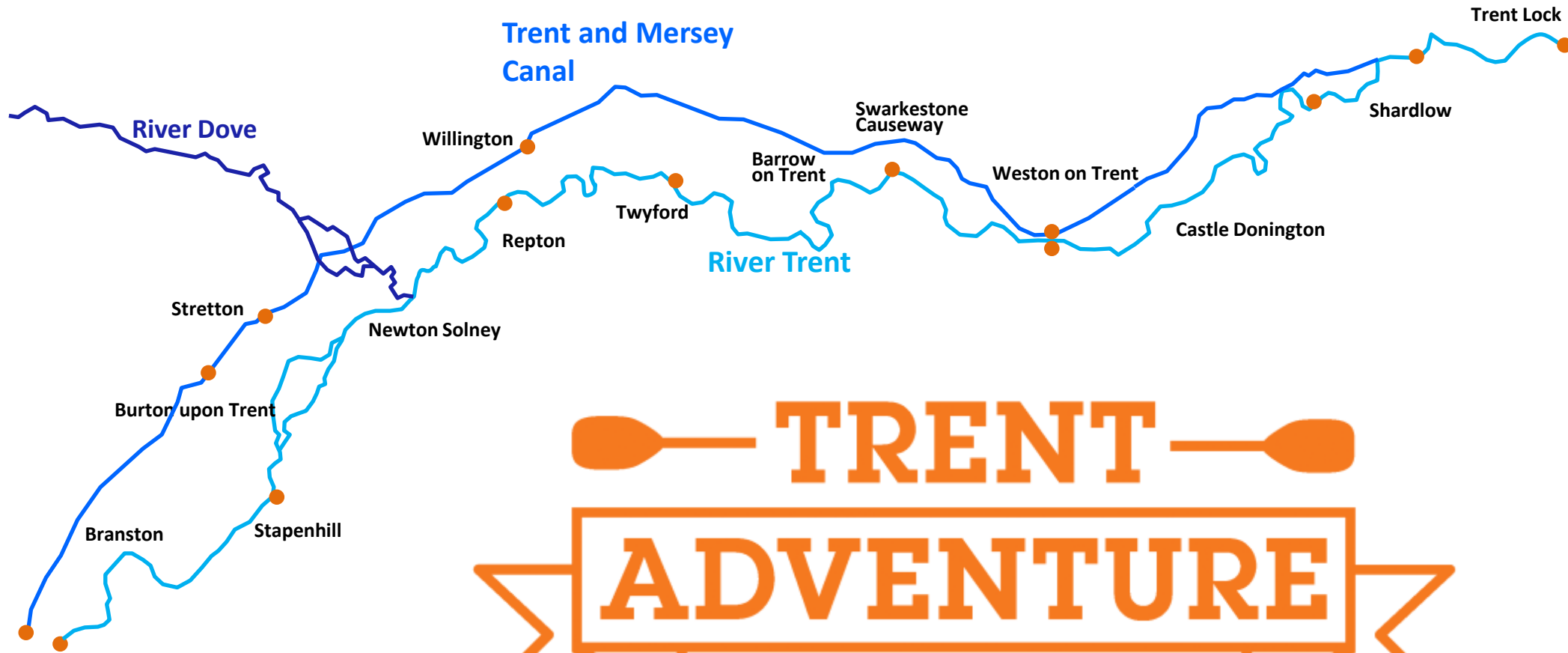


River and Canal Maps

for Trent Adventure

Trent Adventure – Base at
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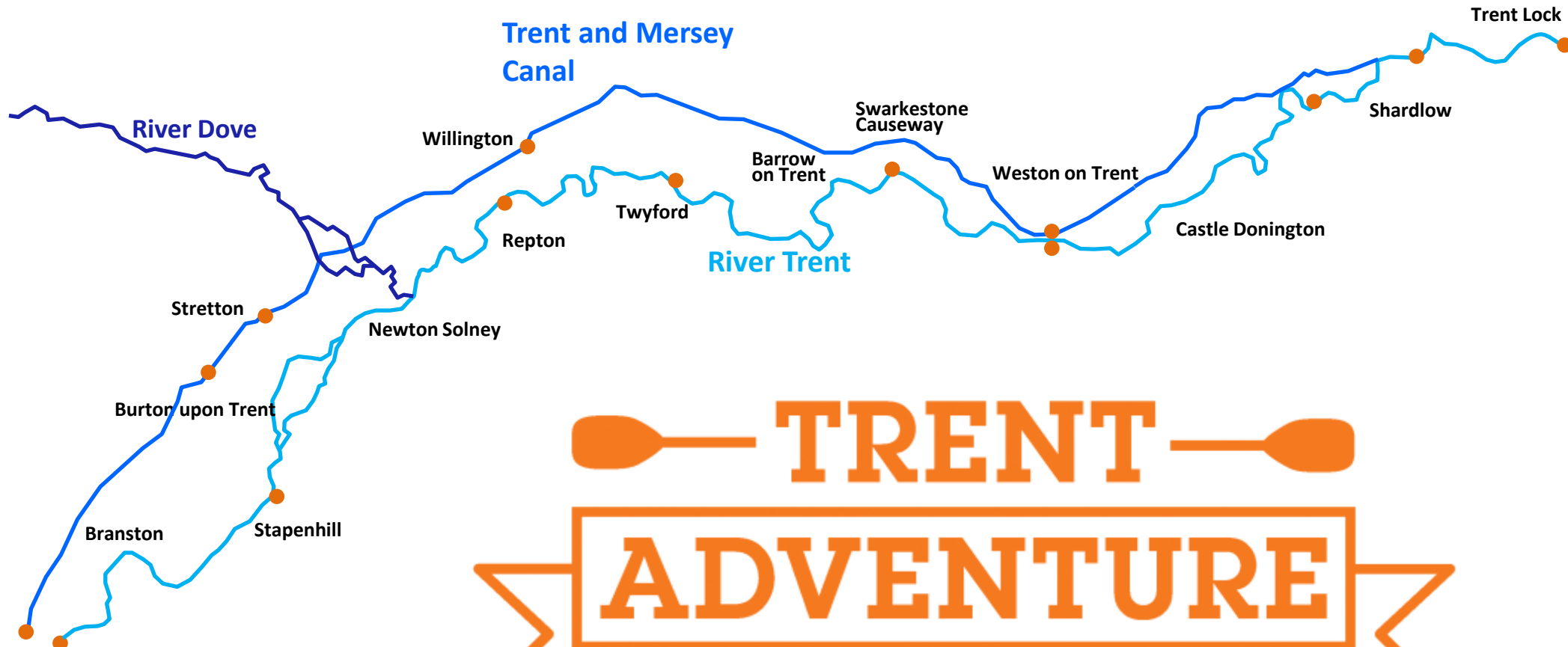
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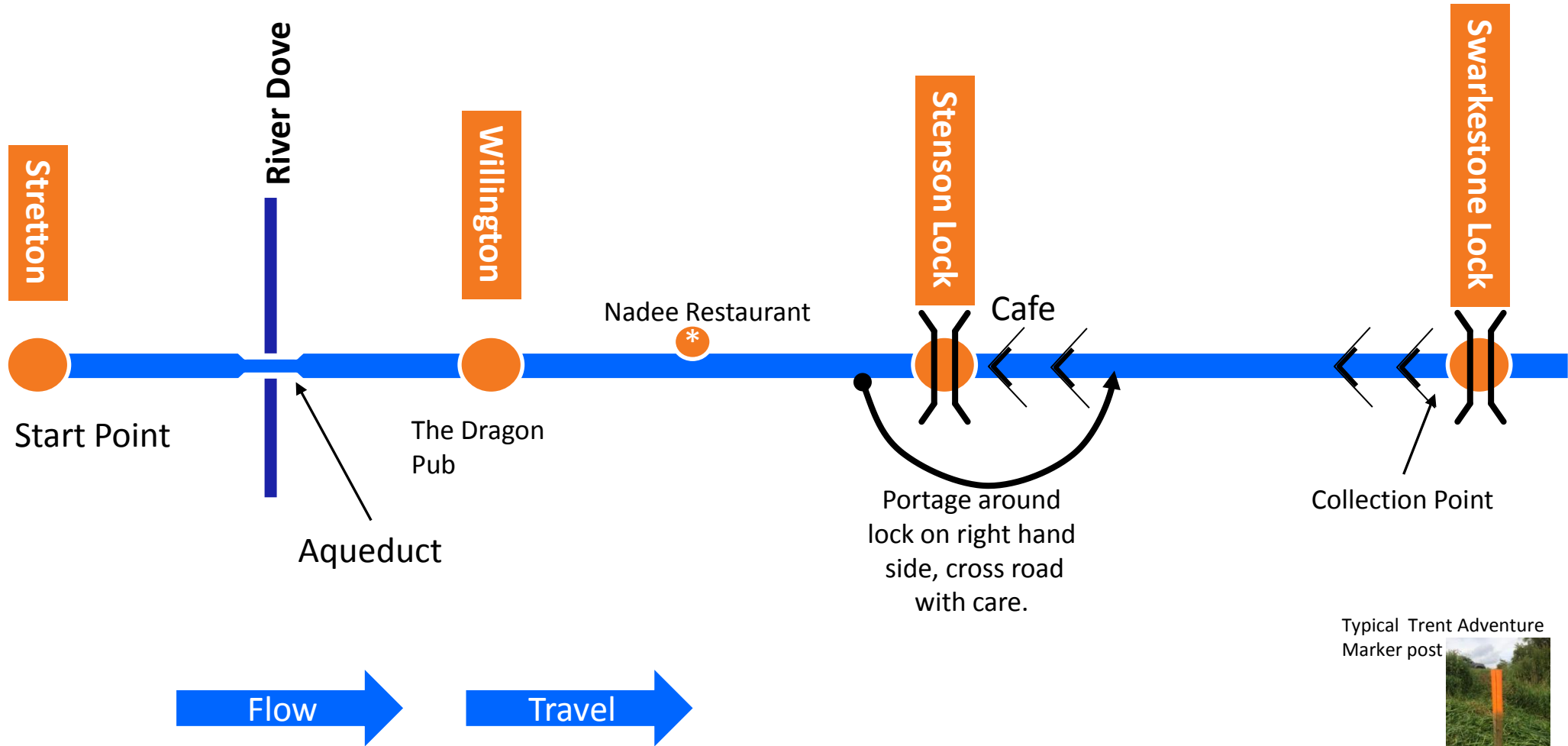


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ONE DAY CANAL ADVENTURE



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One Day Adventure – On the Trent and Mersey Canal

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Your Adventure begins at **Stretton**, near Burton on Trent, just before the aqueduct over the River Dove.

Traditionally, canal traffic passes on the right hand side (the opposite of driving on the road). Use good, clear hand signals, and give way to larger vessels.

Willington, and The Dragon pub on your right is a great place to stop for refreshments.

