

8. After 750 metres follow the tarmac path on the right to Lower Vicarwood Farm. Just before the farm bear left to skirt the farm buildings and pass through a wicket gate. Keeping hedge on left, head to a stile in the bottom left corner of the field.
9. Follow the footpath as it travels straight ahead (southwards) over the next five fields, with the hedge on the left, to a footbridge over the Mackworth Brook.
10. Once over the footbridge keep the hedge on the left and go over the stile in the hedge in front of you. Continue up the field, with the hedge now on your right for approximately 60 metres. Then turn right, through a wicket gate in the hedge to follow the path up the side of the houses to the road.
11. Cross the road and go over the stile opposite to follow the footpath as it climbs up the hill to return to the start of the walk.



WALK TYPE	Generally easy walking with one long hill
DISTANCE	5 1/4 miles (8 1/2 km)
TIME	Allow 3 hours
BUSES	For up-to-date information call Traveline on 0871 200 2233 (7am-9pm)
TRAIN	National Rail Enquiry Services on 08457 484950 (24 hrs)
WAYMARKING	Routeway 17
OS MAP	Explorer 259 (1:25,000) Derby

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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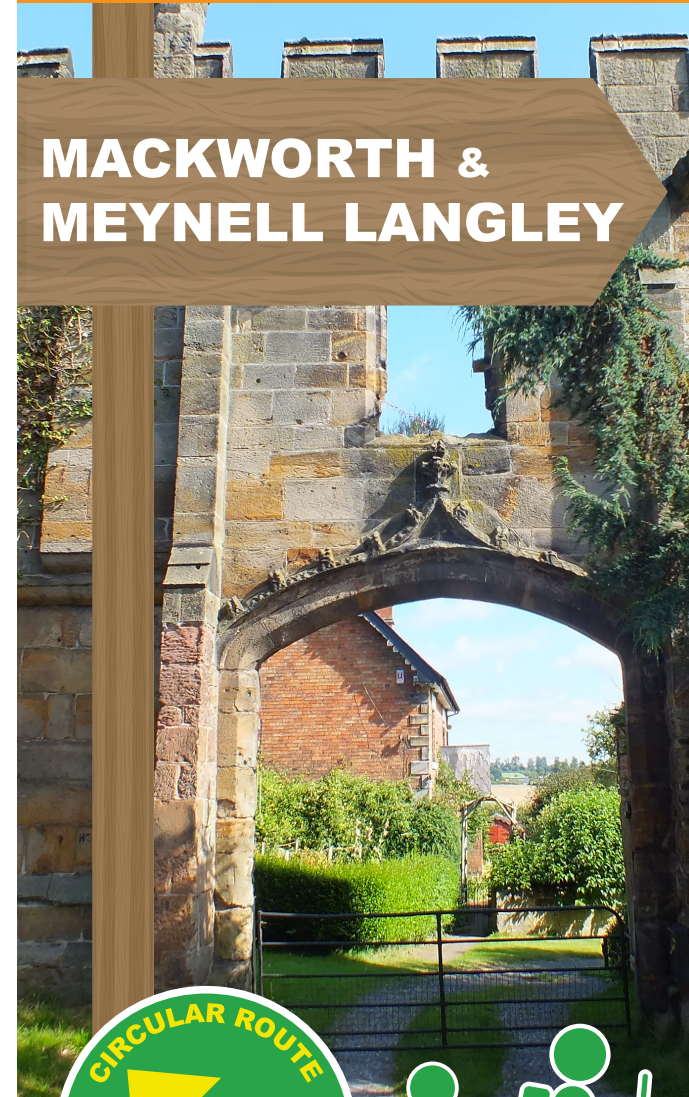
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AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS

MACKWORTH & MEYNELL LANGLEY



This walk takes you through the village of Mackworth and up into Meynell Langley skirting the edge of the Kedleston Estate. This is a country walk offering splendid views of nearby Derby.

Start: The Farmhouse at Mackworth car park (by kind permission of the manager), Ashbourne Road (A52), Mackworth Grid Ref SK 316 375

1. Turn left out of the car park and then immediately take the footpath on the left. Go through the kissing gate and head straight on, keeping to the fence on the left, to a gate in the bottom left corner of the field. Go through the gate and cross the road. Turn left to follow the road as it winds through Mackworth village past Mackworth Castle all the way to the main road. Beware of the traffic, and face the oncoming traffic.

Mackworth Castle was probably the site of a fortified manor house, the seat of the Mackworths. This fell into ruin and Mackworth Castle as it stands is a gatehouse of c.1495 which appears to have been an abandoned effort to rebuild the old manor.

2. Turn right at the main road and walk for 600 metres to the garage. Beware of passing traffic on the narrow path. Continue 50 metres beyond the garage and take the footpath on the right. Continue straight ahead keeping the hedge on the right all the way until you come close to Bowbridge Fields Farm. Continue in the same direction through a gateway and go through the next field, keeping the hedge on the left, to a gap in the hedge.



3. Continue through the gap and bear right to pass through a gateway by a large ash tree. Follow the path as it heads down the field towards a wooden footbridge crossing Flagshaw Brook. (Not the one to take vehicles)
4. Follow the footpath as it continues straight ahead crossing two fields and passing through a wicket gate. Follow the footpath as it climbs up the hill alongside a mature hedge to the top left corner of the field.
5. Pass through wicket gate and continue climbing gradually uphill, keeping the hedge on the left, over several fields until you reach the road. On your left is the entrance to Maynell Langley tearooms.

As you will see there are several pillboxes in the fields and at the roadside. This area is part of the Kedleston Estate which during World War II was an important centre for training new recruits. More importantly Kedleston Hall itself was a wire station where ATS girls intercepted enemy messages and passed them on to Bletchley Park, home of the Enigma machine.

6. Turn right and walk along the road verge facing the oncoming traffic. After 250 metres, follow the bridleway on the right travelling through the gate. Follow the path/track with the woodland on the left as it travels all the way past Upper Vicarwood Farm.
7. At Upper Vicarwood Farm continue past the farm buildings and then go through the green painted metal farm gate to go out through the front driveway of the farm. Follow the tarmac track as it continues eastwards to provide good views of Derby and the surrounding area. stile, turn right along track.

Ahead are the tower blocks of Derby University, Kedleston Road Campus with Allestree in the foreground. Further to the right is Derby Cathedral and the city centre. Beyond is the Trent Valley and the granite escarpment of Charnwood.

