

Loscoe Dam is an idyllic place for birdwatching and fishing. It can be traced back to the 1300's and was owned by the Zouch family from Codnor Castle. The Dam Cottage was built in 1785 and bears the initial of the owner, Thomas Vicas Hunter of Kilburn Hall.

9. Follow the track along the dam and up Furnace Lane to the junction with the High Street in Loscoe. Turn left along High Street and cross road when the yellow winding wheel is reached. (*Beware of traffic*). Go through the decorative entrance gates in to the Red River Local Nature Reserve.

Red River LNR. Red River was designated as a local Nature Reserve in 2003. It used to be part of the land associated with Loscoe Manor. The surviving pond was constructed to provide a water supply for the mill which used to operate here. The name is thought to be associated with the mineral deposits from the mines which operated here in the 18th century.

Follow the path through the reserve, watching for the numerous butterflies and birds to be seen here, especially around the pond.

10. Follow the path as it drops down steps to reach a small bridge over the brook. Cross the footbridge and stile and turn right along the bottom of the field. Continue through gap in next hedgerow heading towards a large footbridge, but do not cross it. Take the path, uphill to the left alongside hedgerow.

At the top of the hill pause to look at the fabulous views.

11. Do not cross the stile on your right, but turn left following the hedge line. Turn right at the next stile in the hedge. At the next stile continue straight ahead into and along Douglas Avenue. At the junction turn right along Kingsway following it all the way to the main road. Turn right and then cross the road into Thorpes Road. (*Beware of traffic*). Thorpes Road leads into Ray Street and you follow this classic 'Victorian Street' to turn left at next junction into Mundy Street and then left again into Wilmot Street to lead you back to the car park, where you started.

WALK TYPE	Undulating countryside, level along the canal towpath
DISTANCE	7 miles (11.2km)
TIME	Allow 4 hours
BUSES	Traveline on 0871 200 2233 (7.00am - 9.00pm)
TRAIN	Rail Enquiry Services on 08457 484950 (open 24 hours)
WAYMAKING	Routeway 6
OS MAP	Explorer (1:25,000) 260 Nottingham Landranger (1:50,000) 129 Nottingham & Loughborough

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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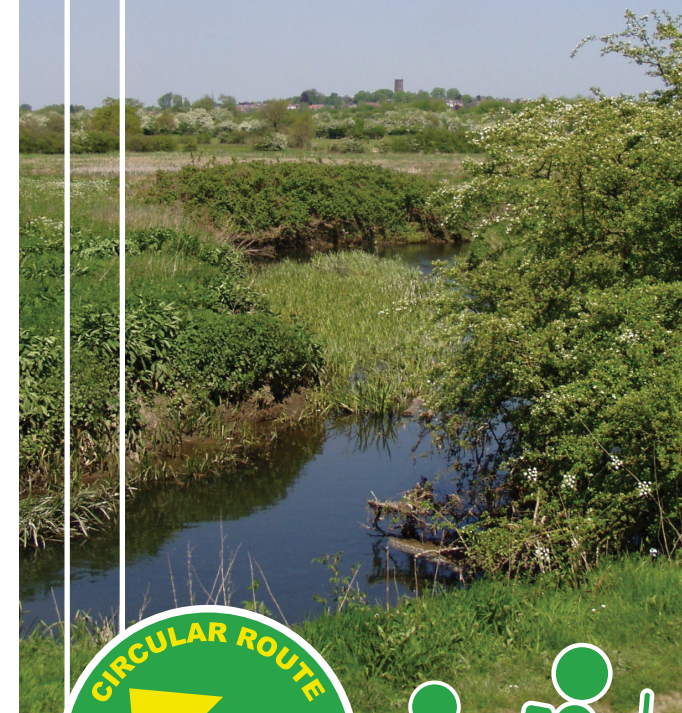
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AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS

HEANOR



Route Directions

Start: Wilmot Street car park (grid ref. SK 435464)

1. Turn left from car park to walk up Wilmot Street and turn right at the junction into Mundy Street. Turn right onto Ilkeston Road and take the tarmac path off to the right, just past Heanor Library. Turn right at the end and cross the road opposite Stainsby Avenue, taking the footpath towards the cemetery.

The building seen was built as a chapel of rest in 1857. It served as the home of the Heanor Heritage Centre from 1991 to 2005.

2. Take the path to the right along the edge of the cemetery. Turn right and cross the road into Thorpehill Drive. Follow path through car parking area, then cross the road to take the track leading to Shipley Country Park.
3. Take the footpath to the left and follow the old railway for approximately 1 mile (1.5 km), passing Osborne's Pond along the way.

This path was formerly the route of the Great Northern Railway from Heanor Gate to Ilkeston. Osborne's Pond was opened in 1791 as a feeder reservoir for the Nutbrook Canal, which joined with the Erewash Canal near to Stanton Gate.

From Osborne's Pond the route is now part of the Nutbrook Trail. Follow the trail to the old Station House standing to the left of the route. From here, go across the road, (noticing the old rails in the road), and follow track with green fence on your right and pass the entrance to Michael House School on your left. At the end of the track, the path slopes up to a disused pit headstock.

The 'Piper' headstocks are all that remain of the Woodside Colliery which opened in 1847 and closed in 1961.

4. Turn left at the junction and after 50m take the rough track on your left which skirts the top of the playing field and leads you into and through 'Waterloo Cutting'. Climb the steps and cross the main road (*beware of traffic*) to follow the path opposite leading down the left-hand side of the old railway bridge.

Refreshments are available at the nearby Shipley Garden Centre, a short way along the road to your left.

Follow this footpath through the field until it enters the woodland on your right. The wood is known as 'Bentley's Plantation'. Continue through the woodland, going downhill, with the hedge on your left.

This is the track bed of an early tramway worked traditionally by horses, taking coal from the Shipley pits to the Erewash Canal. This route was superceded by steam engines with the coming of the railway.

5. Continue out of 'Bentley's Plantation towards a railway bridge straight ahead. Go under the railway bridge.

(Conditions over the next fields may be muddy at times. As an alternative route follow the road round to the right to reach the MFN inn).

Take the second footpath on the left over the stile. Follow the path alongside the hedge to the right, heading towards the MFN inn. (The River Erewash and then the Erewash Canal are on your left).

On reaching Shipley Lock, cross the traditional canal bridge and turn left to follow the towpath north. The towpath leads to Eastwood Lock where it changes sides.

The Erewash Canal was opened in 1779. It was built to carry coal from the nearby collieries to Leicester and beyond. It runs from Langley Mill to Trent Lock and linked with the Nottingham and Cromford and Nutbrook Canals.

Continue along the canal towpath until reaching another traditional canal bridge, marked with number 27. Turn left along path, just before barrier. Continue along this path, crossing the River Erewash, to reach a lane. Turn



right and follow lane, crossing Milnhay Road and into Brookvale Road.

6. Turn left at next junction into Lime Tree Avenue and then go under railway bridge to enter an industrial area. (Langley Mill church can be seen to your right). Follow the road (Amber Drive) along, ignoring footpath sign to reach Aldreds Lane. Turn right, cross road and take next left into Station Road.
7. Continue along Station Road and cross at the pedestrian lights opposite the Horse and Jockey public house. Go to the left and then take the bridleway on the right, following a small brook known as Bailey's Brook.
8. Continue ahead until the bridleway enters into a former opencast site, which has been landscaped. The track is followed for the next mile (1.5km) firstly heading towards distant woodland on a hill and then going uphill through the woodland and then dropping downhill to a junction. Turn right and then next left to head down towards Loscoe Dam.