

FAMILY WALKS



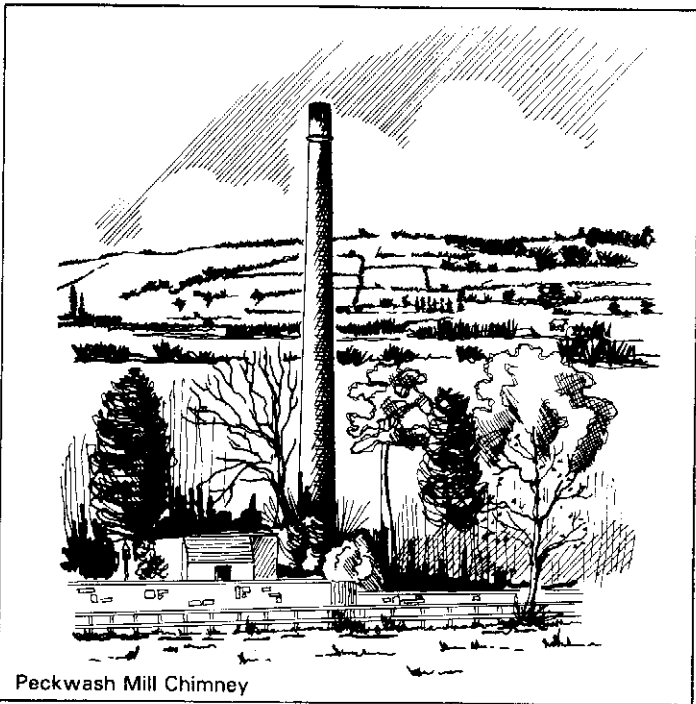
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FAMILY WALKS 1

IN AND AROUND EREWASH

Little Eaton

3 short walks



Peckwash Mill Chimney

Short walks around Little Eaton



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LITTLE EATON 3 short walks

The walks in this leaflet have been specially arranged for families. They are relatively short but cover a variety of landscape features, from open fields to small woodlands. All three walks begin from the car park alongside St Peter's Park, which is on Vicarage Lane off Station Road.

St Peter's Park is an ideal place to begin and end these walks. There is a large playing field with swings, plenty of open space and toilets.

If you wish to enjoy the history of Little Eaton village itself, why not pick up Village Trail Leaflet 7 which illustrates the secrets of Little Eaton's past while you take a leisurely stroll around the village. There is also Country Walk 9: The Pack Horse Trail, a 3½-mile circular route which guides you around the footpaths and bridleways of the parish.

On the back of this leaflet we have included an 'I Spy' which can be used by younger members of the family during the walk. There are also a few questions within the text that can be answered during the walk.

Start

Car park alongside St Peter's Park,
Vicarage Lane off Station Road.

Buses

For up-to-date information call Derby
busline on 01332 292200.

OS Map

Pathfinder Series Belper SK24/34.