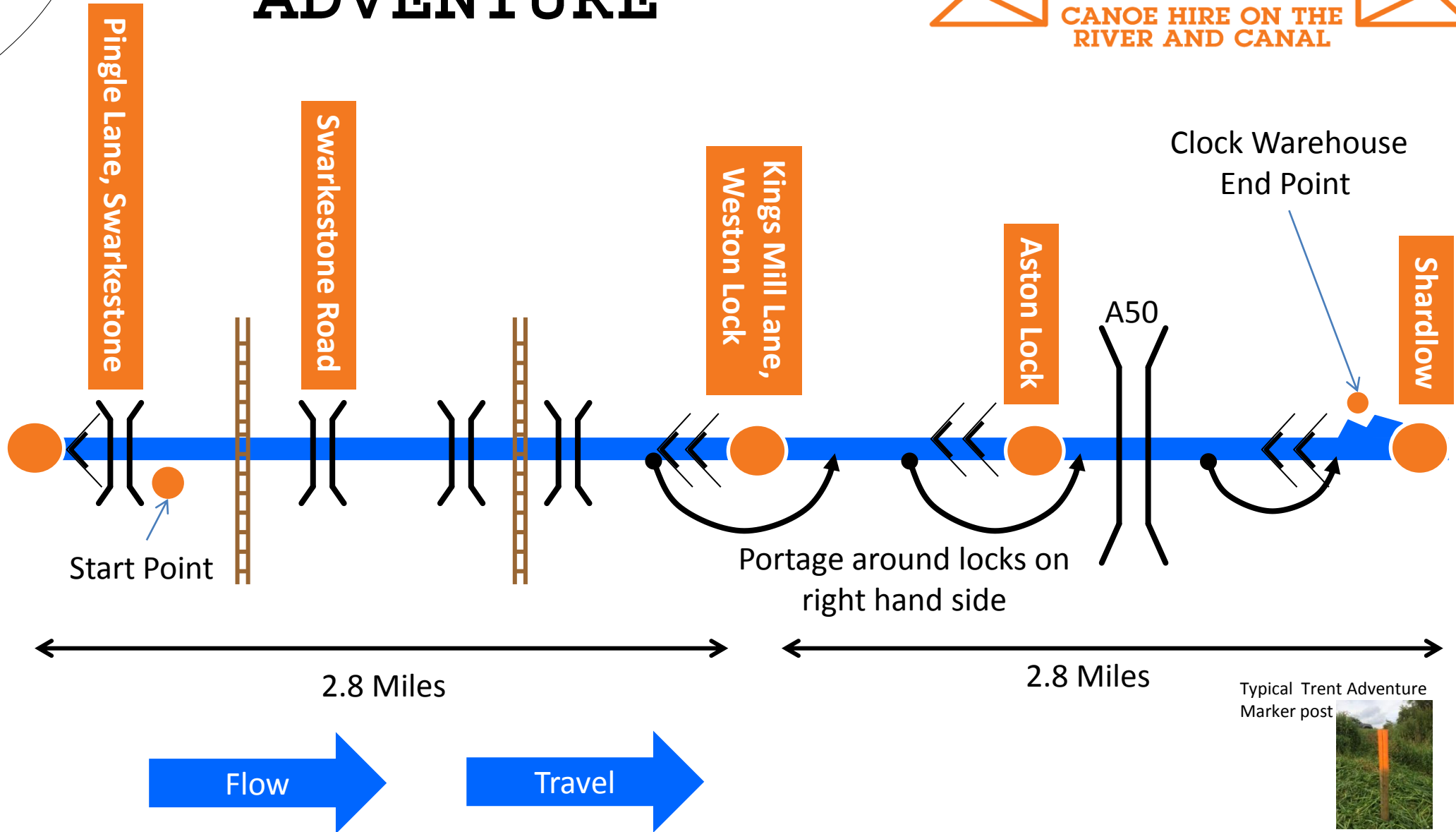
Mercia Marina is on your left. You may not paddle into it though; it's the largest inland marina in Europe!

Findern, past the Nadee restaurant on the left.

Stenson Lock, A great place to stop. You must portage around the lock on the right hand side of the waterway. Take care crossing the road.

Paddle down to **Swarkestone Lock** and exit on the right hand side where your Adventure, for today, ends.

HALF DAY CANAL ADVENTURE



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Half Day - 6 Mile Adventure – On the Trent and Mersey Canal

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Your Adventure begins at **Swarkestone**, just after the canal bridge on Pingle Lane, Swarkestone.

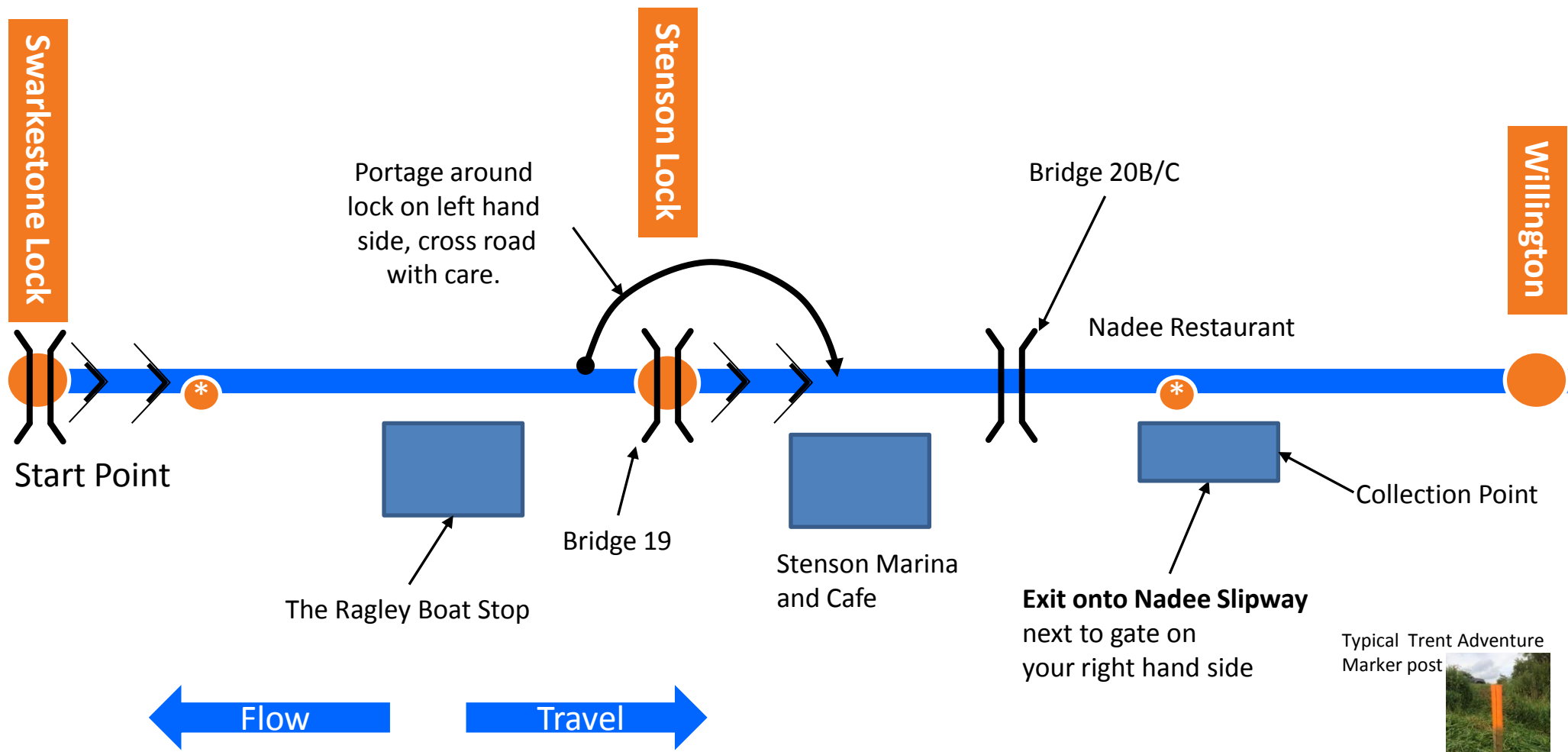
On the approach to **Weston Lock**, get out on to the right hand side and portage around the locks. Take care getting back into your canoe.

Repeat the above when you get to **Aston Lock**.

