

right, sign-posted to Inns Lane. At the next stile turn left and cross the footbridge over Boggy Brook. Directly ahead, climb the stile and follow the path with the hedge on the left. Continue straight ahead to follow the footpath as it climbs up the hill through six fields. There are excellent views of Wingfield Manor.

10. The footpath meets a stone wall here. Turn right to head north-west to travel up the hill. Continue over several fields and through a field gate. At the farm track turn left to travel along the track towards Hill Top Farm. Just after the farm bear right up the hill. Cross through the middle of two small fields. The path bears right to travel behind two houses and then left down steps on to the road. Turn right to travel along the road, *beware of traffic*, for ¼ mile until you reach Mooredge Farm. Take the footpath sign-posted to the church which travels alongside Mooredge Farm. Head roughly for Crich Church. Go through the squeeze stile and straight across the field. This footpath runs along the right-hand side of the hedge, parallel with a farm track. Head towards the church, and the stile is in the bottom left-hand corner of the field. Go through the stile and head towards the graveyard. The path goes up the right-hand side of the graveyards, old and new. At the top turn right, go through the kissing gate and head towards Crich Stand.

11. Travel over 2 fields keeping to the stone wall on your left. At the road, turn left and continue to follow the road round to the right, past the Crich Tramway. (To go up to Crich Stand see map). Just past the museum cross the road, *beware of traffic*, to take the bridleway which leads to Crich. This path bears left and through a field. On the left there is an old railway bridge. Continue straight ahead at the finger post. Follow the road which leads onto Coast Hill. Bear to the right and follow the road as it winds down the hill. Turn left at the junction to bring you all the way to the market place, your starting point.

WALK TYPE	Hilly countryside with several steep climbs
DISTANCE	5.5 miles (8.8 km)
TIME	Allow 3.5 hours
BUSES	Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 (7.00am - 9.00pm)
TRAIN	Rail Enquiry Service on 08457 48 49 50 (open 24 hrs)
WAYMAKING	Routeway 7
OS MAP	Explorer (1:25,000) 269 Chesterfield & Alfreton Landranger (1:50,000) 119 Buxton & Matlock

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

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AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS

CRICH



Crich is a delightful old village in the heart of Amber Valley. Crich formed an important part of the pack horse route crossing the hills - see the stone troughs in the market place. Crich is also rich in natural minerals including limestone and lead.

Start - Crich Market Place (Grid Ref 349542)

1. Walk up Sandy Lane past the Baptist Church, (*beware of traffic*), and just after the Fire Station take the footpath on the left, sign-posted to Chadwick Nick. Continue straight ahead through the squeeze stile, through 5 small fields along the Tors.

To the right and behind you there are views of Crich Stand and St Mary's Church. Crich Stand is dedicated to members of the Sherwood Foresters Regiment.

2. Follow the footpath which turns left down the stone steps to the road. Turn left to walk along the road, *beware of traffic*. After ½ mile, take the footpath on the left sign-posted to the Common. Cross the road, *beware of traffic*, and follow the road almost opposite (Fritchley Lane). Continue down the lane into Fritchley village. At the Green, travel straight ahead to follow Bowmer Lane which bears to the right and then drops down the valley.

3. Follow the footpath which skirts the Sewage Works and cross the footbridge. Continue ahead, keeping to the boundary on your left. Cross the second footbridge and travel along the field parallel to the railway line.

At the end of the field do not take the stile to go across the railway line but turn left to go up the hill, keeping the hedgerow on your right. You will travel through 4 fields with the hedge on your right.

4. Go over the stile hidden in the hedge and turn left to continue up the hill. Cross the road, *beware of traffic*, and follow the track opposite.

Continue straight ahead over the stiles until you come to a woodland on your left. Do not take the stile into the woodland. Climb over the stile ahead and turn right, keeping the field boundary on your right.

5. At the gate and squeeze stile turn right. This bridleway has walls and hedges either side. Follow this main bridleway through the gate, bearing left as it winds down the hill.
6. After ½ mile, just after the track bends to the right, you reach a stile on your left. Ahead of you there are good views of Wingfield Manor on the sky line. Climb over the stile, continue straight ahead (keeping to the hedge on your left) to the stile next to an oak tree. Go over the stile and travel through the woodland. The path is uneven in places. Keep to the path which passes by the pond. At the stone wall, climb over the stone stile and bear right towards a stile.
7. Do not cross the stile but turn right to double back into the woodland. Follow the path as it passes the ruin of a house and through a field. The public footpath is well waymarked and leads through a lawn and along a driveway which leads on to the road.
8. *Beware of traffic*. Turn right at the road and then almost immediately cross the road to take the footpath opposite. Climb up the hill for ½ mile, keeping to the hedge/stone wall on your left. At the crest of the hill the path continues straight ahead. Follow it, keeping to the boundary on your right. This footpath leads towards Wingfield Manor. There is no



public access to the manor from the route you are following. Follow the footpath as it heads downhill to the right of Wingfield Manor. At the junction turn left to follow the bridlepath north which bears left and eventually leads to the road (B5035).

English Heritage now administer the dramatic site of Wingfield Manor. The site contains extensive and impressive ruins of a former medieval Manor House. It was once the home of Bess of Hardwick's husband the Earl of Shrewsbury, who imprisoned Mary Queen of Scots here in 1569, 1584 and 1585. Please telephone to arrange a pre booked visit. Further details can be found on www.english-heritage.org.uk The Manor is privately owned so access is unavailable outside of these arrangement.

9. Cross the road, *beware of traffic*. Turn left and after 150 metres take the footpath on your