

The Derwent Valley

The Valley that changed the World



Walking Festival

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*Derwent Valley Mills
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Derbyshire*



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Derwent Valley Mills
inscribed on the World
Heritage List in 2001

Our first World Heritage Site Walking Festival brings you 60 delightful walks with something for everyone to enjoy.

Experience a blend of breathtaking natural scenery, fascinating industrial heritage and pure spectacle in the Derwent Valley - the valley that changed the world.

Designated as a World Heritage Site in 2001, the Derwent Valley Mills have been described as the birthplace of the industrial revolution. It was here in the Derwent Valley that the essential ingredients of factory production were successfully combined.

Water power was applied and successfully used for the first time on a relatively large scale. Not only was textile production revolutionised with dramatic consequences for the British economy, but also the Arkwright model informed and inspired developments in other industries.

Each site has its own story to tell; stories of pioneering engineers and entrepreneurs who put Britain on the map and set off a chain of events that changed how we live and work forever.

We think you will find that our walks offer something for everyone, whether you are interested in the cultural heritage, the industrial history, the people who made it, or just want to enjoy the glorious landscapes of this fascinating valley. There's a choice of time - morning, afternoon, evening; a choice of length - from a 200 yard stroll to a 10 mile full day hike; as well as a choice of appealing routes. The walks have been carefully chosen to include visits to some of the World Heritage Site's iconic buildings, whilst others will take you a little more off the beaten track!

Charges and Paying:

The charge for walks, unless otherwise stated, will be £3 per person per walk (children under 11 free).

All proceeds from these walks will go to the World Heritage Site and its partner trusts and charities, to help fund future conservation projects and festivals.

Please pay the tour guide or steward at the beginning of the walk.





Booking:

It is recommended that you pre-book for all walks, to avoid disappointment.

The booking line will be open 9am to 5pm, Mondays to Fridays and will **close** for all walks on Thursday 23rd May at 5pm.

To book call 01629 536831 or email gwen.wilson@derbyshire.gov.uk (unless otherwise stated).

If you haven't booked, there may be spare places available on the walks, but please be aware that for health and safety reasons we have to set a maximum limit on the number of people in each group of walkers.

General Information:

It is recommended to wear sturdy footwear and clothing appropriate for the weather for all walks.

Adults will be responsible for any children with them at all times.

Dogs, where allowed, should be kept on leads and owners will be responsible for them at all times. Registered assistance dogs are welcome on all walks.

Book a Picnic

As part of the Arkwright Society walks, why not relax beside the canal and enjoy one of Cromford Mill's delicious picnics.

These must be pre-booked on 01629 825995. Picnics include: sandwiches, crisps, cake, juice £5; sandwiches, crisps, cake, glass of wine/bottle of beer £5.50.

The information in this booklet is correct at the time of going to print. Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site cannot be held responsible for any loss or inconvenience relating to changes or cancellations to events in this booklet.

For up-to-date information on all events in the World Heritage Site, please refer to our website www.derwentvalleymills.org/events-calendar.



Saturday 25th May

Walk No 1

Betty Kenny Story Walk

Start time: 10.00am End time: 1.00pm

Starts and finishes at the corner of Holly Lane and The Birches Wood, just over the Halfpenny bridge, Ambergate (GR: SK346 515)

Length: 4 miles (some steep slopes and rough terrain)

Join Debbie Alston as she leads this guided walk around Shining Cliff Woods, near Ambergate. See this ancient woodland and hear the story of Betty Kenny and her family who were local charcoal makers.

We will visit the Betty Kenny Yew, which is believed to be the inspiration for the Rock-A-Bye Baby lullaby.

Please respect local residents and use Ambergate Station Pay and Display Car Park if you are driving to this event.

Walk leader: Debbie Alston, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

No charge - donations welcome.

To book a place on this walk please call Derbyshire Wildlife Trust on 01773 881188

Walk No 2

Derwent Valley Heritage Way - Belper Mill to Cromford Mills

Start time: 10.30am End time: 4.30pm (approx)

Starts at the car park at Belper Station. Finishes at Cromford Wharf.

