1. Leave The Bonded Warehouse – built by the former Stourbridge Canal Company in 1779 and used for the storage of wines and spirits. As you join the canal to begin your walk along the Stourbridge Canal Arm you will see evidence of the area’s industrial past all around.
2. Following the towpath, cross the first bridge to rejoin the canal, continuing as it leads you through urban areas with industrial heritage sites. There are also many opportunities to spot wildlife such as kingfishers and sparrowhawks.
3. Cross over the second bridge and continue to follow the towpath passing several houses which back onto the canal.
4. The next bridge you come across, Chobbs Bridge was originally built to provide access to the newly refurbished canalside cone.
5. Continue along the towpath passing old industrial buildings that are still in use today.
6. Just before Wordsley Junction a small row of cottages to your left are reminders of a canalside community dating back to 1829.
7. Upon reaching the junction you can either retrace your steps back to The Bonded Warehouse or turn to your right and enjoy a further walk along The Stourbridge Canal, passing The Stourbridge 16, a flight of 16 locks, leading up to the picturesque Delph 9 and on to Merry Hill, for shopping and a bite to eat!
This circular route can be divided into various shorter routes. The map highlights access points and road accesses, but parking may be on road in places.

Follow The Stourbridge Canal down the scenic lock flight, cross the bridge and take The Bonded Warehouse. At this point the cycle route deviates from the canal towpath. Turn right onto the main road, take the pedestrian underpass, and turn to the left.

Follow the National Cycle Route through urban areas and parks, rejoining the canal at Black Delph Junction. The Delph lock flight to your right leads up to Merry Hill. Turn left onto The Stourbridge Canal and follow it, veering to the left at Leys Junction. Cross at the bridge after the first lock, double back past Leys Junction and return to The Dell Sports Centre. This route includes a low footbridge.

Distance: 6.6 miles/10.6 km (approx)
Duration: 1 hour 10 min (approx)
Access point: Pensnett Road
Car Parking: The Dell Sports Centre, Brockmore.

Sources of further information:
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British Waterways, West Midlands Office. Tel: 01827 252000

Please note: Routes detailed in this leaflet are a guide, and consultation of additional maps is advisable before beginning your trip. Route durations are based on an average speed of 3mph walking and 7mph cycling. Remember you are responsible for your own safety and children must be accompanied by an adult. Although towpaths are suitable for both cyclists and walkers, appropriate footwear is recommended for muddy areas. Cyclists are advised to take extra care on uneven or steep surfaces and locks. Dismount on narrow sections, at motorcycle barriers and under low bridges and tunnels, particularly in wet weather. Cyclists should obtain a free cycle permit and all visitors should observe the Waterway Code; for details please contact West Midlands Waterways on 01827 252000.

For a free copy of Dudley's cycle network map call:
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