After passing under the A50 bridge, you come into **Shardlow**. Portage around 1 lock gate. Paddle your canoe across to the **Clock Warehouse** for a well earned drink. This is also your pick up point.

Please observe the Countryside Code, especially around livestock.

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Half Day Adventure – On the Trent and Mersey Canal

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Your Adventure begins at **Swarkestone** above the lock.

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You will have to portage (carry) your canoe at **Stenson Lock**. (please take care crossing the road.)

Your end destination is at the **Nadee Restaurant**. Pull out on to the slipway by the gate on your right.

Please feel free to call in to enjoy the Nadee's hospitality whilst you wait for your pick up.

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River Adventures

The Maps for these Adventures are in production and will be available shortly.

1. Stappenhill to Poplars Farm
2. Meadowside to Poplars Farm
3. Newton Solney to Poplars Farm
4. Taster – Poplars Farm to Swarkestone
5. The Weston Loop
6. Poplars farm to Trent Lock or Shardlow (12 Miles)

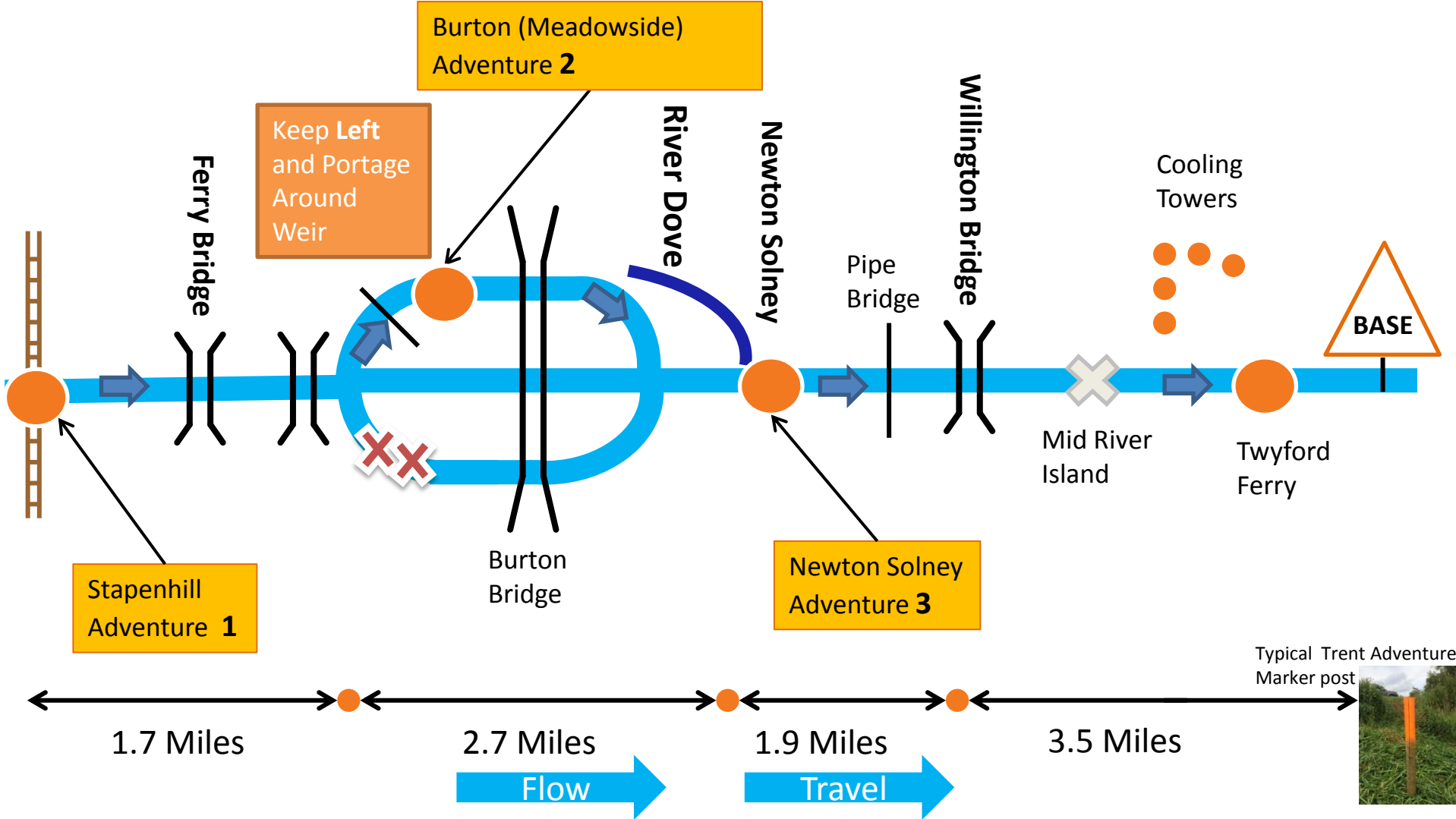
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Adventures 1, 2 & 3

Stapenhill - Poplars



Stapenhill, Burton or Newton Solney to Poplars Farm



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Adventures 1 ,2 & 3 - On The River Trent

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Your **Adventure** begins at either 1: Stapenhill, 2: Burton on Trent (Meadowside) or 3: Newton Solney.

Shortly after the start of **Adventure** 1 you pass under Ferry Bridge, the original site of a ferry crossing the river dating back to Richard 2nd (14th Century). Later in 1879 carrying up to 17,754 people per month. The bridge that opened in 1889, for a total cost of £10,000 saw the demise of the old ferry.

Follow the river until it splits near Peels' cut. **KEEP LEFT ! KEEP LEFT !**

Ensure that you have taken the left hand river course.

In most river conditions you will need to portage (get out and carry your canoe!) around the weir. **Adventure** 2 starts here.

After returning to the river, keep left again continuing downstream until the River Dove joins the Trent from your left at Newton Solney. **Adventure** 3 starts here.

The River Dove has come all the way down from Buxton in the Peak District. At Newton Solney, if river levels permit, you can get out on the public land on the right hand side of the river.

Willington Bridge , Mr. James Trubshaw was the engineer who designed and built the bridge at a cost of £10,560.00 opened in 1839 and replaced a local ferry that had been used previously.

Willington Power Station built in 1950's; closed mid 1990's. The remaining 5 cooling towers are known to be used as a nest site for peregrine falcons.