Length: 10 miles (moderate walking along a recognised long distance footpath that is well defined)

Belper Mills and mill workers' houses, the beautiful Derwent Valley, Ambergate, Whatstandwell and Cromford along the historic Cromford Canal and SSSI. Bring food and drink - we'll stop at an appropriate place for lunch. At the end of the walk, you might want to pop into the licensed Wheatcroft's Wharf Cafe for food and drink.

Trains from Derby and Matlock arrive at Belper at 10.00am. Return by train from Cromford to Belper.

Walk leader: John Rivers

Cost: £3

For details of how to book onto walks and all other general information - see page 2.



Walk No 3

Wirksworth Town & Country

Start time: 10.30am End time: 1.30pm

Starts and finishes at Wirksworth Market Place (GR: SK286 540)

Length: 4 miles

The first part is a town walk; then we climb uphill following field paths to join the northern end of the Ecclesbourne Way.

There may be some mud on the hills. There will be a break for tea/ coffee/ snack as we walk; dogs on leads (we pass through fields with livestock) and children welcome.

Walk leader: John Morrissey

Cost: £3

Walk No 4

Guided Walk of Cromford Village

Start time: 11.00am End time: 12.15pm

Starts and finishes at Cromford Mills, Shop in the Yard

Length: 2 miles

Discover the history of Cromford Village, the factory community built by Sir Richard Arkwright and his son Richard Arkwright Junior. This walk incorporates the market place, workers' housing, the Lock Up and the mill water courses.

Walk leader: Nina Davies

Cost: £3

Why not pre-book a picnic to collect at 12.15pm? See page 2 for details.

Walk No 5

From Church to Chapel, via Scarthin Rock

Start time: 2.00pm End time: 4.00pm

Starts from St Mary's Church entrance, Mill Road, Cromford

Length: 1 mile (includes a steep climb)

Guided walk and tour of St Mary's Church, Scarthin Rock, Bridge Chapel and Canal Wharf.

Walk leader: Peter South

Dogs not permitted in the church.

Cost: £3

Why not pre-book a picnic to collect at 1.00pm? See page 2 for details.



Walk No 6

Belper River Gardens

Start time: 7.00pm End time: 8.00pm

Starting from outside Strutt's North Mill entrance, Belper

Length: 0.25 miles (easy walk with no gradients)

A look at the creation of Belper's River Gardens, how it developed and some of the stories of people who have visited and worked here over the past 108 years. In memory of Sheila Amer, an active supporter and historian for the gardens for many years.

Walk leader: Adrian Farmer

Cost: £3

Sunday 26th May

Walk No 7

Wirksworth Wander

Start time: 10.00am End time: 4.00pm (approx)

Starts and finishes at Wirksworth Market Place

Length: 5 miles (rugged terrain in parts, hills and stiles to negotiate)

A daytime walk through the beautiful and interesting countryside surrounding this ancient town.

Walk leader: Andy Pollock

Cost: £3

Packed lunch needed.

Walk No 8

Historic Darley Abbey

Start time: 10.30am End time: 12.30pm

Starting from Derwent View Gardens viewing platform, Darley Abbey

Length: 1 mile (involves a lot of steps within the mills)

A walk around the industrial village of Darley Abbey and the most complete surviving 18th century mill complex.

Walk leader: Roy Hartle

Dogs not permitted in the mill buildings.

Cost: £3

For details of how to book onto walks and all other general information - see page 2.



Walk No 9

Belper and the Enlightenment

Start time: 2.00pm End time: 4.00pm

Starting from outside Strutt's North Mill entrance, Belper

Length: 1 mile

A look at the Enlightenment Exhibition in Strutt's North Mill, then a tour of the workers' housing built by the Strutt family for their workers.

Walk leader: Mary Smedley

Dogs not permitted in the Mill building.

Cost: £3

Walk No 10

A Walk along the Lumsdale Valley

Start time: 3.00pm End time: 5.00pm

Starting from the layby, opposite Highfields School, Upper Lumsdale, Matlock

Length: 3 miles

A leisurely guided walk including a visit to the Lumsdale Conservation Project, exploring the ruins of this unique industrial valley site.

