



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

WALK TYPE:	Countryside with some steep climbs
DISTANCE	6 miles (10 km)
TIME	Allow 3.5 hours
BUSES	Traveline on 0871 200 2233
TRAINS	Rail Enquiry Services on 08457 484950
PARKING	Shipleigh County Park Car Park (Pay and Display)
WAYMARKING	Routeway 16
OS MAP	Explorer 260 (1:25,000) Nottingham Landranger 129 (1:50,000) Nottingham

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

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AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS

SHIPLEY - SMALLEY



Start: Car Park at Visitor Centre, Shipley Country Park, (Pay and Display), Slack Lane, Heanor DE75 7GX. (Grid Reference SK 431 454).

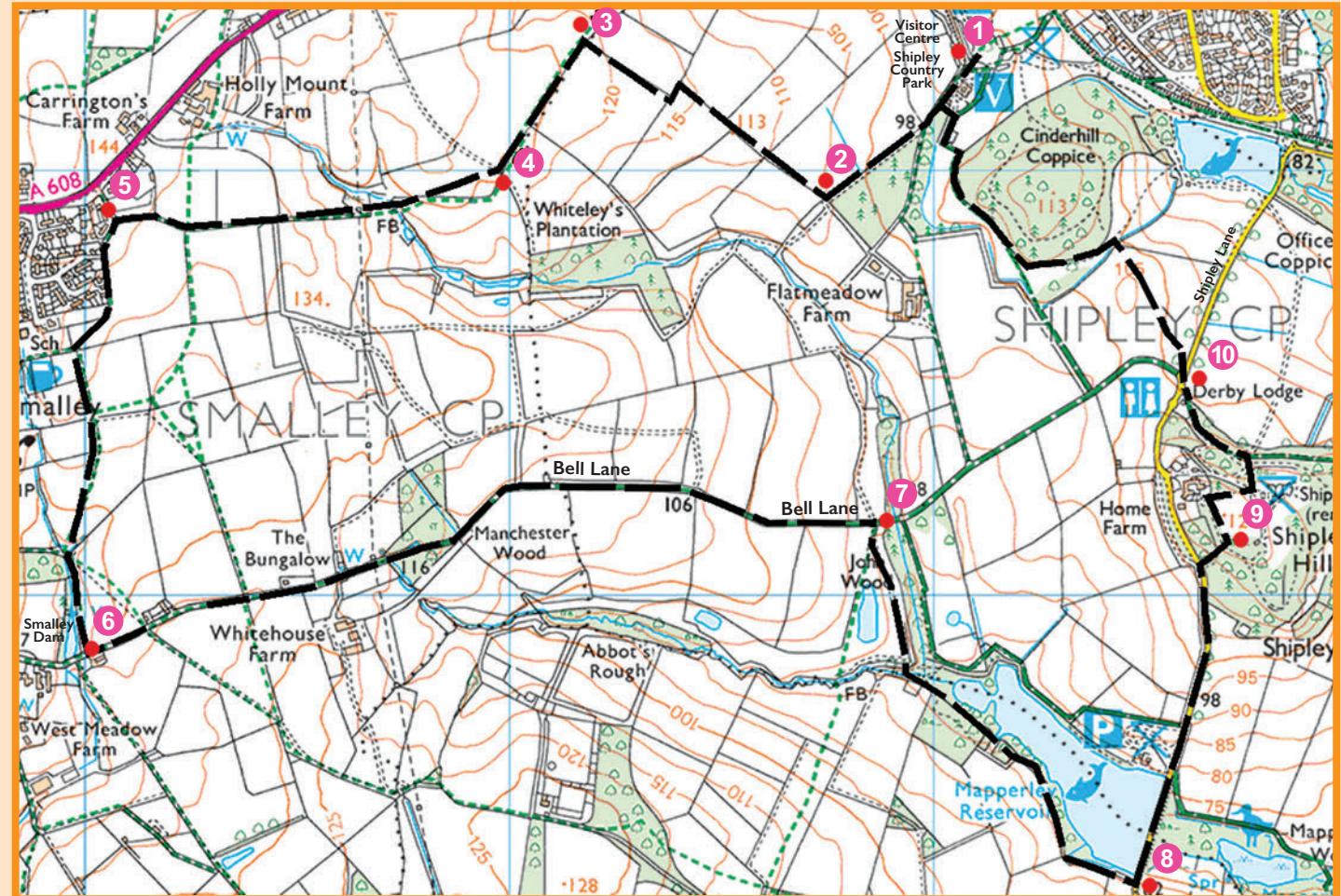
This walk offers an exploration of the influence of the Miller-Mundy family and coal mining on the country estate of Shipley and the surrounding area. The landscape has been restored following significant mining, creating a country park teeming with wildlife and criss-crossed by pathways.