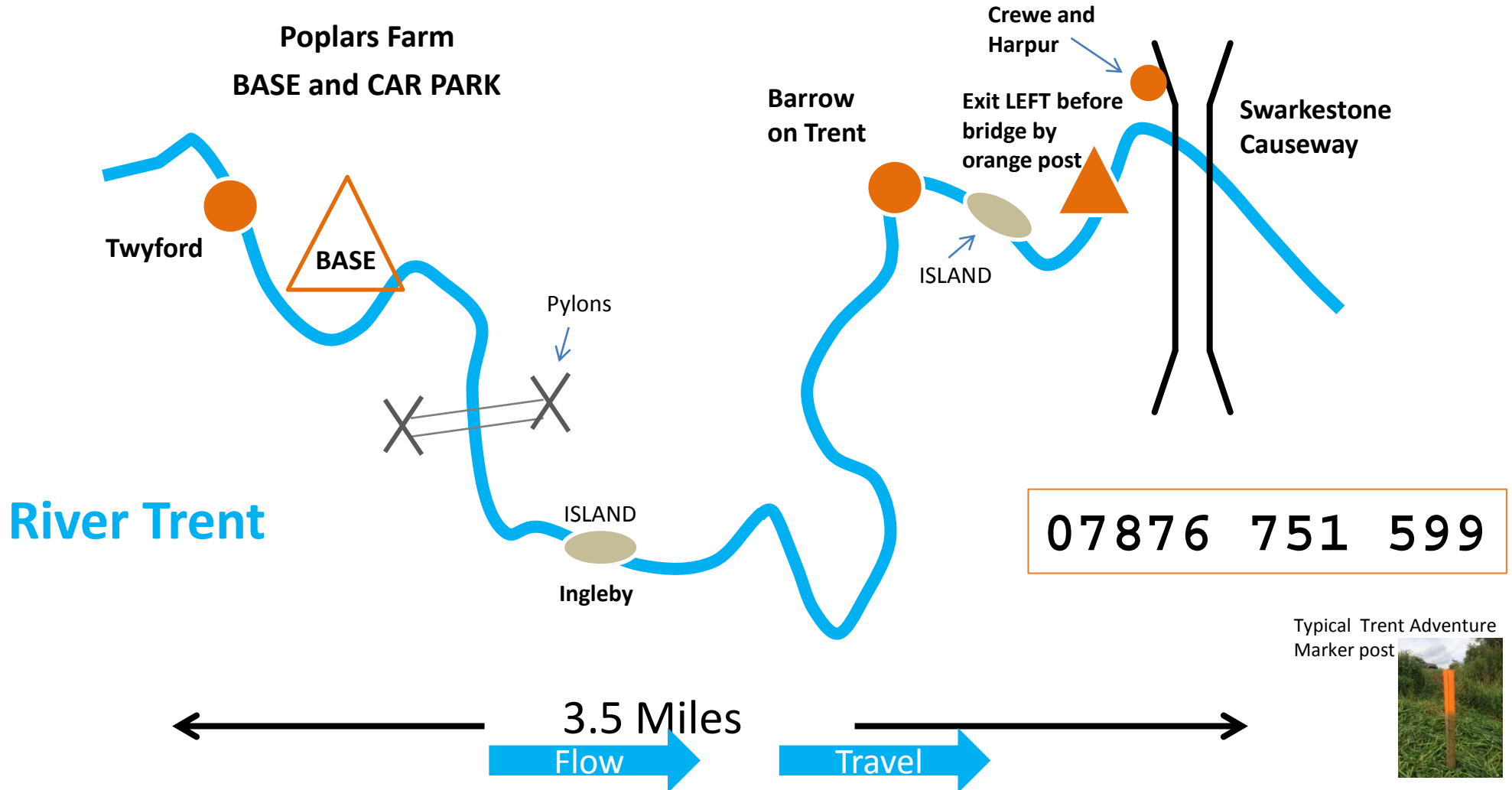
Twyford was the site of a river crossing, there are remaining posts from the chain ferry last used in 1963.

Our base at Poplars Farm will be on your left, look out for the **orange** marker Post where your **Adventure**, for today, ends.