Walk leader: Julian Burgess

No charge - donations welcome.

Walk Nos 11, 12, 13

Walking with Shakespeare

Walk 11 start time: 3.00pm End time: 4.30pm

Walk 12 start time: 5.00pm End time: 6.30pm

Walk 13 start time: 7.00pm End time: 8.30pm

Starting from Belper Market Place

Length: 1.5 miles (some steep climbs)

Join 1623 Theatre Company for an entertaining stroll through Belper's ancient deer park and meet some larger-than-life characters along the way. From the team that brought you Supernatural Shakespeare and Midsummer Magic.

Walk leaders: Adrian Farmer and Will Shakespeare

Cost: £3

These walks are supported by Belper Town Council.

1623
theatre company



Monday 27th May

Walk No 14

Old Mineral Railways between Bullbridge and Crich

Start time: 10.00am End time: 3.00pm (approx)
Starts and finishes at Crich Market Place

Length: 6 miles approx (some steep, rough terrain, especially in the afternoon. A mixture of footpaths, which may be muddy, and quiet lanes)

A circular, full day's walk, to explore the routes of the two mineral railways (one 1793 - 1920s; the other 1840 - 1960s) that brought limestone from Crich quarries to lime kilns at Bullbridge and Ambergate. Good views. Regular stops to discuss historic sites. Walk leaders: Freda Raphael, Bullbridge & Sawmills Area Civic Society and Butterley Gangroad Project.

Cost: £3

Bring packed lunch and drinks.

Walk No 15

From Church to Chapel, via Scarthin Rock

Start time: 10.30am End time: 12.30pm
Starting from St Mary's Church entrance, Mill Rd, Cromford

Length: 1 mile (includes a steep climb)

Guided walk and tour of St Mary's Church, Scarthin Rock, Bridge Chapel and Canal Wharf.

Walk leader: Helen Chester

Dogs not permitted in the church.

Cost: £3

Why not pre-book a picnic to collect at 12.30pm? See page 2 for details.





Walk No 16

Belper Mill Water Courses

Start time: 2.00pm End time: 3.00pm

Circular walk starting at the entrance to Strutts North Mill.

Length: 0.25 miles (easy walk with no gradients)

A walk around the water courses of the Belper Mill complexes, to see how the Strutts used water from the Derwent to power their cotton mills. We will also discuss the water power being generated today in the World Heritage Corridor.

Walk leader: Ian Jackson, Transition Belper

Cost: £3

Walk No 17

Willersley's Gardens and Matlock Bath

Start time: 2.00pm End time: 4.00pm

Starting from Shop in the Yard, Cromford Mills

Length: 3 miles (paths may be muddy and there are some steep climbs)

A guided walk from Cromford, through the grounds and gardens of Willersley Castle, along the cliff top above Matlock Bath before returning along the riverside to Willersley and Cromford.

Walk leader: Mark Slack

Cost: £3

Why not pre-book a picnic to collect at 1.00pm? See page 2 for details.

Walk No 18

Along the historic Cromford Canal

Start time: 2.30pm End time: 4.30pm

Starts and finishes from Cromford Wharf

Length: 3 miles

From Cromford to Leawood and back looking at the canal and its history.

Walk leader: Mike Kelley, Friends of Cromford Canal

Cost: £3

**For details of
how to book onto
walks and all other
general information -
see page 2.**



Tuesday 28th May

Walk No 19

Cromford Village

Start time: 10.30am End time: 12.30pm

Starts from outside the Shop in the Yard, Cromford Mills

Length: 2.5 miles

An extended version of the Arkwright Society's Village tour to look at different styles of workers' housing (external views only), the old corn mill, the remains of the old watercourses, the ponds, the sough dam and the lock-up and external views of Masson Mills and Willersley Castle.

Walk leader: Helen Chester

Cost: £3

Why not pre-book a picnic to collect at 12.30pm? See page 2 for details.

