Exeter Ship Canal Walks

A leaflet to help you choose a pleasant walk - long or short - through the Riverside Valley Park.

Canal Basin to Double Locks Pub
distance: One and a half miles - 30 mins

Exe bridges
A stone bridge was first built here in 1190.

Exeter Ship Canal
First opened to shipping in 1566 and was the first canal in England to use the pound lock. The Turf Lock stretch - the present entry to the canal - was not completed until 1827.

Paper Mill - Countess Wear
A corn mill site since 1284 and a paper mill from 1638 to 1885. The remaining building was built in 1816 following a serious fire. A fascinating site - leas, sluices, kingfishers and a woodland walk.

Double Locks Pub
Real ales, good food, and a large beer garden.
Double Locks Pub to Topsham Lock Keepers Cottage
distance: Two and a quarter miles - 50 mins

Double Locks Wetland
From the hides to the south of Double Locks look across the extensive pools and ditches - look out for herons, kingfishers, shelduck and thousands of dragonflies.

Historic Topsham can be visited using the ferry which runs from 1st April to 30th Sept. every day except Tuesday and weekends for the rest of year.

Turf Lock Hotel
Drinks, good food and superb views

Exminster Marshes and RSPB reserve. A superb high tide roost in winter and a spring breeding area for waders and wildfowl.