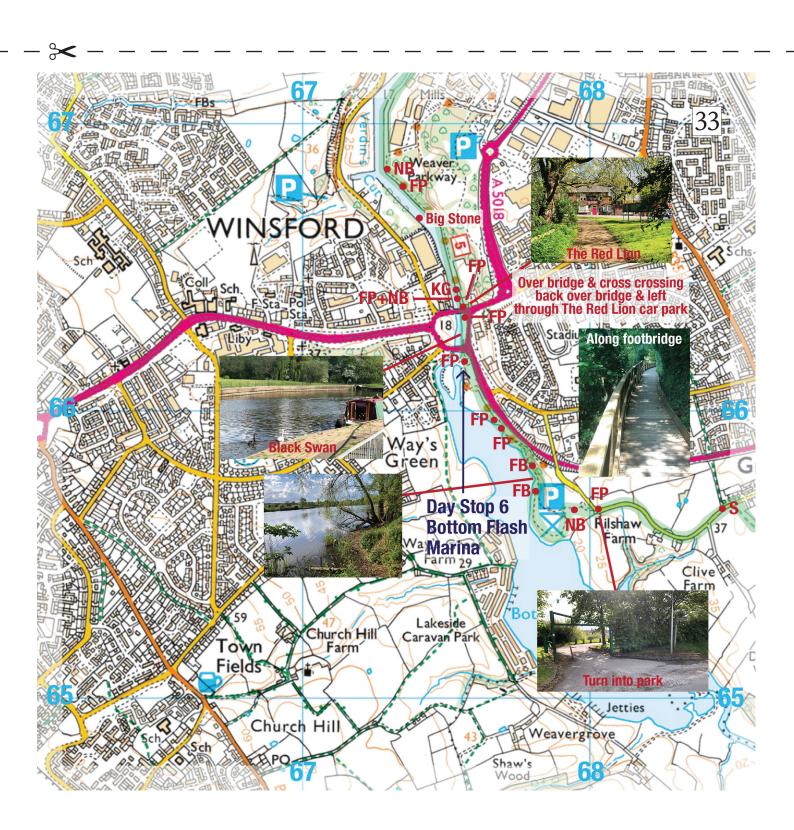
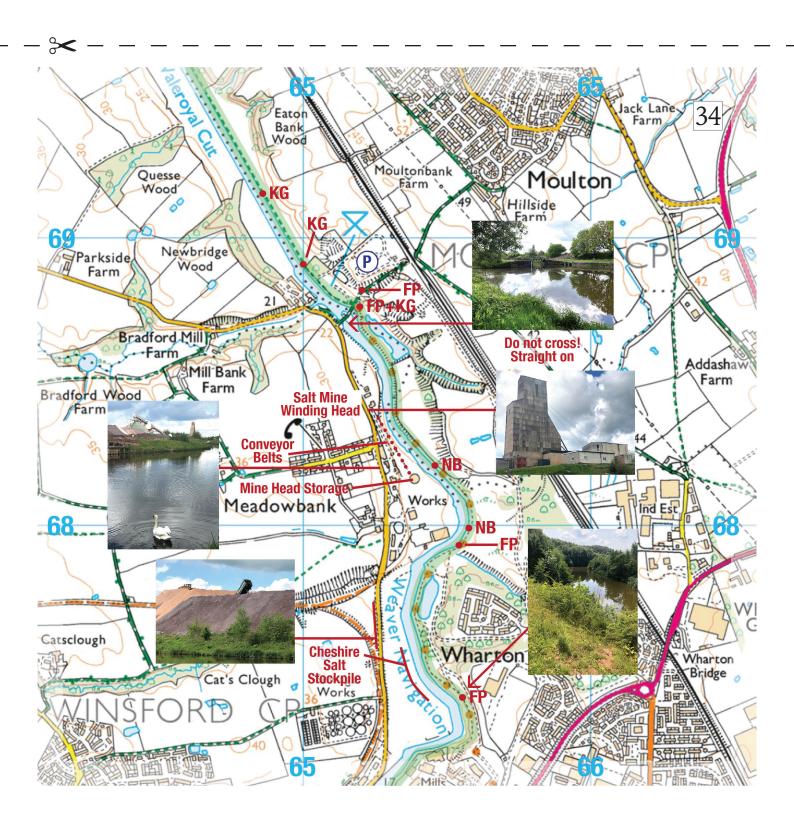
Leaving Rilshaw Lane, walk along the lovely Winsford Bottom Flash and over several foot bridges to the marina. Continue under the road bridge then up and over the road, round the Red Lion Pub and continue walking along the River Weaver.