Walk Nos 20, 21

Willersley Castle Grounds

Walk 20 start time: 11.00am End time: 12.00noon

Walk 21 start time: 2.00pm End time: 3.00pm

Starts from Reception Desk, Willersley Castle, Cromford

Length: 1 mile

A guided walk around the grounds of Arkwright's impressive Willersley Castle.

Walk leaders: Christine Duckworth and Kevin George

Cost £2, includes a cup of tea or coffee.

Walk No 22

High Peak Junction - a History Revealed

Start time: 2.00pm End time: 4.00pm

Starts from High Peak Junction workshops

Length: 1 mile (mostly accessible but uneven ground in places)

Explore the High Peak Junction workshops and surrounding area.

Walk leader: Colin Goodwyn

Cost: £3





Walk No 23

Wirksworth - Up Greenhill and Down The Dale

Start time: 6.30pm End time: 7.30pm

Starts from under the arch leading to Crown Yard off the Market Place

Length: 1 mile (includes some steep climbs)

An energetic walk discovering some parts of the historic town centre.

Walk leader: Barry Joyce

Cost: £3

Walk No 24

Belper's Roman Road

Start time: 7.00pm End time: 9.00pm

Starts (and ends) Goods Road, Belper (at the river footbridge) SK346467

Length: 4 miles

Walk along the river and the Chevin, looking at the recently recognised remains of the Roman Road.

Walk leader: Trevor Griffin

Cost: £3

Wednesday 29th May

Walk No 25

The Industrial Heritage of Lumsdale and Tansley

Start time: 10.00am End time: 1.00pm

Starts from opposite Highfields School, Matlock

Length: 3.5 miles

A walk down the Lumsdale Valley, up through parkland between Lumsdale and Tansley and returning through pinewoods.

Walk leader: Julian Burgess

Cost: £3

Bring a picnic or enjoy lunch at the pub.

For details of how to book a picnic from Cromford see page 2.



Walk No 26

Alport Height Circular

Start time: 10.00am End time: 2.00pm

Starts from Alport Height National Trust car park, the landmark viewfinder disc SK305516

Length: 7 miles (there may be mud on the hills)

Panoramic view point over stunning views of the Ecclesbourne Valley. On a good day the Wrekin can be seen 85 km away. Field paths downhill then up again following part of the new Ecclesbourne Way that passes within 300m of Alport. This walk is a Ramblers Association Amber Valley group walk as part of its regular programme.

Walk leader: Gerry White

No charge - donations welcome.

There will be a tea break and a stop for packed lunch. Dogs should be kept on leads, as the walk passes through fields with livestock. The walk is suitable for older children.

Walk No 27

Derwent Valley Walk

Start time: 10.30am End time: 1.30pm

Starts from Whatstandwell train station

Length: 3.5 miles (steep, muddy)

One of the beautiful Derwent Valley walks led by a Derbyshire County Council Ranger.

Walk leader: Mark Brailsford

Cost: £3

You can catch the train back to Whatstandwell train station - please bring train fare. However, the walk can be extended by walking back to the start point. Dogs must be kept on leads at all times.

Walk No 28

Enlightenment in Derby

Start time: 1.00pm End time: 2.30pm

Starts from outside the Assembly Rooms, Derby Market Place

Length: 2 miles (all on paths and pavements in the city)

Exploring sites in Derby City that were significant in the Enlightenment.

Walk leader: Caron Kirkham

Cost: £3

For details of how to book onto walks and all other general information - see page 2.



Walk No 29

Bullbridge & Sawmills Heritage Round

Start time: 1.00pm End time: 3.30pm
Starts from Lord Nelson Inn, Bullbridge

Length: 2 miles (mostly level footpaths but with some steep sections and some steps. Can be muddy. Two stiles and a railway line, plus busy A610 to cross)

A 'figure of eight' walk, at a leisurely pace, exploring the wealth of local transport and industrial history, including Cromford Canal, turnpike roads, and Stephenson's railway.

Walk leader: Bullbridge & Sawmills Area Civic Society

Cost: £3

Walk No 30

Slinter Wood to Rose End Meadows

Start time: 2.00pm End time: 4.00pm
Starts from outside the Shop in the Yard, Cromford Mills

Length: 2.5 miles (includes a steady uphill climb)

Follow the Bonsall Brook through Slinter Wood to Dunsley Meadows. Return to the village via the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's Rose End Meadows Reserve.

