

DISCOVER BOLSOVER

Welcome to the Bolsover Loop, a 26-mile route through the distinctive landscapes where Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire meet.



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← PLEASLEY PIT COUNTRY... ☰



Pleasley Pit Country Park, as its name suggests, is a reclaimed colliery site.

The mosaic of grasslands, hedgerows, maturing woodlands and open water make it a great place for nature lovers. You can see many different species of birds, wildflowers, butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies. The site is so good it's been designated as a Local Nature Reserve.

In dramatic contrast, you can't miss the old pit buildings at the entrance to the Country Park. These are designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument and are the last surviving headstocks in Derbyshire.

← PHOENIX GREENWAYS ☰



Go through the two sets of gates on your left and head down the slope, this is the start of the Teversal Trail (one of the trails in the Phoenix Greenways). Go across the bridge over Batley Lane and after 50 yards take a sharp right to continue on the Bolsover Loop and the Hardwick/Pleasley Loop.

For the **Heart of England Trail** continue south west along the Teversal Trail.

← BATLEY LANE ☰



Continue down the slope bearing left, then its a short uphill on to the Rowthorne Trail. The steep right you've just passed leads down on to Batley Lane. Turn left and follow the Rowthorne Trail to the car park.

Keep your eyes peeled for two more of Nature's Friends.

← ROWTHORNE LANE CAR... ☰



Trains once used a tunnel, where the car park is today, as they trundled along the Doe Lea Branch Line.

Carry on through the car park. Turn right for the **Bolsover Loop** and follow the road into the pretty hamlet of Rowthorne. Continue along Rowthorne Lane to Glapwell and the A617 junction.

Turn left for the **Hardwick Loop**.



GLAPWELL



Take a left at the end of Rowthorne Lane - the A617 is busy

Turn left onto the A617. This next section is along a road aptly named 'The Hill'. Fortunately, you'll be going down, but take care as it can be busy!

Close to the bottom of the hill you'll be joining the Stockley Trail. Take the right immediately after the Starbucks Drive Thru into Stockley Lane.



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STOCKLEY TRAIL



The Stockley Trail is a two mile well surfaced route, which follows the former Doe Lea Branch Line and runs parallel with the river of the same name.

At this southern end you'll pass through Stockley Ponds and Glapwell Countryside Site. Doe Lea Local Nature Reserve is also close by. This is a great place to explore and connect with nature.



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GLAPWELL MOUNTAIN B...



Entrance to Glapwell MTB trail

Hidden away in the woods north of Stockley Pond is the one mile Glapwell mountain bike trail. This short, fun, blue-graded route offers something a little more adventurous and is a perfect introduction to mountain biking for all ages.

When you are ready, continue along the Stockley Trail. You'll soon negotiate a hairpin sandwiched between two bridges, and then two road crossings: firstly Rylah Hill and then Carr Lane.



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CARR VALE RESERVE



Carr Vale Reserve is one of the top birdwatching sites in the County. The water bodies (or 'flashes') are flooded depressions caused by mine subsidence. Its a short detour west from the Stockley Trail.

The Bolsover Loop continues north, passing through Peter Fidler Reserve, named after a great Canadian explorer, who was born in Bolsover.

Immediately after the car park, take the right hand fork and follow the narrow track by industrial units to a roundabout.



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BOLSOVER CASTLE VIEW



Safely cross over to the Environmental Centre

Look right, at the top of the hill you'll see **Bolsover Castle**. It's a lovely detour, albeit a lung-busting one-mile, 300 ft climb! But your direction of travel is left.

After crossing the road, follow a tarmac path which runs parallel to the road. After $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile you'll reach another roundabout. Cross over the road and follow the footway on the right hand side of Markham Lane for $\frac{1}{3}$ -mile, until you reach another roundabout at the entrance to the Environment Centre.



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WALKING TOGETHER



Walking together sculptures line the path

At the roundabout take the road to your right. In front of the Environment Centre you'll see a mining memorial called 'Walking Together', by artist Stephen Broadbent.

Follow the road to another roundabout and take the trail to your right. Bear right before a wooden bridge and then take an immediate left following the river. Go under the motorway underpass and follow the trail until you meet Seymour Link Road.

Turn right into Seymour Link Road and follow for $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile.



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MARKHAM VALE NORTH



Turn right after the roundabout

Turn right after the roundabout at the end of Seymour Link Road and join the Clowne Greenway, formerly the Clowne Branch Line.

The Greenway has five miles of well surfaced trails with beautiful limestone cuttings, locally known as canyons. It's a pleasant ride through Clowne with vistas of open farmland, alongside nature-rich trail margins.

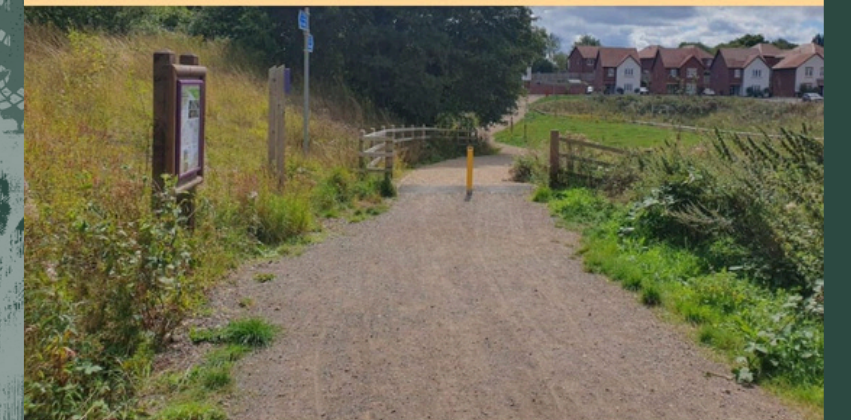
Halfway along the trail you'll see signs for Clowne, this is a good place to stop for refreshments.



