9. Follow this track for 1km, then take the footpath on the right (on a left hand bend)towards the church down the field passing electric pylons 15m to your right. Cross the stream on the concrete bridge and head up towards the path on the right of the churchyard.

Here is St. Mary the Virgin church which dates from 1135AD, though there is reference to a religious building on this site as early as the 10th century. In the churchyard is a vaulted burial ground for members of the Drury-Lowe family built in 1904. www.denbychurch.org.uk

 On exiting the path, cross the main road back to the start point in the carpark. (beware of traffic).

A little further down the road from the carpark is John Flamsteed Memorial Park dedicated to the first Astronomer Royal. Worth a visit to look at the information board about his life and work.











WALK TYPE Undulating walk across open

countryside

DISTANCE 2.8 miles (4.5 km)

TIME Allow 2 hours

PARKING Carpark off Church Street. Denby

Village SK 399 465

BUSES Traveline on 0871 200 2233

(7.00am - 9.00pm)

TRAIN National Rail Enquiry Services on

08457 484950 (24 hrs)

WAYMAKING Routeway 21

OS MAP Landranger 128 Derby and 129

Nottingham Explorer (1:25,000) 259 Derby, Uttoexter, Ashbourne &

Cheadle

PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

- Be safe plan ahead and follow any signs
- · Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- · Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

For further walks and visitor information go to www.visitambervalley.com

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AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS



This is a short walk around the countryside of the village of the Danes – Denby. Much of the walk is along restored former coal opencast land and has some excellent views and historical features of interest.

1. Cross the playing field to the right hand corner and cross the stile.

Here you can see the old vicarage.

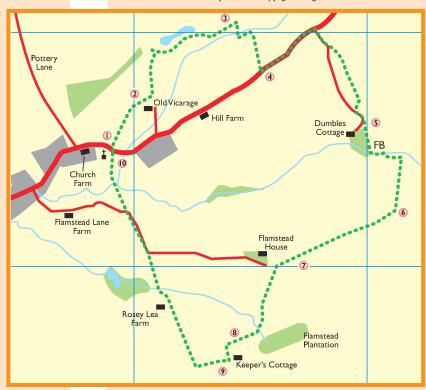
- 2. Follow the footpath through the trees and turn left into a field. Follow hedgerow on left to stile in far corner of field. Cross the stile and turn right, following the top of the bank around the pond.
- After passing the pond on your left, turn right through a gate and over the stream. Follow the footpath through the trees to wooden footbridge. Cross bridge and go up along path to Denby Cricket Club. Follow the drive to the main road.



As you follow this path around to the cricket club you are passing by the 'copper yard' where copper was smelted from the middle of the 18th century. A hamlet of approximately 15 houses stood here as workers cottages, look for the bricks on the floor.

Facing the cricket club across the road is the United Methodist Chapel, built by Mr. Joseph Bourne Snr. (founder of Denby Pottery) in 1841. It closed it's doors for the last time around 1975.

- 4. Turn left and walk along the pavement for 200m and cross the road by a row of houses and turn right onto Dumbles Lane. (Beware of traffic). After 100m turn left into the field. Cross into next field at side of metal gate. Cross this field to a stile at the side of two wooden electricity poles. Cross the next field aiming for the cottage partially hidden by trees. Cross the next stile and then turn back onto the lane.
- 5. Follow the footpath down the side of the cottage, pass over the stream and turn left onto the restored former opencast land. Follow the footpath through the planted trees and turn right over the next stile. Head up the hill, following the hedge line, cross a double stile and turn right.
- 6. Keeping to the hedgerow over this field. Cross the double stile and keep going straight ahead to a farm track. Cross stile into copse, pass through copse and over next stile onto hill.



Extensive views can be seen in all directions at the top of the hill, which was formed from the restoration of the former opencast. North is particularly fine with views up the Derwent Valley and landmarks like Crich Stand and Alport Heights clearly visible on a clear day.

- 7. Go straight over the top of the hill and down towards the Flamstead House Farm. On entering the farmyard, take the path on the left that passes the near side of the cottage and head diagonally right down the field, dropping down to a bridge crossing the stream.
- 8. Follow the hedge on your left up the hill and take the stile on your left, hidden in the trees. Turn left around the large ash tree and at the track, turn right.