Walk leader: Doreen Buxton

Cost: £3

Why not pre-book a picnic to collect at 1.00pm? See page 2 for details.

Walk No 31

The Walk to Rock House

Start time: 6.30pm End time: 8.00pm
Starts from outside the Greyhound Inn, Cromford Market Place

Length: 1 mile

Revealing the recent research into Rock House, where Richard Arkwright lived for many years, on a walk from Cromford Village.

Walk leader: Barry Joyce

Cost: £3

For details of how to book a picnic from Cromford see page 2.



Walk No 32

Guided Tour of Cromford Village

Start time: 7.00pm End time: 8.15pm (Optional supper at 6pm*)

Starts from Wheatcroft's Cafe, Cromford Wharf

Length: 2 miles

Discover the history of Cromford Village, the factory community built by Sir Richard Arkwright and his son Richard Arkwright Jr. This tour incorporates the market place, workers' housing, the Lock Up and the mill water courses.

Walk leader: Nina Davies

Cost: £3

**Enjoy an evening supper at Wheatcroft's Wharf Cafe. To reserve a place, phone the Arkwright Society on 01629 825995.*

Thursday 30th May

Walk No 33

Cromford Mills to Black Rocks

Start time: 10.30am End time: 1.00pm

Starts from outside the Shop in the Yard, Cromford Mills

Length: 4 miles (some steep slopes)

Cromford Mills, along the canal to Leawood Pumphouse and High Peak Junction, up to Black Rocks then return down Cromford Hill and through fields and Intake Lane to Cromford Mills.

Walk leader: Ian Howarth

Cost: £3

Why not pre-book a picnic to collect at 1.00pm? See page 2 for details.

Walk Nos 34, 35

Willersley Castle Grounds

Walk 34 start time: 11.00am End time: 12.00noon

Walk 35 start time: 2.00pm End time: 3.00pm

Starts from Reception Desk, Willersley Castle, Cromford

Length: 1 mile

A guided walk around the grounds of Arkwright's impressive Willersley Castle.

Walk leaders: Christine Duckworth and Kevin George

Cost £2, includes a cup of tea or coffee.



Walk Nos 36, 37

Scarthin Rock Walk

Walk 36 start time: 2.00pm End time: 2.30pm

Walk 37 start time: 3.00pm End time: 3.30pm

Starts from Shop in the Yard, Cromford Mills

Length: 0.25 miles (includes a steep climb)

A guided walk and tour up Scarthin Rock with views over the Mill and Willersley Castle.

Walk leader: Ian Howarth

Cost: £3

Why not pre-book a picnic to collect at 1.00pm? See page 2 for details.

Walk No 38

Strutt's Belper

Start time: 2.00pm End time: 5.00pm

Starts from Entrance to Strutts Community Centre, Derby Road, Belper

Length: 3 miles

A circular walk looking at how the Strutts shaped Belper, to include schools, chapels, swimming pools, gardens and houses.

Walk leader: Adrian Farmer

Cost: £3

Walk No 39

Meet T'Owd Mon

Start time: 7.00pm End time: 10.00pm

Starts from Wirksworth Market Place

Length: 3 miles (walk in both the urban and countryside - some rough ground and one or two hills)

Evening walk around Wirksworth looking at the legacy left by the lead mining history in and around the town.

Walk leader: Andy Pollock

Cost: £3

For details of how to book onto walks and all other general information - see page 2.





Walk No 40

Belper Mill Water Courses Walk

Start time: 7.00pm End time: 8.00pm
Starts from Strutt's North Mill entrance

Length: 0.25 miles (easy walk with no gradients)

A walk around the water courses of the Belper mill complexes, to see how the Strutts used water from the Derwent to power their cotton mills. We will also discuss the water power being generated today in the World Heritage Corridor.

