

SHORT AND LONG CIRCULAR WALKS

Both walks start and finish at Repton Village Hall.
(NB Many of the circular waymarked discs are missing.)



SHORT WALK.

Time approximately 1 ½ hours

Walk up Askew Grove turning left at the top onto Springfield Road. On reaching Milton Road cross with care, turn left and first right (Burdett Way) to follow the footpath by the side of number 10. There is an aging wooden finger post here. The path leads up to the top of Askew Hill. Here the views are well worth the effort, namely the tower above Foremark Reservoir, Heath Wood, the cooling towers of Radcliffe on Soar power station, the Trent valley towards this and a huge area of cultivated land all laid out ahead. The Trig Point on the left in the trees is an indication of how high points were used by the OS when surveying the area in years gone by.

Descend the hill by the side of the hedge on the left, so to cross the plank bridge and stile into a 3rd field. Here the route may not be clear, but lies rising diagonally right mid way between the two large pylons seen ahead. Cross a stile in the hedge corner, and now the way is towards the right hand corner of the Sewage Works. Many Rowan Trees have been planted so good food for the bird life.

Thence down the right hand side of the enclosure, to exit into a grass field. Continue on the same line and close to the end of the field take the stile; turn left to walk a short way on the verge by the side of the Milton to Ingleby Road, before turning left down the quiet Waterworks Lane.

This is an excellent lane for spying hedgerow birds. The paved area gives way to a good gravel track. Where this narrows the footpath back to Repton lies on the left and is signed. **(Point B – see long walk directions)**

3 stiles are crossed before there is a chicane in the path, (why I have no idea). When a gap in the hedge on the right is reached the way is through the gap and then forward on the other side of the hedge to reach a farm gate. Left here and onto a good farm track which leads to the top of Monsom Lane. The Old Trent lies off to the right but is not seen.

On reaching Monsom Lane, turn right and look for the footpath sign on the left in about 50 metres. Take this to a green space behind houses, cross this to exit onto Milton Road.

The way back to the Village Hall is across the road to take the signed Cinder Track to Askew Grove, where one turns right.



LONG WALK

approximately 2 ¼ hours

As above to point **B**. Continue ahead down the narrow and somewhat overgrown path to a stile into a field which borders the Trent. The path then follows the hedge side on the right. Take time to look at the birds so often to be found by and on the river. In the summer, sand martins fly swiftly catching insects over the water, they nest in the sandy banks. Herons, mallards, swans and many others can be found in this lovely spot, opposite Twyford Village. The walker should note the tall post on which there is a lifebelt on the river bank. The Milton side of the water crossing that used to exist here.

Continue into the second field, a farm vehicle track assists in making the way obvious but the path does have discs signs too. Thence into a third field where the way is to head up towards the right hand corner. Just before this is reached a stout bridge leads the way over a deep ditch.

Turn left, following the field edge round to yet another good bridge leading into a large field. In the distance to the right can be seen Foremark Church. The path across the field lies just to the right of the power line posts ahead, and on to a not very obvious hedge corner. Indeed just continue on the line already being followed.

On reaching the hedge corner turn right and this leads onto a good farm road. Cross the Milton to Foremark road, and walk up towards the Church. It is well worth walking on a little way to explore this delightful building.

Just before reaching the Church two footpaths lie to the right, either of which leads to Milton.

(Another way is to continue along the track and through the buildings of Home Farm . The track crosses one field to join the bridleway between Ticknall and the Saw Mills at Milton, the latter to the right).

Either of these footpaths cross two fields before dropping down to a stream. The bridge lies somewhat hidden to the left. Cross and walk up the path to the road through Milton.

To return to the Village Hall in Repton, cross the road and take the signed footpath which lies just to right, cross the paved yard to take the well walked path up over 3 fields to the top of Holloway.

On reaching the gravel path walk down to turn right at the first path crossing follow this out onto Milton Road. Turn left and cross Springfield Road to take the Cinder Track in approximately 200mtrs onto Askew Grove where turning right will take the walker back to the Village Hall.

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Thank you to Jenny for providing details of such lovely walks over the past few months, I am sure many of The Village News readers will have enjoyed trying them. With autumn and winter nearly upon us we will hopefully be able to publish more walks in the spring.