

## Easy Summer Walks

Two walks for this month whilst the children are on holiday, both easy to follow.

### Walk One

This commences at the Village Hall where refreshments including ice cream can be bought when the cafe is open.

The walk is approximately 3 miles and well walked with wonderful views.

Walk up to High Street and turn left walking towards The Square where the walker turns left again up Pinfold Lane. Pass the Mount Pleasant Inn and follow the track ahead to walk in front of Ridgeway Farmhouse, thence over 3 fields with only one stile to negotiate.

On reaching Robins Cross Lane turn left and take the path on the left opposite the (at the moment) leaning finger post. This leads the walker down to Milton through fields of barley. Swallows enjoy skimming the tops of the plants in search of insects, and skylarks hover above what may be their nests buried in the crop.

On reaching the road from Mount Pleasant turn right down into Milton. Stay on the pavement and walk through the village to take the footpath on the left, (the sign is on the opposite side of the road) through the houses to the path back over to Repton. Three fields to cross but no stiles to negotiate and different views to enjoy. At the end take the gravel footpath ahead crossing one road exiting onto Springfield Road.

Here turn right and walk down to Askew Grove which lies on the left just passed Repton Primary School, to return to the Village Hall.

### Repton Brook Circular Walk – Walk Two

Approximately 2 ½ miles.

In the Summer the growth of vegetation on the way out can be a little daunting for those wearing shorts or with short legs!

The brook is a much loved stream flowing parallel to the High Street. It rises near Hartshorne and for most of its journey flows through the parish of Repton to join the Old Trent Water near Brook End and from there into the river Trent.

Starting at The Cross walk down the High Street to Matthews Jitty (signed), take this and then through the kissing gate over the Brook, thus right parallel to the water out onto Pinfold Lane. Continue following the stream up into Wytan Court, where it flows behind the houses. At the top of the Close an unsigned footpath leads to the Memorial Arboretum, traverse this and over the stile ahead. After 50 metres turn right and wend your way in a southerly direction, over a stile, through 2 squeeze stiles, above the water but parallel to it, through yet more kissing gates and so out into a grassy field. The stream can be viewed at intervals to the right along this stretch through the trees.

Out into the field the willows on the bankside offer shade to animals in the summer, a lovely spot to linger.

Into Sledge Wood planted by the parishioners' to commemorate the Millenium, how it has grown! The stream burbles along to the right through the trees. Look for the Marsh Marigolds in the spring here. Lots of birds enjoy this environment, as well as woodland plants, particularly brambles!!

The path leads the walker out onto the minor road which runs from Lawn Bridge (on the right) up and over to the Ticknall to Ashby road. It is worth diverting here to look over the bridge at the waterfalls and ponds which are all that are left from the Harper Crewe owned house, of which there is no sign.

Return and walk up the hill to the top. If one wants less road walking there are several paths within Sledge Wood which go up the hill.

On the brow of the hill take the first signed path on the left. This is well walked and offers fine views over Repton and the surrounding areas.

It is an easy walk back over a stile and 3 fields to Ridgeway Farm, and from there down the paved drive to Pinfold Lane. The walker can turn down here and return to the starting point via High Street.

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