Walk leader: Ian Jackson, Transition Belper

Cost: £3

Walk No 41

A Journey through time along the Cromford Canal

Start time: 7.00pm End time: 9.30pm
Starts from Ambergate Station

Length: 5.5 miles (suitable for wheelchairs and buggies)

A guided historical walk from Ambergate to Cromford along the canal timed to enable people to leave their car at Cromford, travel on the 1841 train from Cromford to Ambergate and then walk back.

Walk leader: Hugh Potter

Cost: £3 plus train fare

Friday 31st May

Walk No 42

Cromford

Start time: 10.00am End time: 1.00pm
Starts from Cromford Meadow

Length: 5 miles

From Cromford Meadows through Bow Wood and back via the Cromford Canal.

Walk leader: David Davison

No charge (part of the regular Ramblers Association programme) but donations welcome.

For details of how to book onto walks and all other general information - see page 2.



Walk No 43

Florence Nightingale Walk

Start time: 10.00am End time: 1.00pm

Starts from Shop in the Yard, Cromford Mills

Length: 5 miles

A walk from Cromford Mill, along the Cromford Canal to Lea Bridge and Lea visiting some of the sites associated with Florence Nightingale and her family.

Walk leader: Chas Arnold

Cost: £3

Why not pre-book a picnic to collect at 1.00pm? See page 2 for details.

Walk No 44

Belper and Morley Park Railway

Start time: 10.45am End time: 2.45pm

Starts from Openwoodgate Crossroads, Belper SK368473

Length: 5 miles

Follow the various routes of this historic railway.

Walk leader: Trevor Griffin

Cost: £3

Lunch break at Denby Pottery or bring a picnic.

Walk Nos 45 and 46

Willersley Castle Grounds

Walk 45 Start time: 11.00am End time: 12.00noon

Walk 46 Start time: 2.00pm End time: 3.00pm

Starts from Reception desk, Willersley Castle, Cromford

Length: 1 mile

A guided walk around the grounds of Arkwright's impressive Willersley Castle.

Walk leaders: Christine Duckworth and Kevin George

Cost £2, includes a cup of tea or coffee.

*For details
of how to book a
picnic from Cromford
see page 2.*





Walk No 47

Canal/Rail/Packhorse Trail

Start time: 6.30pm End time: 8.30pm
Starts from Cromford Wharf

Length: 4 miles (paths and trail, not suitable for pushchairs)

Leaving Cromford Wharf, we'll climb up Cromford Hill to Black Rocks returning via the High Peak Trail and packhorse trail to High Peak Junction before a leisurely walk back along the canal.

Walk leader: Matthew Rogers (Friends of Cromford Canal)

Cost: £3

Walk No 48

Discover the Source of Coppice Brook

Start time: 6.30pm End time: 9.45pm
Starts from outside the Whitemoor Medical Centre, Belper (DE56 0JB).

Length: 3 miles

Coppice Brook flows through Belper, reaching the Derwent at Morrisons. But where does it start? Join us in tracing it back to its source, passing ancient ironworks and meadows with former meanders. Return to Belper by bus for 9.45pm

Walk leaders: Julie Wozniczka, Dick Watson

Cost: £3 (plus bus fare)

Saturday 1st June

Walk No 49

Milford Village Tour

Start time: 10.00am End time: 12.00noon
Starts from Nealies Car Park, by the Strutt Arms, Milford

Length: 1.5 miles

A walk around this historic village.

Walk leaders: Mary Smedley and Adrian Farmer

Cost: £3





Walk No 50

Mines and Moor

Start time: 10.00am End time: 12.00noon
Starts from Shop in the Yard, Cromford Mills

Length: 3 miles (mixed ground - rocky in places and usually muddy. Quite a steep climb in a couple of places.)

Up Alabaster Lane to look at evidence of lead mining, through Rose End Meadows then up to Black Rocks, through the woods on Cromford Moor and back down Intake Lane to Cromford Mill.

Walk leader: Michael Ledger

Cost: £3

Why not pre-book a picnic to collect at 12.00noon? See page 2 for details.

