

Cross over diagonally towards the cottage, and take the stile over into what appears to be a private garden.

Baldock Mill Cottage is all that remains of a water-powered corn mill built by the lay canons of Dale Abbey. The dam and watercourses are original. It is interesting to note how the water table has dropped, as the mill would have originally been fed by Stanley Brook which can be seen meandering through the flood plain on the right of the path.

Skirt the left edge of the garden, cross the footbridge and dam on to the raised footpath section. Follow the raised path all the way along the hedge boundary to Stanley.

To the right of the raised path is an ancient spring with a pollarded willow which would have served the farmhouse beyond. Stanley Grange Farm was built upon the remains of a monastic farm belonging to the abbey at Dale. In the 17th century the Grange was a Jesuit school that had to be relocated because of regular raids and religious persecution.

The path leads over a small concrete bridge and then underneath a pylon.

Cross a waymarked stile and stick to the edge of the field until the path leads down into an overgrown dene area. The path crosses a brook into a field.

Follow the edge of the field and leave by the left-hand corner over a stile and head up the road past St Andrews Primary School. Turn left towards the White Hart public house.

Stanley to Stanley Common

From the White Hart public house turn right up Morley Lane. Turn off right almost immediately following the path towards Stanley Common. Cross over the stile and follow the field boundaries (do not follow the arrows left).

The path here affords spectacular views of the Cat and Fiddle windmill.

After four fields cross the centre of the fifth then follow the left of the hedge. The path eventually converts into a track and leads on to Common Lane. Follow the lane to the right as it leads into Stanley Common. Common Lane leads to the main A609.

To rejoin the footpath cross over the road and turn right. After a minute take the waymarked path to the left towards Mapperley along the Ropewalk.

CHALLENGE WALK

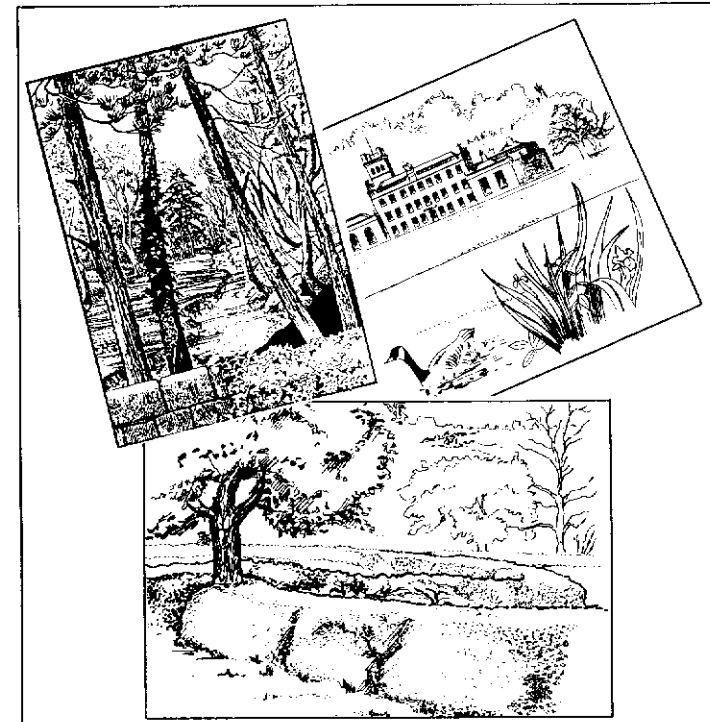


CHALLENGE WALK 1

IN AND AROUND EREWASH

12 Miles

7 Hours



One of a series of longer distance walks linking spectacular views of rural Erewash via ancient lanes and byways.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

GUARD AGAINST FIRE Every year, carelessness costs thousands of pounds.
FASTEN GATES - even if you find them open. Animals will wander if they can.
KEEP DOGS UNDER CONTROL - on a lead wherever there is livestock.
KEEP TO PATHS
AVOID DAMAGING FENCES, HEDGES AND WALLS.