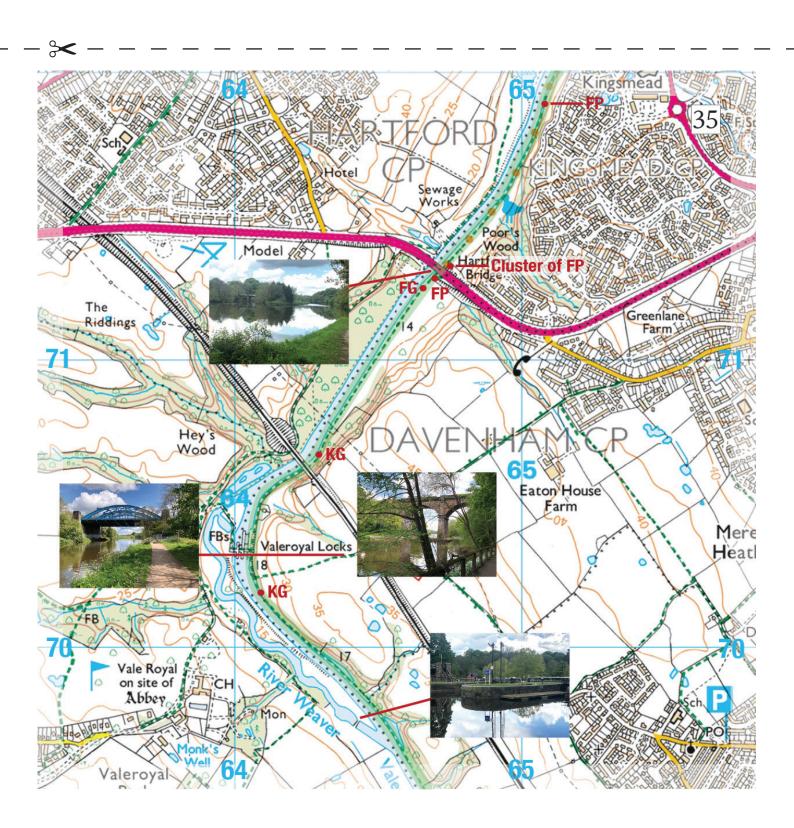
As well as an active works at Wharton we see clear signs of the old river moorings, old river engineering and man-made remains of when the river was busy with commercial ships; days long gone. Today, however, on the west bank we see the still active Cheshire rock salt mine with its winding head and very large stockpile of rock salt waiting for the winter roads.



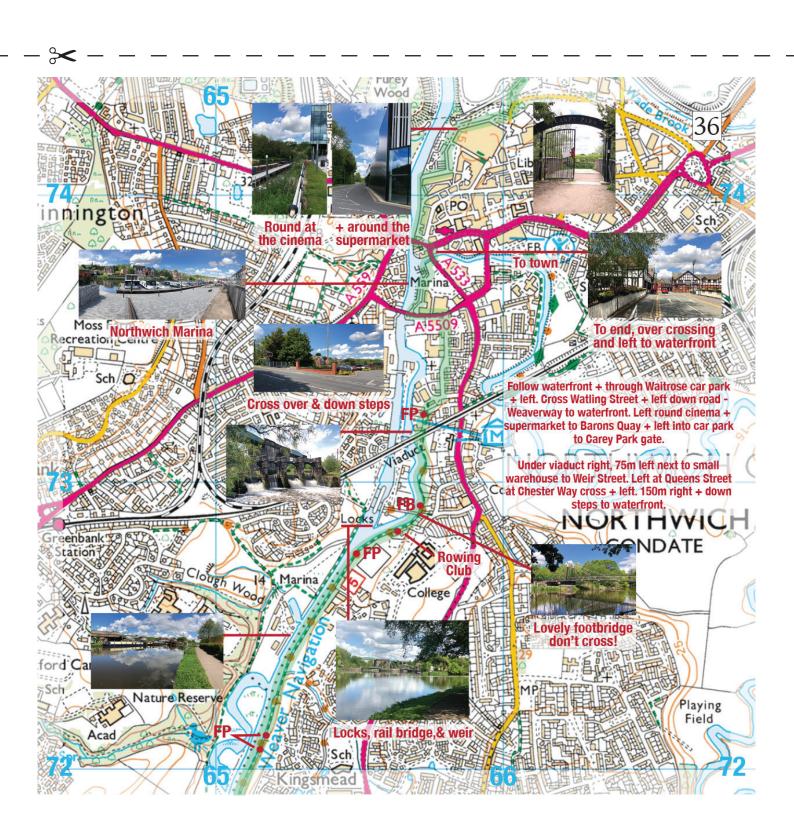


The River Weaver continues broadening and continues it's peaceful meanderings past Vale Royal Locks; under the magnificent railway viaduct, under the impressive steel arched road bridge to Hartford.