Adventure 4

Poplars - Swarkestone

A taster session or evening paddle



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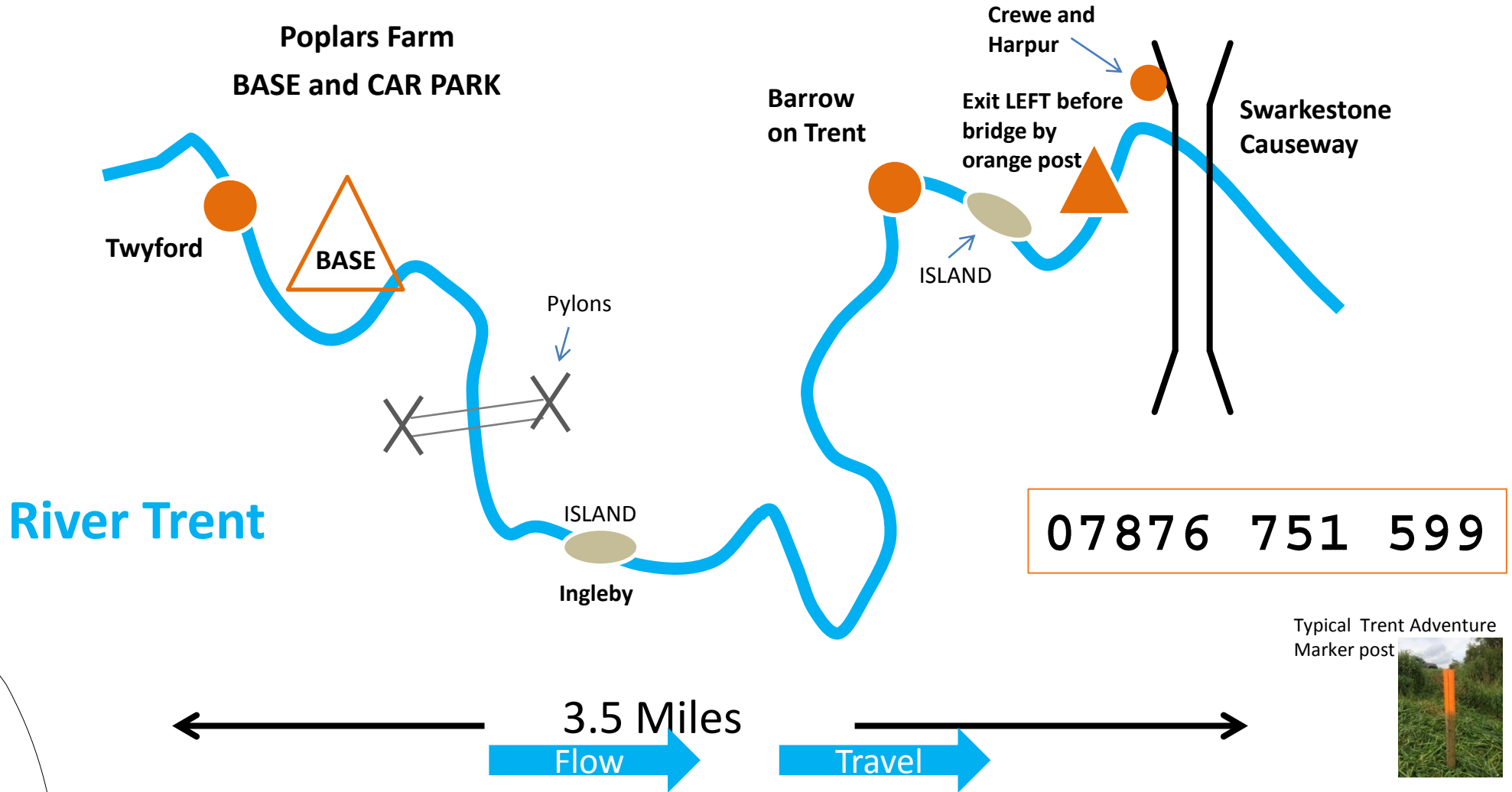
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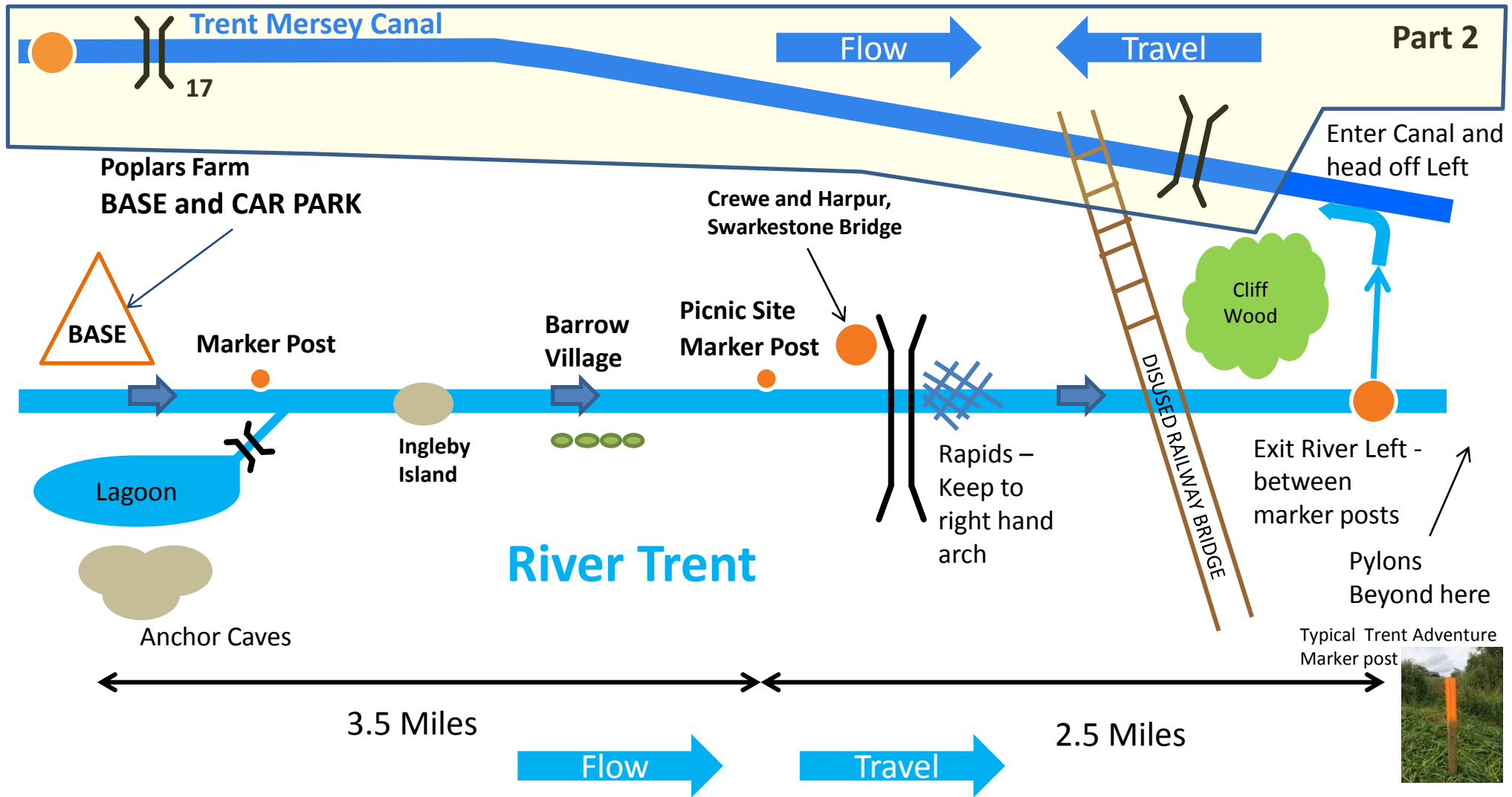


Adventure 5

The Weston Loop



Part 1 - The River Trent and onto the canal



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This trip offers a true **Adventure** combining both the River Trent and a quiet section of the Trent and Mersey Canal.

Soon after your start, keep your eyes open for a small entrance on the right of the river to Anchor Caves. (You should have just passed an **orange** marker post on the left river bank)

Paddle under the low foot bridge into the spring fed lagoon, with the caves now on your left. You can pull your canoes up onto the bank and explore the mysterious caves, once home to a hermit according to ancient legend.

Back on the river you pass either side of Ingleby Island and head downstream beyond Barrow on Trent.

On the approach to Swarkestone Bridge keep an eye out for the **orange** marker post river left, an ideal place to get out, maybe picnic or call at the Crewe and Harpur Pub?

Now fully refreshed, and back on the water, aim for the right-hand arch of Swarkestone Bridge and ride the rapids.