Walk No 51

Taking Limestone from Crich to Butterley Works

Start time: 10.45am End time: 3.15pm
Starts from Crich Market Place SK350541, ending at Ripley Market Place SK398505

Length: 6 miles (We suggest you park at Ripley and take Yourbus 141 at 10.13am from Ripley to Crich. Lunch at the Excavator, or bring a picnic)

Following the Butterley Gangroad and Cromford Canal, with update on the Butterley Gangroad project.

Walk leader: Trevor Griffin

Cost: £3 (plus bus fare, if parking in Ripley)

Walk No 52

A Guided Walk through Slinger Woods and Dunsley Meadows

Start time: 2.00pm End time: 4.30pm
Starts from The Greyhound Inn, Cromford Market Place

Length: 3.5 miles

Explore the landscape of this former industrial valley with its mosaic of habitats, some of great antiquity and many of them increasingly scarce.

Walk leader: Bernard Holden

No charge - donation welcome.

For details of how to book onto walks and all other general information - see page 2.



Walk Nos 53 & 54

History of Belper Market Place

Walk No 53 Start time: 11.00am End time: 12.15pm

Walk No 54 Start time: 3.00pm End time: 4.15pm

Starts from outside the Black Swan on the Market Place

Length: 200 yards

A very short walk around the Market Place to discover its fascinating history, which reveals that it has not always been what it seems today.

Walk leader: Viv Scott

Cost: £3

Walk No 55

Circular Tour of Belper

Start time: 6.30pm End time: 8.00pm

Starts from Belper Market Place

Length: 3 miles

Tracing the history of Belper in a circular guided tour which takes us into the Parks, across the fields towards Walker Bottom and back. Children welcome. Dogs on leads.

Walk leader: John Lloyd

Cost: £3

Sunday 2nd June

Walk No 56

Beth's Poetry Trail

Start time: 11.00am End time: 2.00pm

Starts from the bandstand in Belper River Gardens

Length: 3-4 miles (Moderately level, includes some hills but not stiles. Dogs welcome, but the full walk is not accessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs)

A great way to explore historic Belper, taking in all 20 poetry installations created for the trail. Walk leaders: Glen Mulliner and Winnie Green

Cost: £3

Bring a drink and picnic lunch.





Walk No 57

Cromford, High Peak Junction and Bow Woods

Start time: 11.30am End time: 3.30pm

Starts from Wheatcroft's Wharf Cafe, Cromford

Length: 5 miles

Along the canal to High Peak Junction workshops and Leawood Pumphouse to see the beam engine in action. Walk through Bow Wood by Smedleys, returning via Little Switzerland to the road near Cromford Station and back to the Wharf.

Walk leader: Peter South

Cost: £3

Bring a picnic lunch, or pre-book a picnic to collect at 11.15am - see page 2 for details.

Walk No 58

To Whatstandwell along the Cromford Canal Towpath

Start time: 2.00pm End time: 4.00pm

Starts from Leawood Pumphouse

Length: 2 miles

Walk from Leawood Pumphouse through Gregory's Tunnel and past Robin Hood and Duke's Quarries, to Whatstandwell for a train trip back to Cromford, or a walk back along the canal.

Walk leader: George Jones

Cost: £3 (plus train fare, if you are catching the train back)

Walk No 59

Along the Old Turnpike

Start time: 2.30pm End time: 4.30pm

Starts from Strutt's North Mill

Length: 1.5 miles

A walk from Strutt's North Mill to Strutt's Community Centre looking at some of the historic buildings en route.

Walk leader: Stella Howitt

Cost: £3

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general information -
see page 2.**

Walk No 60**Belper's Royal Links****Start time: 7.00pm End time: 9.00pm****Starts from entrance to Strutt's Community Centre, Derby Road, Belper****Length: 1.5 miles**

60 years since the Coronation of Elizabeth II, we take a look at how the town celebrated royal events and visits.

Walk leader: Adrian Farmer

Cost: £3**In Memory of Geoff Errington**

This Walking Festival is dedicated to the memory of Geoff Errington, a World Heritage Site volunteer who created the first long-distance Discovery Days walks when the festival began in 2005, and who died in 2012. His input and participation will be greatly missed.