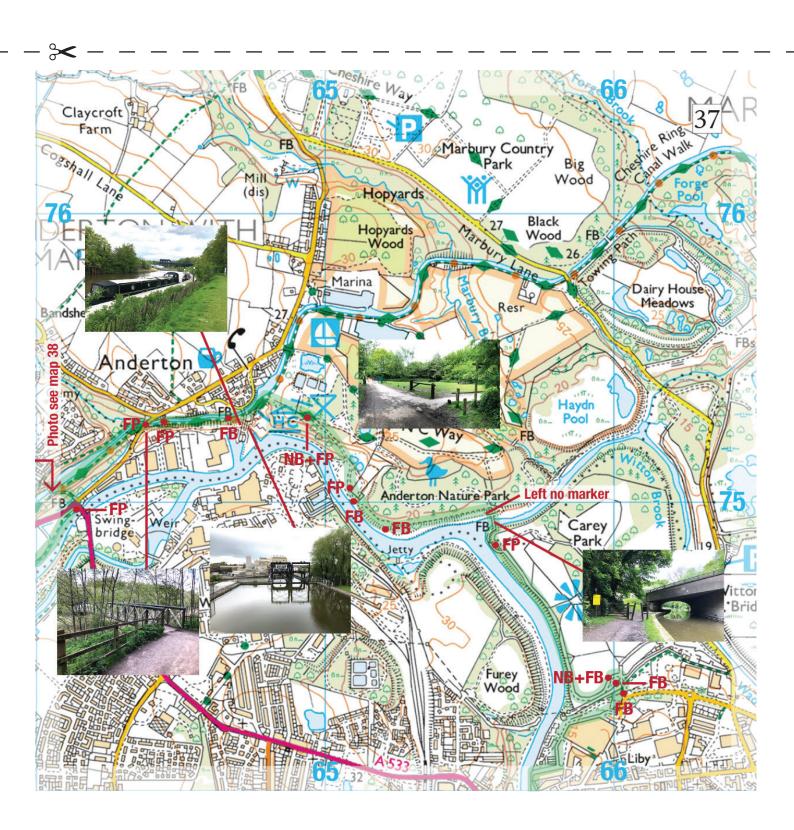


This map has everything. Old ship building wharfs, great Victorian engineering and an elegant foot bridge. (Navigation care – weaving under the rail viaduct and passed the pumping station to Weir Street.) Follow map to the Northwich waterfront, past Waitrose waterfront and to the black-and-white buildings of Northwich town centre and back on to the waterfront. Enjoy the contrast of a new 21st century development; cinema, supermarket and multi story be car park etc. I think the contrast works well. Follow the road round to Carey Park gates.



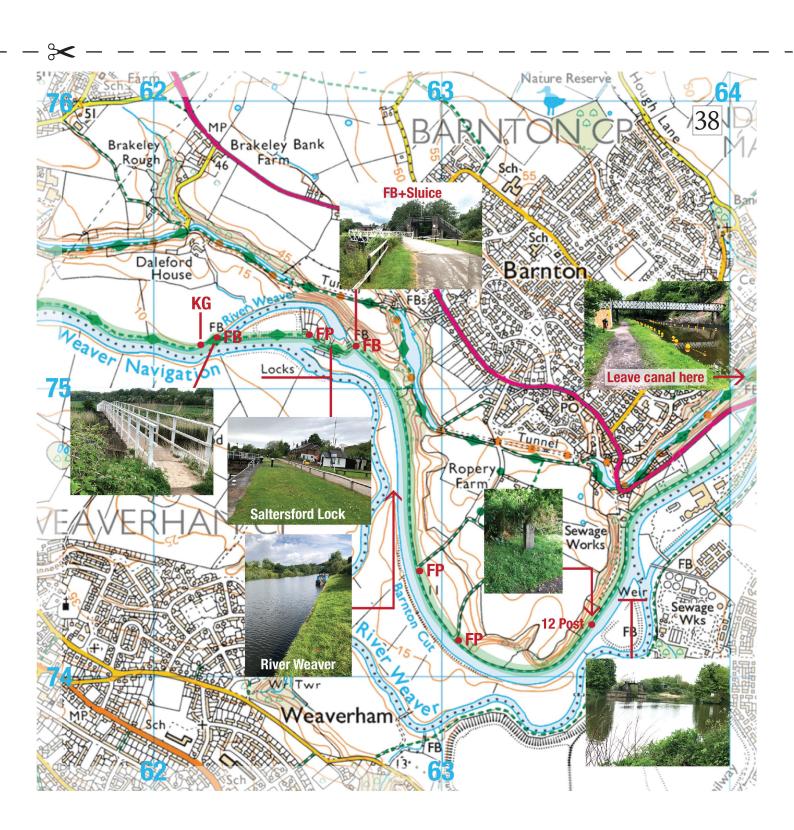
Through Carey Park with open views of the river Weaver, over the bridge into Anderton Nature Park then walk up to the iconic Anderton Lift. Stop here for a good look and possibly pit stop in the cafe. Follow the canal to the lattice bridge and turn down to Winnington Bridge Of Civil War fame – 19 August 1659.





From Winnington swing bridge follow the River Weaver to Salterford Lock and over two lovely foot bridges. Pass an MOD bunker (we know not what!), pass the rowing club towards the interesting Bartington swing bridge and cross the A49.





A quiet stretch of the River Weaver through delightful countryside. Walk under the impressive Bartington swing bridge and on towards the next lock.



