

WELCOME TO THE BOLSOVER LOOP



The Bolsover Loop connects towns, villages and attractions around the heart of Bolsover District. It runs through beautiful green spaces and takes in areas rich in fascinating history.

The Loop is circular, and is signposted in both directions, just look out for the Loop signs along the route. These directions are based on a clockwise navigation starting and ending at Pleasley Pit.

Prehistoric cave art. Former industrial sites turned thriving nature reserves. Characterful country houses. Public art paying tribute to a heritage to be proud of. You'll find all this and more within easy access of the Loop.

- Use the numbered steps below, with the map overleaf to guide you along the way.
- Look out for the Bolsover Loop signs and symbols to help you navigate
- You can scan the QR code to download the app to navigate the route and for more information



3 ROWTHORNE TRAIL

Turn left and follow the path onto the Rowthorne Trail. Enjoy this wonderful, wooded trail for more than a mile, as it winds through tranquil farmland. Enjoy the views to the left of Hardwick Estate parkland.

The trail has been reclaimed from the railway lines once used by coal mines in the area.

4 ROWTHORNE VILLAGE

Turn left through the car park and then turn right to head into the historic village of Rowthorne and continue straight on until you reach Glapwell and the T junction.

Rowthorne village was once part of the Hardwick Estate. (You can visit Hardwick Hall and its Parklands by turning left at the Rowthorne Trail Car Park).



7 CARR VALE AND PETER FIDLER NATURE RESERVES

When you reach the next road continue straight on the trail for about half a mile, until you reach an informal crossing

Look out for views of Bolsover Model Village to your right once you reach this break in the trail.

A short detour off the trail to the left here and you can explore the neighbouring Carr Vale Nature Reserve and Peter Fidler Nature Reserves for some of the county's best birdwatching.

Continue straight on the trail to continue until you see a car park in front. Follow the trail to the left of the car park and the take the right fork along a narrow track behind the warehouse and continue until you reach a roundabout.

Peter Fidler Reserve



1 PLEASLEY PIT COUNTRY PARK

Pleasley Pit Country Park is a beautiful green space and designated as a Local Nature Reserve. The standing remains of Pleasley Colliery are nationally recognised as a Scheduled Ancient Monument due to their historical significance. Pleasley Pit now has a visitor centre, museum and café making it an ideal place to start the Loop.

From the car park and with the pit chimneys and headstock in front of you turn left and follow the trail through the country park passing the ponds on your left.



Pleasley Pit



2 PHOENIX GREENWAYS

After the sweeping bend turn left through the gates and onto the Teveral Trail, part of the Phoenix Greenways.

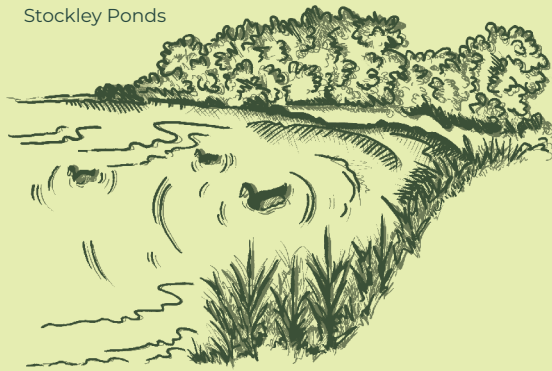
Cross the bridge over Batley Lane and after 50 yards, take a sharp right.

5 GLAPWELL

Turn left onto the main road (A617) and continue downhill on the road, which has a 30mph speed limit.

At the bottom of the hill, take the first right by Starbucks onto Stockley Lane where you'll join the Stockley Trail.

Stockley Ponds



6 STOCKLEY TRAIL

The trail heads through the Glapwell Countryside Site and passes both Stockley Pond, a local fishing spot and Glapwell Mountain Bike Trail, a short, fun trail suitable for all ages.

There are some downhill and uphill sections; bear left when you see the fork in the path. At the end of the trail, turn right then bear left downhill till you reach the road and cross over and continue.

