, then please contact the BWF Trail Officer.</p>		
<p>Please enclose a STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE (at least C6 (114 x 162mm)          or DL (110 x 220mm)) with this form and send it to</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">Carol Jones          138 Rushden Road          Wymington          Rushden          Northants          NN10 9LE</p>		