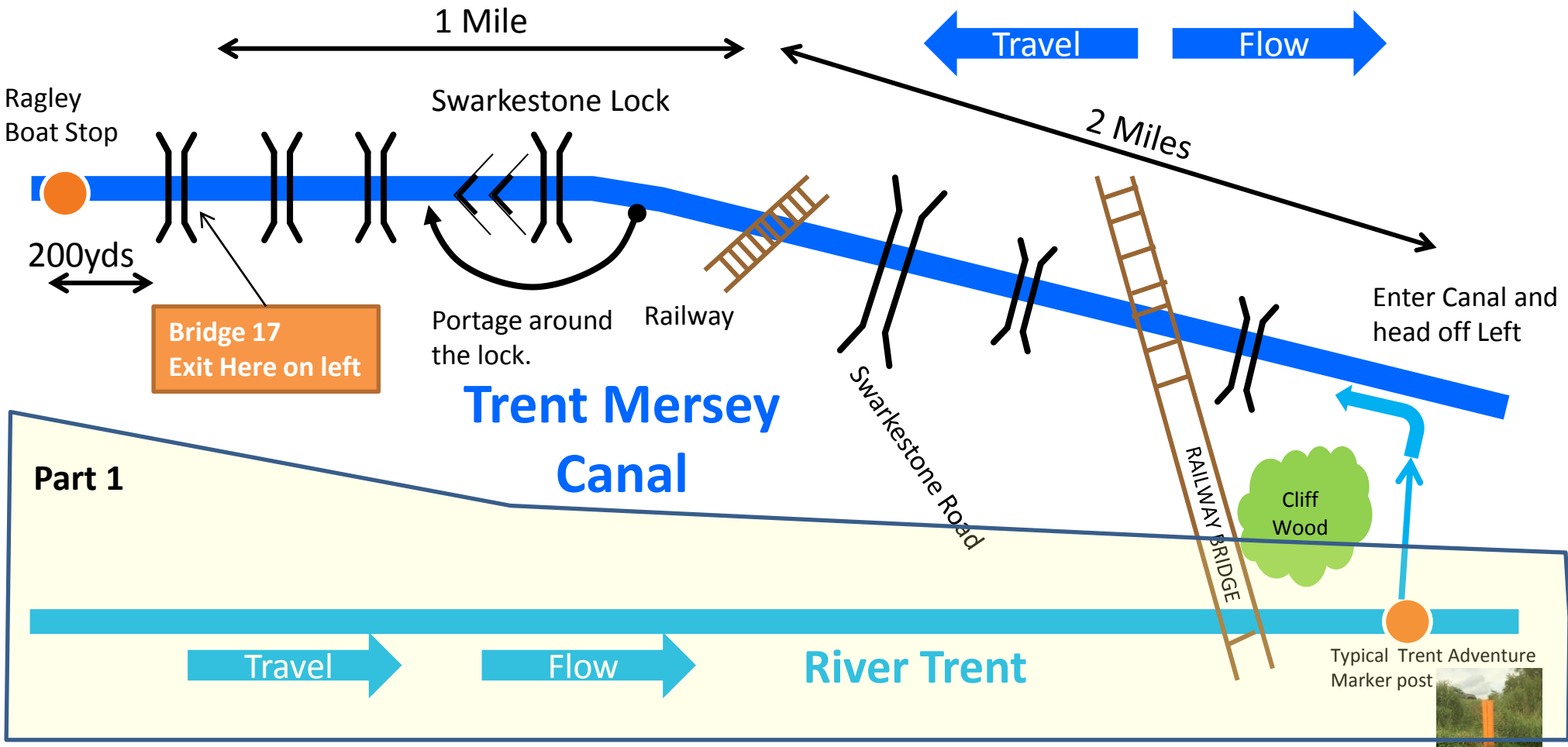
After you pass under the disused railway bridge, you will soon come across your exit on the left between the **orange** marker posts.

Adventure 5

The Weston Loop



Part 2 – Along the Trent and Mersey canal to Bridge 17



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Part 2 - The Trent and Mersey canal and onto The River Trent

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Portage the short distance across the end of the field over to the canal, you now have a 2 mile paddle up to Swarkestone lock (keep a look out for other river traffic).

When you get to Swarkestone **exit left** and portage (carry your canoe) around the lock, take care with traffic.

Continue up the canal, your end destination being Bridge 17.

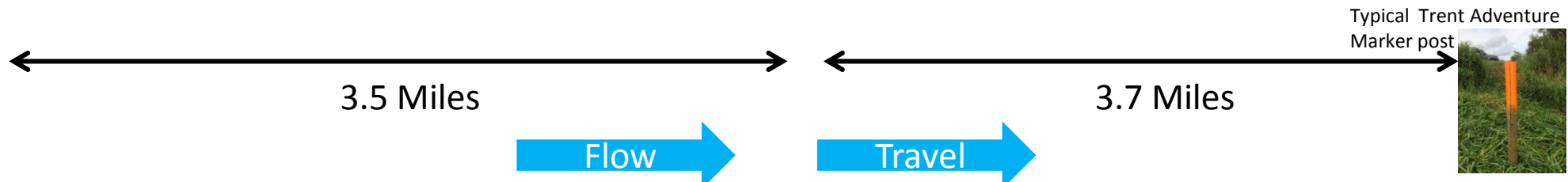
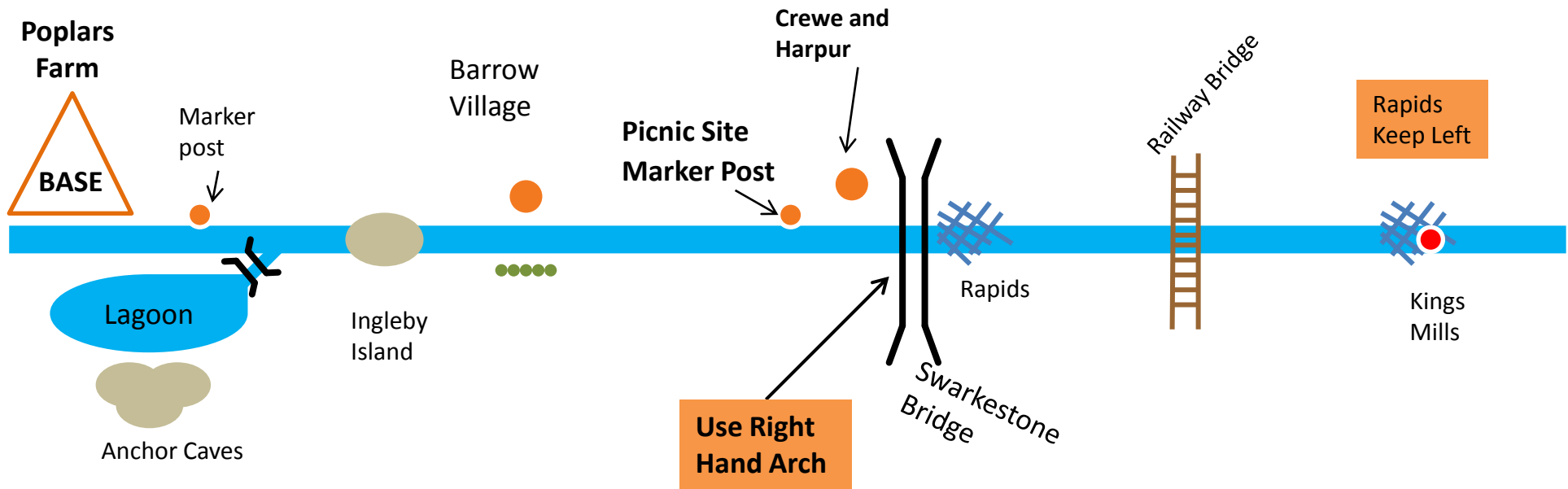
You may wish to paddle a little beyond Bridge 17 and call at the Ragley boat stop pub before heading back to your pick up point of Bridge 17 from which you will be picked up.