LEAVE NO LITTER
SAFEGUARD WATER SUPPLIES Do not pollute streams or cattle troughs.
PROTECT WILDLIFE, PLANTS, TREES
GO CAREFULLY ON COUNTRY ROADS
Keep in single file, facing on-coming traffic, on the right.
RESPECT THE LIFE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE



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COUNTRY WALKS IN AND AROUND EREWASH

Challenge Walk 1 12 Miles 7 Hours

Parking

This walk can be started from a variety of points.

When commencing from Stanley Common, park on the main A609 near the playing fields.

From Morley, park at the Three Horseshoes public house.

From Stanley, car parking is available in the White Hart public house (prior permission must be sought from the landlord).

From Morley Hayes Restaurant, park in layby on the main A608.

Buses

Local bus service available every hour from Derby city centre and Ilkeston town centre. Felix bus stop located in Stanley village opposite the White Hart public house. Felix 0115 932 5332. Derby busline 01332 292200.

Time

Allow 7 hours.

Type of Walk

A long walk through undulating countryside, open fields and small valleys. For the experienced walker. It is strongly recommended that all walkers should use the appropriate OS Pathfinder map.

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**Start (Pathfinder 811/812/813)
Follow Red Arrows**

Stanley Common to Smalley

From the main A609 in Stanley Common take the waymarked footpath towards Mapperley (opposite children's playing fields) known as the Ropewalk.

Traditionally rope was manufactured in this area then laid out along this straight stretch of pathway. Cross a stile then turn left along the hedge.

Follow through three fields then take the left-hand path towards Simonfield Farm. Follow the double track around the curve to the left and take the second stile on your right leading to a small stile straight ahead. Continue through the next field to the stile in the right-hand corner. The route passes through Club Room Farm. Go straight ahead past the hay barn on right, through a squeeze stile and follow the path between hedges to the lane. Follow the lane until it begins to drop down. The views from here are fantastic. Take the stile on the right through two whole fields.

After climbing over a small stile, the path leads diagonally across the next field. At the end of this path there is high fencing around a deer farm. Follow the metalled track, known as Kytes Lane, down past West Meadow Farm. Turn left past cottages and on to the road.

Smalley to Morley

Bell Lane is the location of the Smalley Dam Restoration Project. If you wish to visit this delightful project, turn right up the road for a



Smalley Hall

few minutes until Bell Lane appears on the right. Follow the lane until it crosses a bridge. The project can be seen on your left. There are picnic tables and seating.

The Smalley Dam Restoration Project, as it is now, took five years of concentrated effort restoring it from an overgrown wasteland. In the late 18th century it was used for fishing and boating by the Radford family (from Smalley Hall).

Cross the road and take the path directly opposite which may be partly blocked by a white-painted picket fence. Follow this old path down alongside a crumbling drystone wall through to a wooded valley.

Behind you, partially hidden by the trees, is Smalley Hall. There has been a house on this site since 1610, though the present building dates from the 1770s. The High Sheriff of Derbyshire in 1784, one John Radford Snr, thought it a fitting residence for someone of his status.

Cross a small stream and exit the little wood. Cross the field towards a partly obscured stile in the opposite strip of woodland. Go straight through the wood then pass to the left of a small copse. Cross through fields (keeping an eye out for the stiles in the hedges). The path goes through a gap in the hedge and turns right along hedge side leading out on to Wood Lane.

Take the road left and follow until it begins to bear left. Follow Woodside (for one minute) then take the stile on the right-hand side of the road. Follow this path through the next five fields, past Cloves Wood and up to the main road.

Cross over the busy road and pass the layby, taking the footpath over a stile on the left through a hedge. The path crosses the corner of the field with Morley Hayes Restaurant on the left. Take the small stile out of the field then head up the hill, keeping to the right side of the small woodland.

Take the next stile leading through a field with an interesting derelict water tower in the centre. The power stations of the Trent valley can be seen from the top of the hill.

The spire, visible in the valley to the right of the water tower, is Morley Church. Follow the double track as it curves down the hill. To your left is a wooded valley known as the Gripps. It is an ancient woodland site with traditional bluebells in the spring.

The track leads to a wider track; follow this to the right alongside a fenced-off field. One minute up this track take the stile to the left into a small field. Curve round the base of the circular mound into the graveyard on the left.