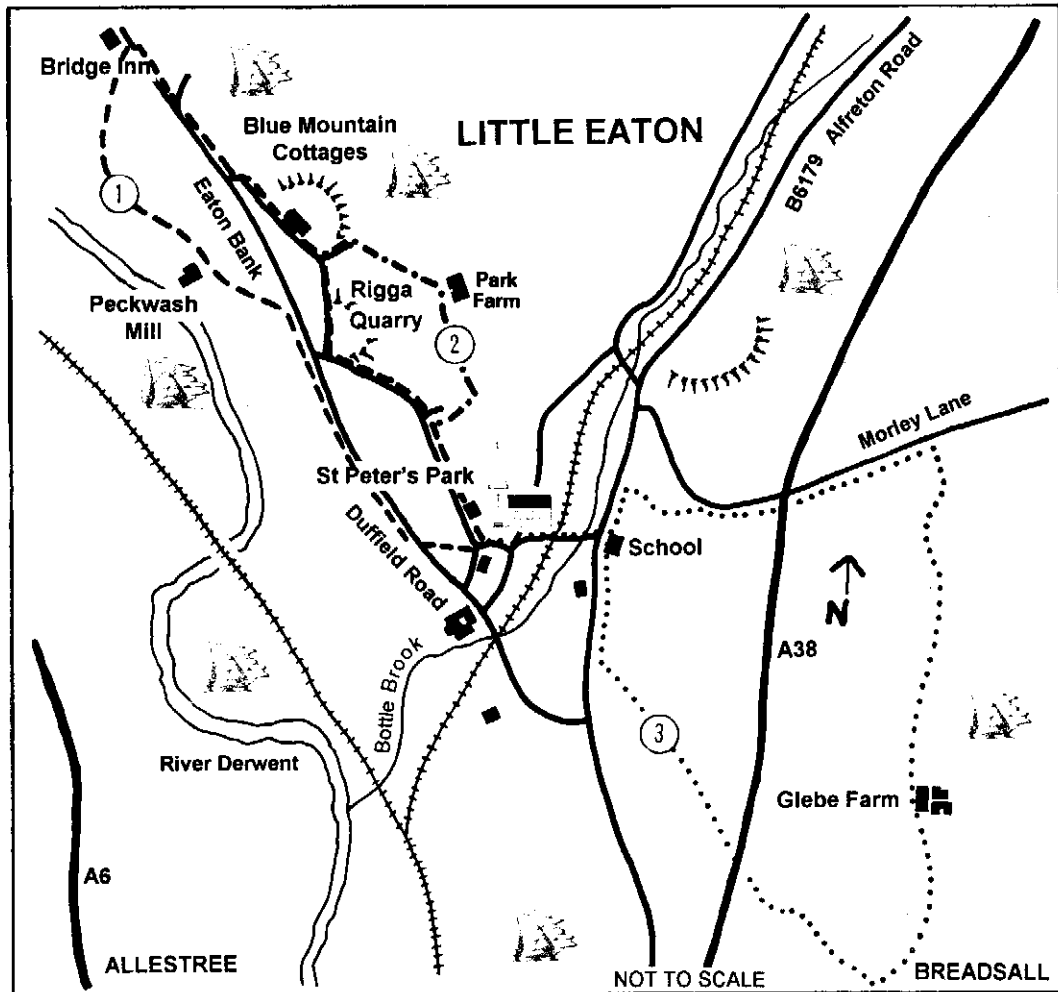
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WALK 1 (2½ miles)

Cut across St Peter's Park and turn right into Duffield Road. Walk (approx ¼ of a mile) along the road to Peckwash Mills, which is situated on the left. Walk towards the main mill gate and take the path to the right. Follow the path along the wall.

The gritstone wall is part of the boundary to Peckwash Mill which was bought by Thomas Tempest in the 18th century. It was one of the biggest paper mills in the country.



Q1 What else along this path do you think is a remnant of the mill?

Carry on along the path, over the stile and through the next two fields, keeping the fence on your right. Cross over the next stile and follow the path to the Bridge Inn.

Q2 What is the name of the river which flows alongside the Bridge Inn?

Turn right from the Bridge Inn up the hill to Eaton Bank. Bear left by the post box in the wall up Rigga Lane until you reach Blue Mountain Cottages.

Q3 Can you think of any reason why these are called Blue Mountain Cottages?

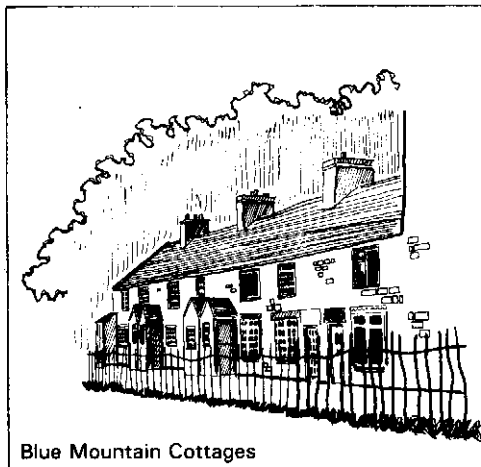
Little Eaton

Follow the road around to the right after the cottages, down a small hill. Continue along the path bearing right; at the waymarker take the uphill path to the left and over a small bridge.

Here you can see a depression in the wood that is the remains of a gritstone quarry. The stone was used, among other things, to make whetstones for sharpening scythes.

Q4 Of the things you have seen on this walk can you think of anything else the gritstone has been used for?

Continue over the bridge and along the path. Cross over the stile, through the field to the next stile and through the wood to a locked gate (note: it is a tight squeeze past the gate posts). Carry on through the next field and over the stile. Turn right down Vicarage Lane until you reach the car park.