Adventure 6

Poplars - Shardlow



Part 1 - Poplars Farm to Shardlow or Trent Lock



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Aim for the Right Hand Arch of Swarkestone Bridge through the rapids.

Swarkestone Causeway, is, in total, just under a mile long and has 17 arches. It is the longest stone bridge, and the longest inland bridge in England.

In 1745, Swarkestone Bridge was the southernmost point of Bonny Prince Charlie's advance on London, in his attempt to reclaim the British throne.

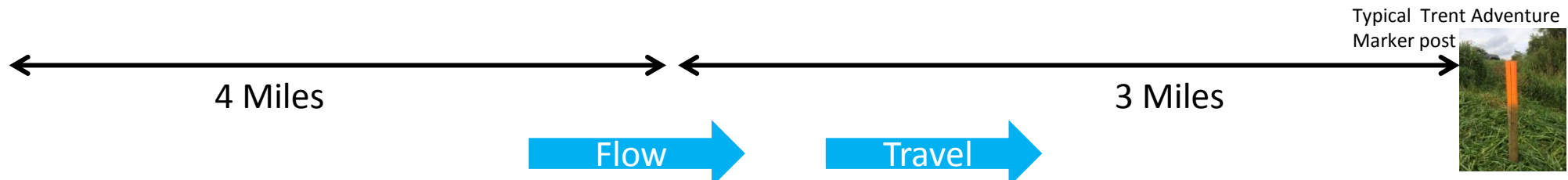
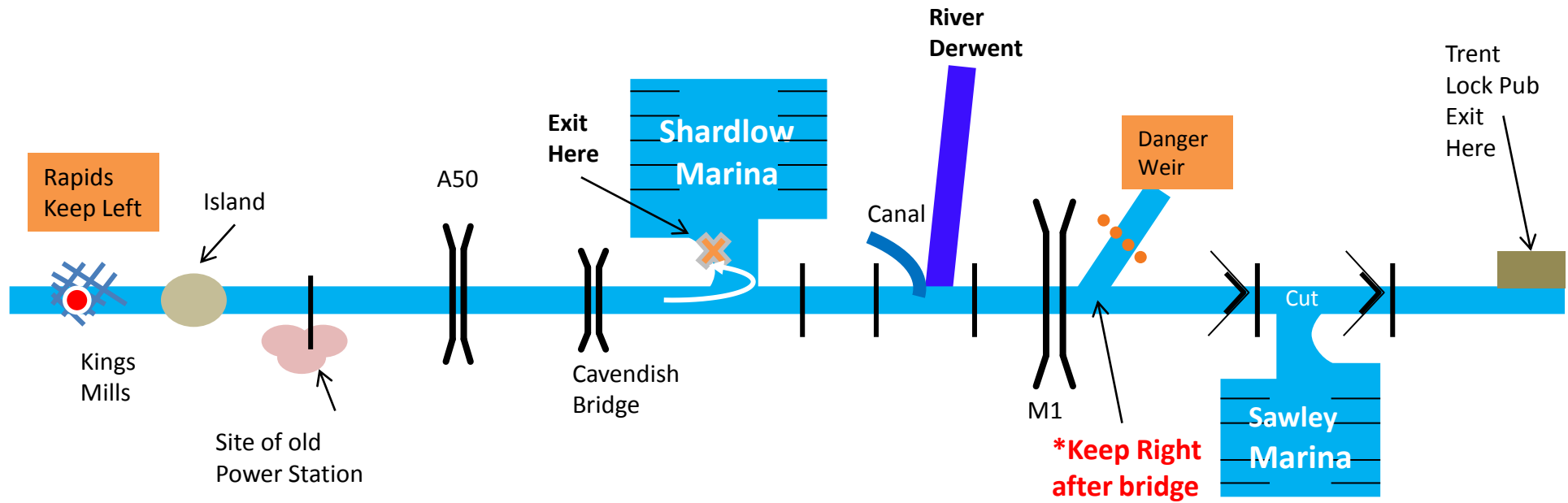
Kings Mills, site of an old lock and flint grinding mill, now home to the Priest House Hotel. Be careful at the rapids to avoid the remains of the old weir. River Right.

Adventure 6

Poplars - Shardlow



Part 2 - Kings Mills to Shardlow or Trent Lock



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Kings Mills - Beyond this you will pass the old Donington Power Station site, with its redundant inlet and outlet on the righthand side of the River.

You will pass beneath the A50, then meander towards Shardlow and under Cavendish Bridge.

If Shardlow Marina is your destination, the entrance comes shortly after Cavendish Bridge on the left-hand side of the River. Just after entering the marina, pull out onto the left bank **before** entering the main narrow boat area.

If you are paddling beyond Shardlow Marina River Left you will pass under 2 small bridges before you reach Derwent Mouth. Here, both the Trent and Mersey Canal and the River Derwent enter the River Trent. **Proceed with caution, River Traffic and possible Strong Currents**

After passing under the large M1 motorway bridge, ensure to **keep Right** to avoid the **dangerous river weir**.

Enter what is known as Sawley Cut. The floodgates should be open. There are great facilities at the marina, and also a lovely tearooms at the far end of the cut, before you rejoin the Trent.

Continue down the river.

Exit at the Trent Lock pub on the left-hand side of the River near the pontoon.