

Ratcliffe on the Wreake to Junction Bridge 2.5 miles

1. Follow Broome Lane to Ratcliffe Mill House, taking a path to the right signposted "Cossington Lane 3 miles". Before crossing the river follow the path along the wooded river bank to reach open fields.

2. Follow the path along the river bank until it turns diagonally right towards the elevated A607.

3. Ignore larger arches under the road to find, further to the right, five smaller arches. The path goes through the right hand one.

4. Head towards the "Gate Hangs Well". Climb up to the road for access to the public house, or cross the road for the path to the River Soar.

5. Just after going under the railway bridge, a footpath leads to a path which soon follows the railway embankment to a stile at Mill Lane bridge 5A. almost opposite to High Street leading to Syston

6. Just before the path passes under the A46 (muddy in wet weather) a bridleway to your left leads to Meadow Lane,

otherwise cross Junction bridge 7 and follow the towpath to your left to Meadow Lane which will lead you back to Syston.

POINTS OF INTEREST ALONG THE WAY

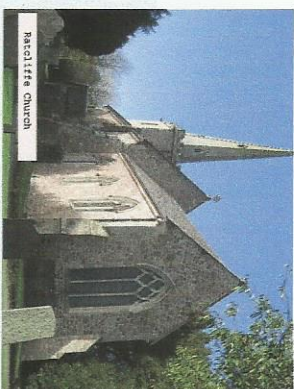
Ratcliffe Mill lock now disused and filled in), was a shallow lock built only to control the river level.

4. Lewin Bridge was built in 1820 but was demolished in 1956 to be replaced by the present flat concrete structure.

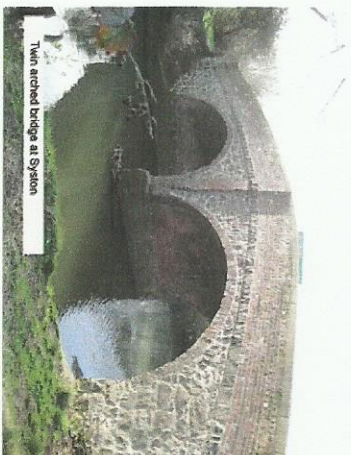
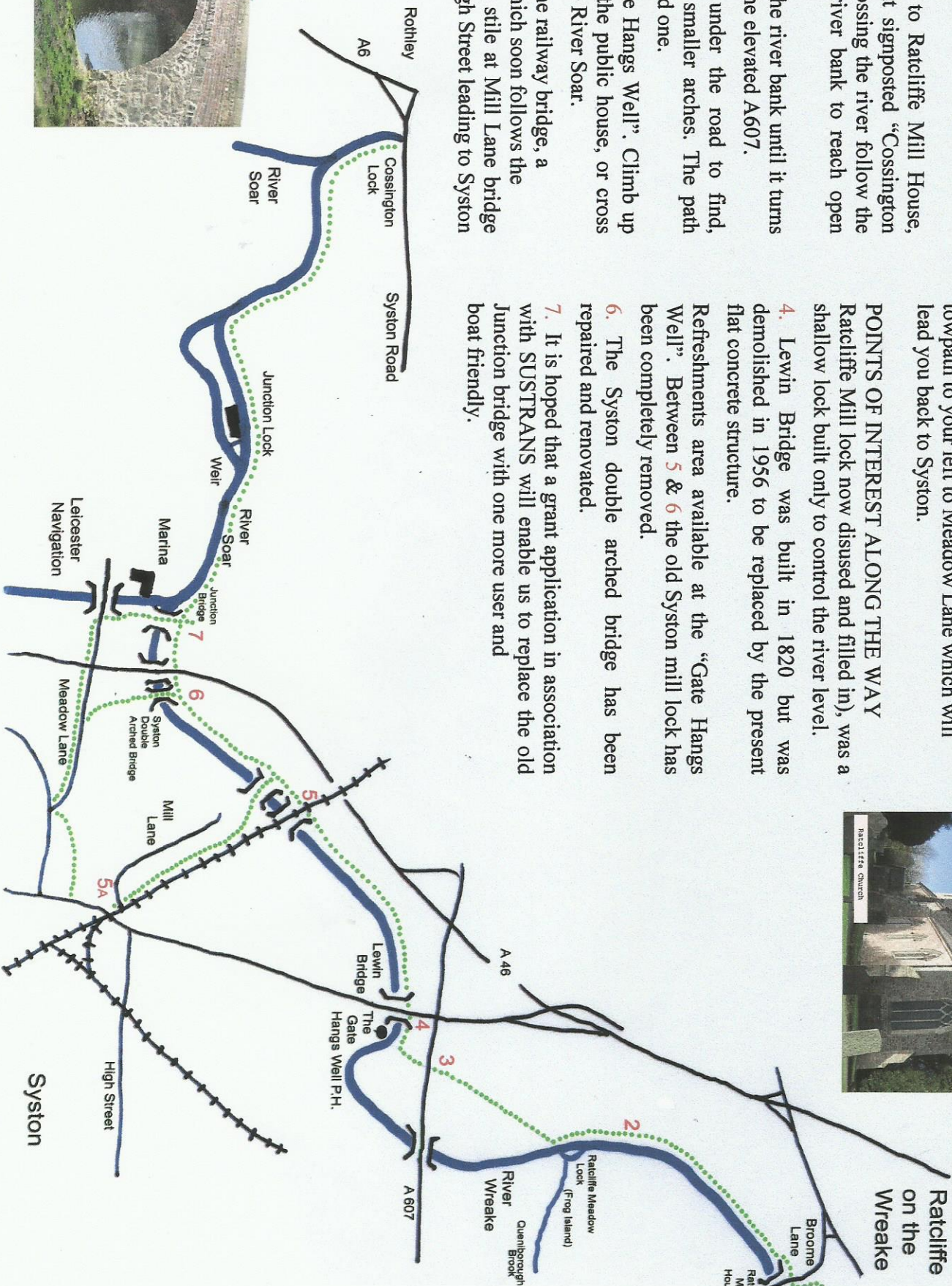
Refreshments area available at the "Gate Hangs Well". Between 5 & 6 the old Syston mill lock has been completely removed.

6. The Syston double arched bridge has been repaired and renovated.

7. It is hoped that a grant application in association with Sustrans will enable us to replace the old Junction bridge with one more user and boat friendly.



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Twin arched bridge at Syston