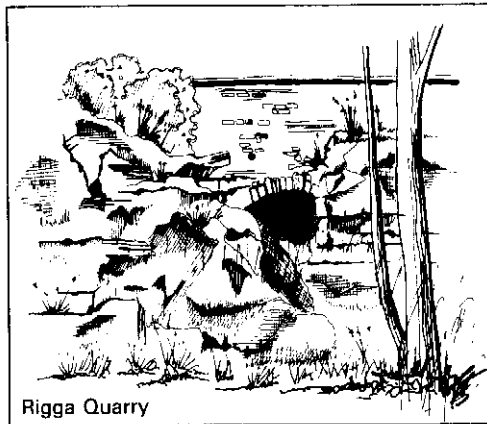


Blue Mountain Cottages

WALK 2 (1¼ miles)

Turn left out of the car park on to Church Lane, keeping left up the hill. Continue until you come to a bend with a signpost on your left. Cross over the stile and follow the path over the field to the wood. Go through the wood and over the small gritstone bridge. The footbridge spans part of an old quarry.

Q1 What stone was worked from this quarry?



Continue along the path through the wood until you come to Rigga Lane. Turn right up Rigga Lane and past the cottages. Bear right after the cottages up Quarry Edge Hill. A little way up the hill turn right at the footpath sign, across the stile and walk diagonally across the field. Carry on through the fence gap and across the field towards the farm.

Q2 Using the map, can you find the name of this farm?

At the farm turn right. Follow the path down to Vicarage Lane and then to the car park.

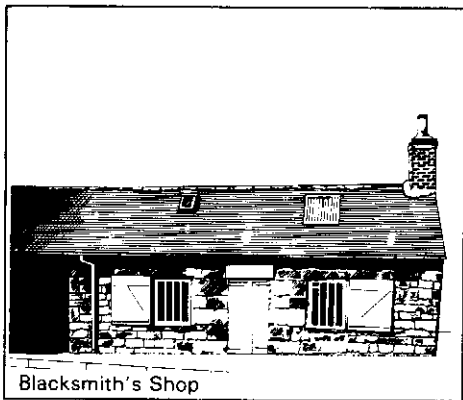
WALK 3 (2½ miles)

Turn right out of the car park and past the parish rooms.

Q1 In what year were the rooms built?

This building is now the village community centre, but was originally the national school.

Go past St Paul's Church, along Vicarage Lane and left onto The Town. Bear right over the railway line and Bottle Brook to Alfreton Road. Cross over the road, using the pedestrian crossing and turn right, away from the primary school.



Also along the road you will see the Queens Head public house which was built in 1835 and next to it the blacksmith's shop which is reputed to be over 300 years old. It is a low, stone-built building and is still used as a blacksmith's.

Follow the road to house number 90, where there is a signpost on your left to Breadsall. Take a left turn at the signpost, cross over the two stiles and then follow the bottom edge of the field to reach a small stile leading to a wooded lane.

Q2 Can you name any of the tree species in this area?

Follow the lane under the A38 to the field and follow the path, keeping the hedge to your left until you reach a footpath sign on your left. Take the path to the right and follow until you come to a road. This is actually the outskirts of Breadsall. Go through the wooden gate and turn left up the lane. Carry on along this route, past the farm and the waterworks.

Q3 Using the map, can you name this farm?

Follow the lane around then take the left path following Circular Walk 12. Carry on through this field to Morley Lane. Turn left onto the road, under the A38 and over the stile next to the Little Eaton sign. Follow this narrow track (taking care of barbed wire) to a cul-de-sac.

As you leave the open track to the woody area, notice on your left the tree with the amazing trunk.

Q4 Can you name this tree?

Cross directly over the road and down the narrow track. Turn left at the end of the track and you are back on Alfreton Road. Cross over the pedestrian crossing, Bottle Brook and the railway line and return to the car park.

I SPY IN LITTLE EATON

How many of the following can you spot?

Award yourself a point for each box ticked

- a black bird
- an oak tree
- a feather
- a bridge
- a train line
- a clock
- a brook
- a signpost
- a tractor
- a donkey
- a quarry
- a swing
- a water tower
- a horse

- a lorry
- a brick chimney
- a cow
- farm buildings
- a post box
- a stone wall
- a wild flower
- three types of seed
- a pedestrian crossing
- a school
- a phone box
- a church
- a stile

How many points did you get?

Enter the number below

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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