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END OF THE LINE



Take a right into the housing estate

At the end of the Clowne Greenway, turn right on to the winding path, up through the housing estate, and out on to Canyon Meadow. Continue up the hill when you reach the road.

Turn left at the junction with Skinner Street, passed the cemetery, before taking a series of turns - right into Eyre Street, first left into East Street, second right into Portland Avenue, and first left into Holbeck Street - before coming out on Elmton Road in front of Creswell Model Village.

Turn left into Elmton Road (if you want a short detour to Creswell Craggs, follow the [Rail Trail](#) external PDF link). But continue on the Bolsover Loop by taking the first right into Model Village.



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← **CRESWELL MODEL VILL...** ...



Follow the path through the Model Village

Creswell Model Village, one of several in the area, was built in 1895 in the arts and crafts style. This pretty village sits at the heart of Creswell.

Follow the road down and bear right into Model Lane. At the end of Model Lane, follow the limestone path and take a sharp left onto the Frithwood Trail.

← **FRITHWOOD FARM HOUSE** ...



Take a right here

At the end of the Frithwood Trail, turn right on to Frithwood Lane. After passing Frithwood Farm House, take the first left on to the bridleway. Follow the bridleway south and turn left on to Mag Lane.

Follow Mag Lane nearly to the end. Just before the level crossing go through the squeeze stile on your right and follow the trail. This is the northern entrance to Poulter Country Park.

← **POULTER COUNTRY PARK** ...



Poulter Country Park has some of the best restored wildflower meadows in the East Midlands. There are over three miles of trails to explore, including a [two mile sculpture trail](#).

Head south through the Country Park on well surfaced trails. Passing Whaley Thorns train station on your left, bear right uphill and keep on the trail for ¼-mile until you start descending. Bear left at the next trail junction and head downhill passed the commemorative stone. Follow the path around to the right and then take a left to the car park.

← **WHALEY ROAD** ...



Take care crossing the road as you head straight on

At the bottom of the car park cross Whaley Road and head south on the Langwith Branch Line. Stay on this well surfaced trail for about a mile.

This was once part of the Lancashire, Derbyshire and East Coast Railway.

Views of sprawling fields, ancient woodlands and ancient deer parks give way to a wonderfully atmospheric and cool limestone cutting.

← **LANGWITH JUNCTION** ...



Follow the path around to the right and then right again at the road. Next, it's a quick left and then into the ginnel after crossing the road

From the Langwith Branch Line take a right into Primrose way, a left into Station Road, and cross Burlington Avenue into a ginnel that leads to Langwith Junction Recreation Ground. Tikki Coffee Shop makes for a great pitstop!

Follow the tarmac path through the Recreation Ground on to Recreation Road. Take a left, then a right after 50 yards on to Stubbins Wood Lane. Follow the road/track for ¾-mile, until you come to Station Road and turn right. After 70 yards turn left on to the footway before the shops, which leads into Herewood Close. You can get to the town centre if you continue on along Station Road.

Herewood Close takes you to Portland Road. Cross over Portland Road on to Portland Drive, follow downhill for 300 yards.

← **SOOKHOLME ROAD, SHI...** ...



From Portland Drive turn right through the squeeze stile into the green space. Follow the path first uphill then downhill

Head through the squeeze stile on the right into the green space. This is Brook Park. Heading first uphill and then down, follow the path until you meet another squeeze stile. Bear right and head under the viaduct into Shirebrook Wood. Take the righthand fork and head uphill for ½-mile.....it does level out!

← **ROBIN HOOD TRAIN LINE** ...



Turn right at the gate

Turn right into Wood Lane. Follow the Lane until you come to a cottage with a flagpole, behind a large hedge. Don't take the two lefts, head straight on through the smaller of the two metal gates, back into Brook Park. The trail runs eastwards for about ½-mile. There's a short steep challenging climb.....you have been warned!

← **BROOK PARK** ...



Turn left here

Turn left and head down onto the road, following it round to the right, where you again join Wood Lane. Follow Wood Lane for ½-mile, passed Pleasleypark Farm and with Common Lane in sight, go through the squeeze stile on your left. Follow the field-edge trail downhill.

At the bottom of the hill there's a left, then right (through another squeeze stile), then a left into Forge Lane. You'll soon pass the castle-like remains of a bridge abutment that once carried the Leen Valley line, on your left. From here you'll glide downhill, with Pleasley Park on your left and will soon reach Pleasley Vale.



PLEASLEY VALE



At the car park behind Mill 1

At the road turn left into the historic Pleasley Vale. There are three large mills (featured on Most Haunted) in this impressive limestone gorge; this is the home of [Pleasley Vale Outdoor Activity Centre](#) (external link).

Through the security barriers head to Mill 1. Before the food cabin (which is a great place for refreshments) head through the car park and around the back of Mill 1, pass a large chimney into another car park.



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ONWARDS TO PLEASLEY...



Pleasley Village

From the car park behind Mill 1, follow the rubber crumb path through the woods, this takes you to the Meden Trail. It's a bit of a climb! Turn right when you reach the trail and follow for ½-mile until the trail forks. Take the left fork down a steep track. Turn left and follow the River Meden for ½-mile until you reach Pleasley Village. Look out for the mural in the underpass.

Turn right into Chesterfield Road and follow uphill for 500 yards. Sorry, it's a bit of a slog! After the Miners Welfare, turn left into Pit Lane and after one last climb you're back at Pleasley Pit Country Park. Remember, the cafe here serves food between 10am and 2pm everyday (except Tuesday) - you'll have earned your lunch!



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