

It is important when out walking to respect the countryside code..

Respect other people

Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors

Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear

Leave gates and property as you find them

Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

Follow advice and local signs



Protect the natural environment

Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home

Don't have BBQs or fires

Keep dogs under effective control

Dog poo - bag it and bin it



Circular Walk via Foremark

A warning, some of the paths are bridleways and walkers need to be aware that horse riders and cyclist use the route, also some of the way marked signs are missing.

The walk in the writer's estimation, is best done in an anticlockwise direction. A good walk at any time of the year but particularly in the Spring for the bluebells, and the Autumn for the colourful trees in Heath Wood.

From Repton village hall return to the High Street turn left, and left onto Pinfold Lane, (off the square) to Milton, passing the Mount Pleasant Inn on the way.

On reaching the village turn right and immediately left down the tarmacked lane, at the end of which there is a good sign post, the way is straight ahead following the stone lane. This was the site of a Saw Mill. (There are two footpath signs, the correct route is via the sign to the left, marked as a bridleway)

After the lane the walker skirts to the right around the field edge and walks on towards and straight on through the copse on the other side of the dip. Here in the Spring are lovely bluebells.

The path now has fields on either side with lovely trees, firstly on the right and after a farm track junction on the left. At this 90 degree turn in the track the route is straight on, the track has no public access or right of way after this turn.

The route skirts the top of a field before ½ mile along the path a junction is reached in a dip, here turn left. (A short way beyond on the right is the ‘Hanging Stone’. Folk law says a sheep rustler rested there with a sheep on a rope. He fell asleep and the sheep wandered round the stone and the man’s neck pulling it tight and killing him. True or false??)

The path follows the hedge on the right over 3 fields and exits onto the Ticknall/
Ingleby road where the walker turns left.

It is only a short distance until our path takes us left across a field to enter Heath Wood. The sign post is missing but the stile is in place.

A wood and avenue of deciduous trees takes the walker down to the grounds of Repton Prep. School. The trees are magnificent, as are the bluebells in the Spring.

The footpath joins the tarmacked path through the grounds (keep straight on at this point) giving a lovely view of the front of Foremark Hall and the lake opposite, and so out onto the stony track which leads to St Saviour’s Church. Turn left here and then take the footpath on the right over towards a copse.

This path crosses 3 fields and drops down through a small patch of scrub to a footbridge over a stream. Walk up into Milton and cross the road there to follow the signed footpath over the fields back to Repton

On reaching the houses follow the path ahead, over Holloway and so down to Springfield Road. Here turn right, and after passing Repton Primary School on the right turn left down Askew Grove back to the Village Hall.

The walk is approximately 5 miles. However it can be shortened by starting and finishing at Milton.

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