Continue straight on when you come to the next road. This section of the Stockley Trail follows the former Doe Lea Branch Line.



Walking Together

8 BOLSOVER CASTLE VIEW

Cross over the roundabout and the bridge and continue on the path uphill.

At the top of the hill, look behind you for views of Bolsover Castle on the hill.

Continue on the path until you reach the roundabout. Cross over the road ahead, and follow the right hand pavement until you reach the next roundabout.



Bolsover Castle

9 WALKING TOGETHER MEMORIAL

Continue on the path to the right of the roundabout.

Look left for the 'Walking Together' mining memorial. The 101 individual steel figures represent a miner's journey between pit and home, and honour those killed by accidents at the former colliery.

Continue on the tarmac path and bear right at the next roundabout, on the winding path you will cross a bridge over the River Doe Lea and pass under the motorway.

When you reach the road, cross over and turn right on Seymour Link Road and follow the cycle path running alongside it for ½ mile.

10 CLOWNE GREENWAY

After the roundabout, turn right onto the Clowne Greenway.

This 5 mile trail winds through open farmland and striking limestone cuttings which are rich in wildlife.

Look out for signs for Clowne, a great spot for pubs and cafés.



A 26-mile route through the distinctive landscapes where Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire meet.

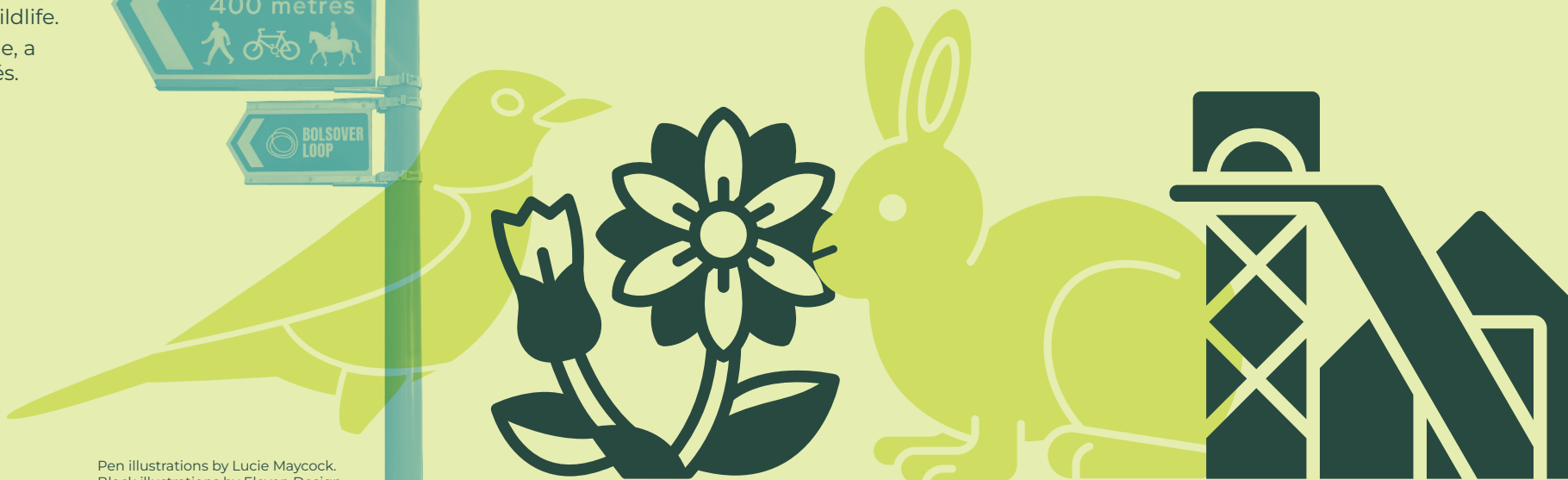


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11 CRESWELL

At the end of the Clowne Greenway, turn right up the winding path through the housing estate onto Heritage Street. Continue straight up the road to the cemetery and turn left.

Then turn:

- Right into Eyre Street
- First left into East Street
- Second right into Portland Avenue
- First left into Holbeck Street

At the main road you'll see Creswell model village in front of you.