1. Leave the car park down the track to the right of the disabled car parking spaces near the Visitor Centre. After 15 metres turn right to go along a single-track tarmac road (beware of traffic). Continue straight on down track to right of Visitor Centre, with the small wildlife garden on your left. Pass through a gate and continue. At the fork take the path on the right through the metal gate and continue with the hedge on your right.
2. Where the path turns look for a metal gate on your right. Go through and head uphill following the fence on your right, passing through two metal gates.

The land here was once an open cast mine, beginning in 2008 and ending in 2017. The land was purchased by the Woodland Trust, with the aim of turning it into the first Young People's Forest by planting 250,000 trees. Planting began in 2019.

Upon reaching a fence turn left, and follow the fence until you reach another metal gate. Pass through and continue straight on, with the fence on your right, to the next gate.

3. Go through this gate and turn left, to travel uphill with the fence now on your left.



Look left to see Home Farm and extensive woodland in Shipley Country Park and further across to Mapperley Village, Ilkeston. These views open up to give other aspects later in the walk so remember to keep looking back.

At the next gate, continue through and onto a stone track. Follow this track until you reach a junction. Cross the junction and enter a field. In the field follow the fence on your right around the corner, and then head towards the copse. As you approach the dip, look for a squeeze stile in the trees.

4. Cross the stile and head uphill and slightly to the right, to find a stile to the left of a copse. Follow the path uphill, with the hedgerow on your left. At the top, cross the stile and continue straight on along a wide stone path. Follow the path until you reach the junction of paths at the back of houses.
5. Go through metal gate, then turn left to pass through a second gate and follow the track behind the housing. Pass through gateposts and into field. Continue straight on with the hedge on your right. Pass through gap into second field then turn right to follow field boundary with the hedge on



Smalley Dam

your right. Turn left at the corner, keeping hedge on right. Pass through gap and continue into next field, now with the hedge on your left. Continue to the end of the hedge and then go through gap into open field. Bear diagonally right downhill, crossing field towards the small woodland. Follow path, with the trees on your right.

- 6. Go over a stile into the area around Smalley Dam with its welcoming seats. Leave the dam area via a gate and turn left up Bell Lane. Follow this lane/bridleway for the next 2 kilometres passing by Smalley Lodge and Manchester Wood and down into Shipley Country Park. Smalley Lodge was once one of the lodge houses for the Shipley Estate.

Shipley Country Park was opencast from 1970 until July 1974. A further two years were spent contouring the site, seeding fields and meadows, planting trees and constructing facilities for the public. Shipley Country Park opened to the public on 26th May 1976.

- 7. Turn right through the pedestrian gate into John Wood. Continue through the coniferous woodland and at the T-junction of the paths, turn right, and follow the path over the footbridge and round to the left. At

the junction of paths turn right to pass into Square Wood. Follow this path through the wood for 700 metres with Mapperley Reservoir to your left, until you reach the road. (Beware of traffic)

Mapperley Reservoir was constructed in the early 1820s to assist in the water supply of the now disused Nutbrook Canal, which opened in the 1790s to link the collieries at West Hallam and Shipley with the Erewash Canal. The reservoir is now a valuable wildlife and recreation feature.

- 8. Turn left to walk along the Mapperley Reservoir dam wall. Pass near the car park and continue up the hill along the road for 450 metres until you reach the woodland on the right. Turn into the woodland and take the left-hand fork up the hill. Bear left through the woodland towards the Water Tower.

The buildings on the hill (Home Farm and the Water Tower) are remnants of the Miller Mundy Family's estate. Their home - Shipley Hall – once stood here, and its location is marked by bricks. The attractive parkland around you was the garden and arboretum. Many of the rare and unusual trees still grow here. The house was demolished in 1948 after subsidence caused by coal mining.



Smalley Lodge



Shipley Meadow



Water Tower

- 9. At the top of the hill the path joins the surfaced path (Beech Walk). Follow the path past large beech trees and round behind the Water Tower. Follow the path towards the Hall site and then turn left to follow the track as it zigzags down to join the old coach road. Turn left and follow the track down towards Derby Lodge.

- 10. Turn right along Shipley Lane and after 50 metres turn left through the gap into the field. Head uphill just left of two major trees on the skyline. Beyond the trees bear right and head for the squeeze stile in the hedge. Once through bear left and connect up with a surfaced path. Continue on the surfaced path (with the plantation on the right) and follow the path as it bears right to return to the Shipley Country Park Visitor Centre, approximately 600 metres.

For more information about the history of the Shipley estate, call in at Shipley Country Park Visitor Centre.