

Turn left out of Brown's Lane. At the junction turn right up Pond Road. At Makeney Road turn right and after 50 metres cross the road opposite a footpath. Follow the path over a stile, continue ahead over the brow of the hill and then bearing diagonally to the right through the gap in the hedge. Continue ahead with the hedge on your right.

*On a good day there are good views of Alport Heights. Its 314 metre peak is 7.5 kilometres away, topped by an array of aerials.*

13. Cross the road **beware of traffic** and turn left down the road. After 50 metres take the footpath on the right next to house number 28. Follow the footpath, keeping to the hedge on your right, over 2 fields and across the third field. Go through the 2 farm gates close together and walk along the track with Wildersley Farm on your right. Continue along the farm track all the way to Holbrook road.

*On the left are Stephenson's Tower (a siting tower built in 1839) and airshafts from the Derby Sheffield railway.*

14. Cross the road and turn right. At the top of the road (after approximately 150 metres) turn left and follow the alleyway all the way until you come to a crossroads of footpaths. Again continue ahead; the path part way along becomes tarmac.

15. At the end of the surfaced path with handrail, continue ahead bearing right down through the trees. The path cuts to the back of a playing field and through a hedgeline. Turn left to continue straight down the hill with the two churches on the skyline. The path joins a tarmac path, which goes over a stream and all the way to New Breck Road. Cross the road and the next (Queen Street) heading up into Belper. At the main road turn left (turn right up the hill onto the market place and into the Coppice car park if walk started here). Cross at the lights and turn right. After 20 metres turn left through the arched doorway into the Memorial Gardens. At King Street turn left downhill. Turn right next to the supermarket to lead you back to the starting point.

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| <b>WALK TYPE</b> | Hilly countryside with several steep climbs             |
| <b>DISTANCE</b>  | 7.2 miles (11.6 km)                                     |
| <b>TIME</b>      | Allow 3.5 – 4 hours                                     |
| <b>BUSES</b>     | Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 (7.00am – 9.00pm)           |
| <b>TRAIN</b>     | National Rail Enquiry Services on 08457 484950 (24 hrs) |
| <b>WAYMAKING</b> | Routeway 11   |
| <b>OS MAP</b>    | Explorer 259 (1:25,000) Derby                           |

#### PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

- Be safe — plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

#### For further walks and visitor information go to [www.visitambervalley.com](http://www.visitambervalley.com)

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# AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS

## BELPER TO KILBURN



**Start Belper Railway Station car park (Grid Ref. 347 476)**  
**Alternatively the Coppice Car Park and join the walk at section 2 (Grid Ref. 350 474)**

*Belper is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 and was a market town based on local agricultural activity. With the arrival of the Strutt family in the 18th century, textile milling became the chief occupation and the haphazard layout of streets and buildings was replaced with a more formal arrangement.*

1. Follow the signs towards the railway platform. Walk on down the right-hand side of the supermarket on to King Street, the main shopping street. Turn left to go up the hill. At the top, turn left and cross at the lights.
2. Bear diagonally right to cross the old market place and go through into a large car park heading for the woodland. Go down the steps and follow the path over the footbridge.

*You are now in Belper Parks Local Nature Reserve, a former medieval deer park and once part of the Duffield Frith.*

Bear left to travel through the reserve all the way to Mill Lane.

3. Turn left, down the hill, and cross at the bend and go into the recreation ground. Immediately turn right (do not go over the footbridge) along the footpath with the brook on your left. Follow this path all the way to a field. Go through the squeeze stile and continue uphill over two fields until you reach the bridleway (single track).
4. Turn left along the bridleway and through the gate. Stay on the bridleway all the way to the road.
5. Turn left and cross the road **beware of traffic**. After 100 metres take the footpath on your right which travels between Sandbed House and the hedge. Go over the stile and turn left keeping to the hedge on your left. Travel over 5 fields.

6. At the sixth field do not go down the track but continue along the footpath which travels to the right of the track. At the main road turn left uphill. Cross the straight section **beware of traffic**. As the road bends left, take the alleyway on the right which passes in front of Ireton Houses. Climb the stile and cut across the field bearing diagonally left towards the bridleway.

7. Go across track, through hedge and turn right along bridleway. At next gate bear left and follow bridleway downhill. Cross footbridge over the A38. Once across, continue ahead down the track, heading towards the trees. Follow the track as it turns to the right, keeping the hedge on your right. Continue following the path through the trees for a considerable distance.

8. Before you reach the old metal railway bridge turn right at the sign and follow path to cross stream on footbridge. Cross next field and go through the gap in the hedge. Turn right and follow tarmac path alongside houses. Continue ahead travelling parallel with the railway line (on your left) on the tarmacked path. At the junction turn left to cross over the disused railway. Continue straight on over the footbridge to the road.
9. Cross the road **beware of traffic** and turn right. After 150 metres take the footpath on the left which travels through a field. Cross the road and continue over the footbridge and up through the field to a kissing gate at the top. Walk along the street past the schools. At the junction turn right down the road. At the roundabout turn left.



10. After 150 metres cross the road opposite to the marked footpath by the bus stop. Follow the path as it passes through a field, keeping the hedge on your right, until you reach the main road. Turn right at the road and after a short distance cross the road **beware of traffic**, opposite the footpath, and continue forwards. At the junction turn left to follow the former railway.
11. Go through the tunnel and continue for 200 metres. Turn right once you reach two metal poles and go over stile. Continue ahead with the hedge on your right.
12. Go over stile and cross the footbridge and continue uphill with the hedge on your right. At the brow cut across the narrow section of field to a stone stile in the hedge. Continue diagonally across to the far right corner and into the green lane and up into Holbrook.