7. After 500 metres cross a stile and then turn left over second stile to pass under the railway. Head straight across field with hedge on left, towards the red brick house.

This and the next sections of this walk are an example of the restoration of opencast coal workings into agricultural land. The coal measures laid down about 300 million years ago in the late Carboniferous period contained a variety of coals including hard, soft, cannel and black shale. These supplied nearby major industrial sites and provided fuel for millions of home fires for centuries

- 8. At the road, turn right and after 75 metres turn left along a footpath up a track leading to Park Farm. Go through farmyard and through small gate passing on left of building heading towards barn. Head left towards cottage building and then right up track to gate. Go through the gate, crossing the field towards the top left-hand corner and over the stile in the fence. Go across the next field to the top left-hand corner. Cross stile and along the short path to the A610 road. Cross carefully using the central reservation to ensure good views of oncoming traffic.
- 9. Turn left for 25 metres, go through the gap in the hedge and over a stile, then down a field keeping the hedge immediately on the right. Cross over the stile into a plantation. Follow the footpath which bears slightly left down to the far left corner of the plantation.
- 10. Cross over a stile and turn left onto the bridleway. After some distance this narrows to a path and eventually comes out at the main road. Turn left and follow Station Road towards the church. Turn left into North Street (opposite church) and back to car park.

WALK TYPE

DISTANCE

A mixture of surfaced paths and open fields/countyside, mainly flat, one moderate climb

4.8 miles (7.7 km)

TIME Allow 2.5 – 3 hours

BUSES Traveline on 0871 200 2233

(7.00am - 9.00pm)

TRAIN Rail Enquiry Services on

08457 484950 (open 24 hours

WAYMAKING Routeway 13

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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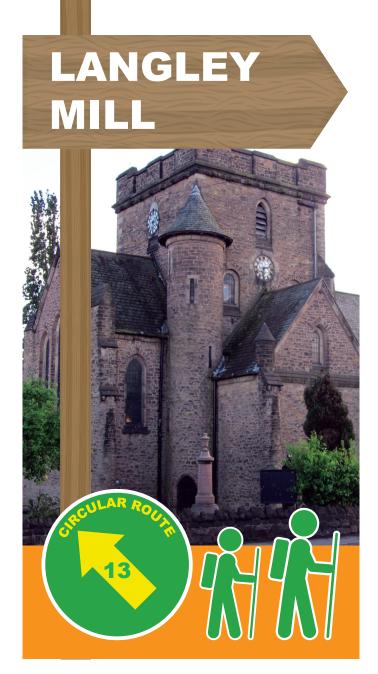








AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS



This walk gives very good opportunities to view two aspects of Langley Mill's industrial heritage, namely canals and coal.

Start - Car Park on North Street

- Leave car park and turn left down North Street towards Church. Cross Station Road at the traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing and turn right, passing cricket club. Turn left into Aldreds Lane and then left into Amber Drive.
- At the end of Amber Drive pass under the railway line and into Lime Avenue. Turn right into Brookvale Road, straight across Milnhay Road and down the unnamed lane opposite. After 250 metres, at a right hand bend in the lane, take the footpath off to the left through to the Erewash Canal, crossing a bridge over the River Erewash.

This is the northern end of the Erewash Canal where it joined the Nottingham and Cromford Canals at the Great Northern Basin. The basin and the Cromford Canal were built between 1788 and 1794. It was constructed to connect this area with the industrial areas of Manchester and the north-west. The Cromford Canal was last used in 1908 and fell into disrepair, but the basin and its link to the Erewash Canal were restored in 1973 to provide leisure facilities.

- Without crossing the canal turn left along the towpath for 500 metres. Go under the A608 into the Great Northern Basin of the Cromford Canal. Turn back up the ramp to the pavement beside the main road.
- Turn right and after 200 metres turn right onto Cromford Road. Cross the road and carry on along Cromford Road and take third turning on left into Queen Street.



- Follow path to left hand side of Queen Street Recreation Ground. Turn right onto path between basketball court and children's playground and follow to come out onto Argyle Street. Turn left and then immediately right down the jitty.
- 6. At the main Cromford Road turn left. Continue until reaching a sharp left-hand bend and then continue straight on down Plumptre Road. At the end, take the track next to the railway under the A610 and through gap. Keep the railway immediately on the left.