

turn left to follow the surfaced track all the way until you reach a stone gate post in the middle of the track. Take the left fork which runs along the edge of a fenced quarry. Once over the stream, turn left taking the higher of the two paths. Cromford Canal is down on your right.

*Cromford Canal was built by William Jessop and Benjamin Outram and ran from Cromford to Langley Mill. Limestone, Coal and Cotton were the main goods carried on this canal which opened in 1794.*

8. Follow the path all the way to the road **beware of traffic**. Turn right to go under the bridge and continue along the road to come into Hammersmith. Just after passing under the next bridge turn right to take the tarmac path. This leads you under the old railway bridge. Shortly after the railway bridge the tarmac path bends to the right. Do not go to the right but take the path straight ahead. This leads to the Sir Barnes Wallis Recreation Area.

*Sir Barnes Wallis was born in Butterley. He is most famous for his invention of the bouncing bomb which breached German dams in the Ruhr Valley in 1943. Take time to look at the superb views. On a clear day Crich stand is visible in the distance. The monument is dedicated to the members of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Forester Regiment who gave their lives in the two World Wars.*

9. Continue up the field and then keep to the left of the hedge to come up the left side of the children's playing area. Continue up the hill passing the seating area. At Moseley Street turn right. This leads you up the hill to Ripley Market Place, where the Town Hall is located.

<b>WALK TYPE</b>	Undulating countryside
<b>DISTANCE</b>	5 miles (8 km)
<b>TIME</b>	Allow 3 hours
<b>BUSES</b>	Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 (7.00am – 9.00pm)
<b>TRAIN</b>	National Rail Enquiry Services on 08457 484950 (24 hrs)
<b>WAYMAKING</b>	Routeway 8
<b>OS MAP</b>	Explorer 269 (1:25.000) Chesterfield and Alfreton 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](http://www.visitambervalley.com)

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# AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS



RIPLEY



**Start Ripley Market Place  
(Grid Ref. SK398 505)**

*Ripley is an old market town, with a rich industrial heritage. Most famously, the Butterley Company who built St. Pancras in London and more recently the Falkirk Wheel, the world's first rotating boat lift.*

1. Walk down Shirley Road which leads onto school Lane. Follow the path by Crossley Park until you reach the junction. Follow Derwent Road to junction. Turn left and then at the next junction turn left on to Kenilworth Road. Cross the road and continue left along the road, until you reach the Sir Barnes Wallis pub. Take the track leading down the right-hand side of the Sir Barnes Wallis pub. Continue through the gate. Just past the last brick house (Sandham Farm) turn left to go through the kissing gate. Continue along the path (at times a little uneven) keeping the stream on your left. Go straight on over the stile with the large Field Maple tree next to it. At the next stile head diagonally left up the hill to the gate with a stile. Go over the stile and head straight across the middle of the field to another stile in the hedge. Go over that one and straight across the next field to the stile. Cross Street Lane **beware of traffic** and turn left and then shortly right down the track towards Morley Park Farm.

2. After passing under the bridge, turn right and go through the gate.

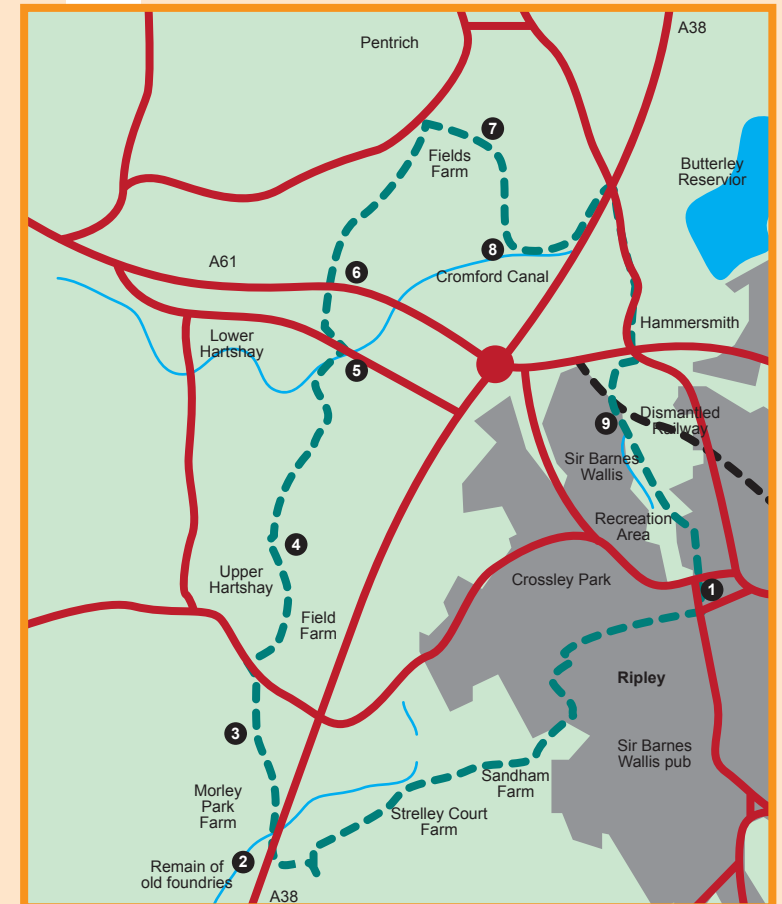
*Street Lane forms part of Ryknild Street; a Roman Road that linked Derwentio (now part of Derby) to Templeborough (Sheffield). Look behind you to see the remains of the 18th century iron foundries adjacent to the A38.*

Keep to the hedge on your right and go over the footbridge. Keep to the hedge-line on your right until you come to a squeeze stile.

3. Go through the squeeze stile and head up the hill keeping to the right edge of the field, ignoring the gap in hedge. At the gate, go through and over the stile and head up the field to the squeeze stile, with the hedge on your left. Once through the squeeze stile turn right and then go through farm gate onto main road. Cross the road **beware of traffic** then turn left. Take the footpath to the left of Yew Tree Cottage Farm. Follow the tarmac track leading to Field Farm. Continue along track past the farm, and at metal gate take stile on the right. Continue down the hill over three fields.

*This footpath follows the former route of Ryknild Street.*

4. At the farm track, turn right. Turn left and head down the hill, keeping the hedge on your right for about 20 yards (18 m) and cross the hidden stile through the trees. Bear left and follow the field boundary downhill to a stile. Head straight across the middle of the next field, cross the stile and once again pick up the hedge on your left.
5. Turn left through a wicket gate and head towards buildings. Pass to the left of the house through copse. Take stile on right in hedge to enter lawned garden. Cross garden onto driveway. Follow driveway to the road, emerging near the former Gate Inn (Cromford Canal is on your left). At the road, turn left and walk for approximately 200 yards. Cross the road and take the footpath, which leads you on a tarmac path that runs through the middle of a field, still following Ryknild Street.
6. Cross the main road **beware of very fast traffic**. Turn right and then left before bus stop to footpath sign. Follow the path which runs between the two hedges. Continue through gate and along the track all the way to Fields Farm. After the farm go over stile to take the



path on your right. (If you continue straight on along the track you will come into Pentrich village.)

*Pentrich is a delightful village well worth a visit. Historically it is important as the scene of the Pentrich Revolution in 1817. The uprising was led by Jeremiah Brandreth and was part of a much wider unrest. The rebels were caught and 3 men were sentenced to death for high treason. Many others were transported.*

7. Travel down the field keeping to the hedge on your right. Go over the stile in the hedge and