

the hedge on your left. Go over the next stile and continue downhill with the hedge on your left.

12. Climb the stile next to a large holly tree and head for a gate. Go through the gate and cross the field to the next gate. Continue ahead with Duffield Parish Church in line and the hedge on your left. Near the bottom of the field there is a stile in the hedge on the left. Climb the stile and cross the arable field heading for the houses. Climb the stile and continue ahead to Broadway. Beware of traffic.

13. Almost opposite, a little to the left, follow the alleyway down between the houses. At the road almost opposite, a little to the right, again follow the alleyway as it bears left.

14. Cut across the turning circle to follow a path by the large stone wall which comes out at the A6. Cross the road, beware of traffic, and head along Makeney Road. Bear right down Church Walk. Take the footbridge over the railway to the church. Turn left at bottom of steps and follow road back alongside railway to car park.

The nearby nature reserve, Duffield Millennium Meadows sits at the confluence of the rivers Derwent and Ecclesbourne. It was created by a group of local residents in 2000. A variety of habitats have been created at the site and each one supports different types of wildlife. The site has been designated as both a Local Nature Reserve and a local Wildlife Site. It is managed by members of the Duffield Millennium Meadows Conservation Trust.



WALK TYPE Undulating countryside with several steep climbs

DISTANCE 8 miles (12.8 km)

TIME Allow 4 - 4.5 hours

BUSES Traveline on 0871 200 2233

TRAIN Rail Enquiry Services on 08457 484950

PARKING Duffield Cricket Club Car Park (follow signpost towards the church)

WAYMAKING Routeway 10

OS MAP Landranger (1:50,000)
119 Buxton & Matlock
Explorer (1:25,000)
259 Derby, Uttoxeter,
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

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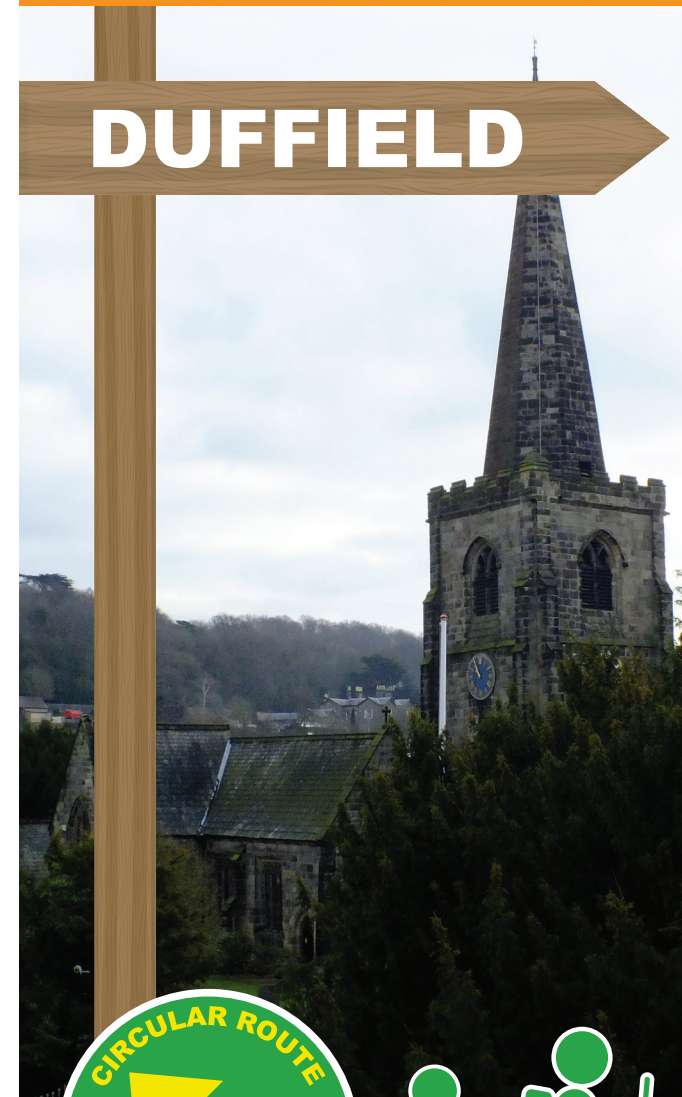
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AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS

DUFFIELD



The name *Duffield* comes from the old Anglo-Saxon word *Duva* (Dove) *feld* (a wide tract of country). *Duffield* formed part of the Hundred of Appletree which stretched from Bradley to Heage and from Alderwasley to Kedleston in the south. A hundred was the old Anglo-Saxon administration unit and reference to Appletree can still be found in *Duffield* today.