Turn left and take the first right through the Model Village.

From Elmtun Road you can make a detour for refreshments in the village or go to Creswell Craggs and the Welbeck Estate.

12 CRESWELL MODEL VILLAGE

Pass through the model village until you see the large building in front of you and bear right along Model Lane until you reach the turning head. Turn right onto the path and then turn sharp left onto the Frithwood Trail, another section of reclaimed former railway.

Built in 1895, Creswell Model Village features arts and crafts-style homes and was inspired by the principles of the Garden City Movement, a response to cramped housing and industrialisation.

Clowne Cross

Creswell Model Village

13 FRITHWOOD LANE

When you reach the end of the Frithwood Trail turn right onto the lane and after passing the farm, take the first left onto the bridleway.

Continue on the trail and turn left when you reach the lane. Turn right through the stile just before the level crossing.

14 POULTER COUNTRY PARK

Follow the path alongside the railway into the country park and turn left to head uphill. Continue straight on until you reach the stone bridge and Langwith - Whaley Thorns station on your left.

Turn right and follow the trail until you reach the car park.

If you have more time there are over three miles of trails through wildflower meadows and a two-mile sculpture trail within Poulter Country Park to explore.

15 ARCHAEOLOGICAL WAY

Cross the road and continue on the Archaeological Way for around 1 mile. Enjoy views of an ancient deer park, fields, woodlands, and limestone cuttings along the way.

16 LANGWITH JUNCTION

When you reach a road turn right and follow it round to the left until you reach the T junction. Cross straight over onto the path into Langwith Junction Recreation Ground.

Follow the path through the park and turn left on reaching the road. Turn left again after 50 yards into Stubbins Wood Lane.

Follow the lane for almost a mile, passing Shirebrook Town Park on your right. On reaching Station Road turn right.

After 70 yards, turn left onto the footpath just before the shops to join Herewood Close. Continue to the main road then cross straight onto Portland Drive and the cycle path on the left.

17 BROOK PARK

On reaching Sookholme Road, head through the A frame on your left into Brook Park. Follow the winding path through the park and under the viaduct into Shirebrook Wood.

Take the right-hand fork and continue straight with the railway to your right hand side.

18 ROBIN HOOD LINE

Turn right when you reach the lane and continue straight on until you reach the end where you pass the small metal gate to rejoin the trail through the park. Continue for around half a mile until you reach a tarmac lane. Take the left turn and continue till you reach a more established road. Continue straight on, passing the stone houses on your left. Eventually, at the top of the hill you will reach a farm to your left.

19 PLEASLEY PARK

When you pass the farm take a left to go through the stile.

Follow the trail around the edge of the field. At the bottom of the hill turn left into the bridleway know as Forge Lane.

Look out for the remains of an old railway viaduct and follow the trail until you arrive at Pleasley Vale.

20 PLEASLEY VALE

Bear left into historic Pleasley Vale and pass the listed lodges at the entrance to the Vale and to the left of the vehicle barrier. The site is home to three historic mills in a dramatic limestone gorge.

Continue past the mill pond and the first mill building on your right. Turn right and cross the carpark before turning right again to pass behind the mill building and head towards the large chimney.

21 PLEASLEY VILLAGE

Take the surfaced path through the woods until you reach a T junction of paths. Turn right here onto the Meden Trail. At the fork bear left and then turn left at the bottom of the hill to follow the river. Turn right under the underpass.

Turn right at the road, onto Chesterfield Road, passing Meden Mill and its weir on your left. Continue up the hill and then turn left into Pit Lane to return to Pleasley Pit Country Park.

Don't forget to stop at the café, visitor centre and museum - a great place to relax and celebrate your journey.

● See overleaf for stages 1 - 11.

MARKHAM VALE

BOLSOVER

Bolsover Castle

Poulter Country Park

Shirebrook

SHIREBROOK

Pleasley Pit

GLAPWELL

PLEASLEY PIT

MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE

MANSFIELD

Hardwick Hall

Pleasley Vale