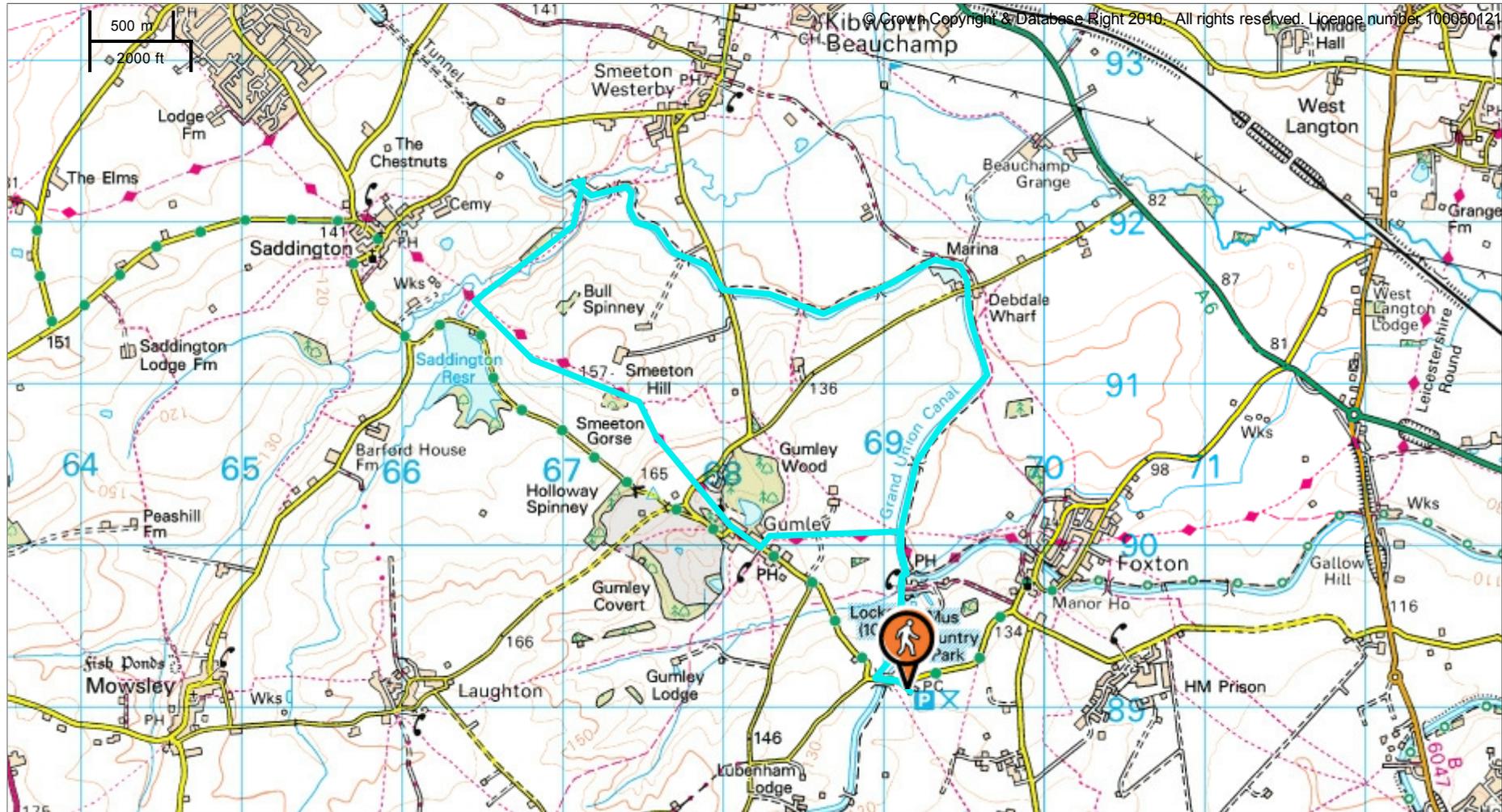




Foxton Locks

Distance : 7.21 miles URL of walk: www.walk4life.info/walk/foxton-locks



A high-quality walk combining industrial heritage, panoramic views, towpath strolling and a choice of refreshments

Park in the pay & display car park for Foxton Locks. This is a popular day out in the summer, so best to arrive early in the day.

Take the footpath on left out of car park; follow it to join the canal towpath. Turn right.

Enjoy a gentle stroll along the towpath before arriving at an impressive staircase of locks. There is much interesting industrial heritage to enjoy here, so we recommend you take the time to do so.

The lock keeper's cottage does excellent bacon rolls!

Descend alongside the locks to reach a brick bridge where the towpath changes sides. Cross this bridge and continue on the towpath to reach a narrow footbridge over the canal.

Cross by the footbridge and continue ahead, following a fairly clear footpath across fields and up the slope to Gumley, where you arrive at the road through the village. Turn right.

Continue the gentle climb towards the church. Take the footpath that passes to the left of the churchyard.

Continue ahead, crossing one road (care) to reach the summit of Smeeton Hill. Pause here to enjoy the panoramic view.

Continue ahead, now descending the hill. At the bottom, turn right and follow an indistinct path eastwards towards the canal, which loops around the hill.

Look for a bridge carrying the canal over a farm track. Go under this bridge (often muddy after wet weather) and immediately climb up on your left to reach the canal towpath. Turn left.

Take a leisurely towpath stroll back to Foxton Locks, where there is a choice of refreshment opportunities. Relax and enjoy the scene, or explore the museum and the old inclined plane.

Finally, retrace your steps up past the locks to return to the car park.

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