Start - Duffield Cricket Club Car Park, Donald Hawley Way, DE56 4JD (Grid ref 347434)

1. Follow road towards exit. Turn right and go through underpass under railway. Go over bridge above River Ecclesbourne and straight on to town. On reaching Town Street turn right to pedestrian lights and cross road opposite White Hart. Continue along the main road for 1/4 mile past the railway station and Duffield Castle.

Duffield Castle was excavated in 1886 to reveal the remains of a Norman keep, the dimensions of which indicated that Duffield was probably the third largest Norman castle in the country after the Tower of London and Colchester There is evidence of previous settlements by the Romans and Anglo-Saxons.

2. Take the footpath ahead at the junction of Avenue Road and the A6 marked to the Chevin. Follow the road to the golf club. Continue along the single track road round the golf club until there is a stile on the left. Climb the stile and cross the field keeping to the hedge on the right. Climb the next stile and again keep to the hedge on the right. Bear right over bridge and head left uphill with trees on right. Continue to follow track through golf course.
3. Cross up field, heading to left of wood, past number 17 tee. Go over the stile and turn left to travel along a wide path.

Turn around to see fabulous views over the Derwent Valley.

4. As you reach the farm buildings turn right to go through a gate. Continue uphill for 20 yards, turn left and go over 3 stiles close together. Cross the large field heading for the top left-hand corner next to the road. Go over the stile and turn left to walk down the road, beware of traffic.

Hazelwood Spring was constructed to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. It served as the main water supply for local people until 1952.

Continue to travel along the road, passing Hazelwood Spring, and on up to the road junction. Turn right up Hazelwood Hill, and after 100m take the footpath on the left. Follow the track as it winds down the hill bearing left.

5. Go through the kissing gate and travel downhill keeping to the hedge on your left over several fields. Cross the track. Continue straight ahead and climb the stile and footbridge. Bear right to continue downhill keeping the hedge on your right. Cross the next footbridge and head diagonally left across the field to a stile.
6. Cross the Ecclesbourne Valley (Duffield-Wirksworth) railway, beware of trains. Continue across field keeping the hedge on your left. Climb the stile and cross the bridge over the River Ecclesbourne. Turn right and head to another stile. Continue crossing the next 2 fields, with the Ecclesbourne on your right. Head towards stile next to telegraph pole, in far hedge.
7. Cross the second footbridge and head diagonally left for the stile by the road. Climb the stile and cross the busy road, beware of traffic. Follow the track uphill to the left of the house (Frampton Rise). Continue along this track through the gate towards Windley Hill Farm.
8. Before the farm buildings turn left to travel with the field boundary on the right. Go through the right-hand gate and keep to the hedge on the left. Continue downhill with the hedge on the left over the next two fields. To the south-east is Stephenson's Sighting Tower used to align the Derby/Sheffield railway which was built c.1840. To the north-east are the aerals on Alport Hill.



9. Climb the stile and continue ahead towards a wood and track. Turn right, before the bridge, to travel uphill along the track. To the left in the woodland there are remains of Famah Hall. Further up on the right is the site of a moat. This area is part of the Kedleston Estate. Follow the track through 2 gates and past Champion Farm until you reach the road.
10. Cross the road, beware of traffic, and follow the footpath to Quarndon almost opposite. Continue ahead with the hedge on the right to the next stile. Climb the stile and continue ahead. Bear right and climb the stile. Turn left through the field keeping the hedge on the left. Go through the stile and continue up the field with the hedge on the left all the way to the road. Cross the road, beware of traffic, and turn left.
11. After 300 yards turn left to go down a tarmac drive. After 100 yards bear left and climb the stile. Follow the fence line on the left and continue down to the track. Cross the track and climb the stile straight ahead at the end of the hedge. Go down the hill with