**Stay over for a relaxing break**

Come along to the Valley that changed the World and enjoy the first World Heritage Site Walking Festival. Why not create your own short break and stay in the area, relax and unwind? From four star country house hotels to stylish bed and breakfasts, or the freedom of a country cottage; the accommodation choice offers something to appeal to all tastes and budgets.

**Station to Station Walks**

Twelve Derwent Valley Station to Station Walks offer scenic hillside, riverside and woodland walks between local stations on the Derwent Valley Line. Leaflets are available at www.derwentvalleymills.org/publications/leaflets.



Trains Every Hour on the Derwent Valley Line

Relax and enjoy the scenery through the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site on board the scenic Derwent Valley Line between Nottingham and Derby to Matlock. The hourly train service* enables you to join many of the walks featured in this guide.

Discounts for Train Passengers

Special offers* are available for train ticket holders, to many visitor attractions in the Derwent Valley including one child free with each adult at Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills. Pick up a copy of 'your guide to the Derwent Valley Line' featuring these discount vouchers, train times and details of places to visit along the line. For a copy phone 08456 058 058 or visit www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk/derwentvalleyline.

Great Value Rail Tickets

Adult Off Peak Day Return from Derby to Belper £4.10, Derby to Cromford £5.30 and from Nottingham to Cromford £8.40.

Off Peak Tickets valid after 0859 Monday to Friday and anytime at weekends and Bank Holidays.

Groupsave

Allows three or four adults to travel together for the price of two, with up to four accompanying children for just £1 each.

Day Return and Groupsave tickets between any two stations on the Derwent Valley line (Nottingham-Derby-Matlock) allow you to hop on and off at intermediate stations on both your outward and return journeys. If you break your journey at an intermediate station you must then resume your journey in the same direction to your destination. For example, with a day return between Derby and Matlock, you could stop off at Belper and then Whatstandwell en route to Matlock and, on your return to Derby, stop off at Cromford and then Ambergate.

Car Parking at Stations

You can park all day for £2 at the following stations: Duffield, Cromford, Ambergate and Whatstandwell.

Most of our walks start within a short walk of one of the Derwent Valley Line stations.

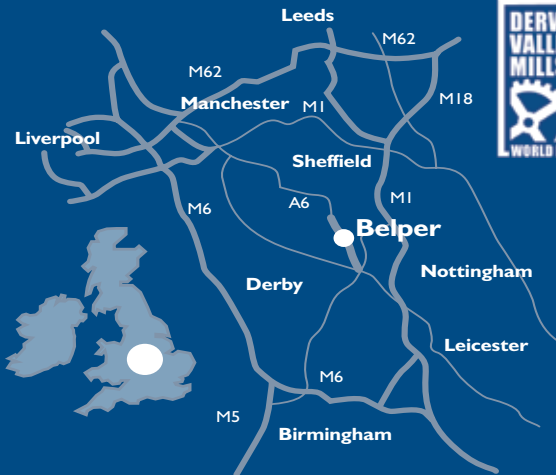
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EAST MIDLANDS TRAINS



* Trains operate hourly Monday to Saturday and every 2 hours on Sunday. Offers apply on production of voucher and valid train/day rover ticket for day of admission.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

By Train

Derby is well served by the national rail network. East Midlands Trains operate hourly train services from Nottingham and Derby along the Derwent Valley Line to Matlock, serving all local stations, including Belper and Cromford. www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk/derwentvalleyline. For train times, call **National Rail Enquiries: 08457 48 49 50** or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

By Bus

National Express operate regular coach services to Derby from throughout the UK. Call 08717 818181 or visit www.nationalexpress.com. Regular bus services to destinations within the World Heritage Site include: TransPeak (TP), an hourly, daily, limited stop service between Derby, Belper, Cromford and Buxton with some services to/from Manchester and the 6.2 between Derby, Belper, Cromford and Matlock via Wirksworth. More frequent services operate between Derby and Belper. For bus times, call: 0817 200 22 33 or visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/buses. **You can use the East Midlands Journey Planner to help plan your journey – visit www.travelineeastmidlands.co.uk**

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