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## Bookings

**Booking in advance is essential for all walks.**  
**No ticket is needed, the Walk Leader will have a list on the day.**

To book, click on the link at the bottom of your chosen walk(s). This will take you to the Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre's booking website.



You can also book by phone on 01246 345777 or in person at the Visitor Information Centre, which is next to the Crooked Spire in Rykneld Square, Chesterfield, S40 1SB.

All the walks are free except for Boats & Boots (6, 9, 22, 25, 36, 38, 40, 41, 48, 52), Walks 2, 11 and 43, for which there will be a collection on the day by the walk leaders for their organisations, and Walk 8 which includes a meal. However, the Chesterfield Canal Trust will pay a fee to Chesterfield VIC for taking all the bookings. Walk leader will take a voluntary collection. The money

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will go to pay this fee. Any extra monies will go towards the Chesterfield Canal Trust's Restoration Fund.

17th July 2019

For further information, email [walkfest@chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk](mailto:walkfest@chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk).

## Walk gradings

**Gentle** – Short walks on flat ground or very gentle gradients. No stiles.



**Canal &  
River Trust**

Making life better by water

**Easy** – Walks for reasonably fit people. There may be gentle gradients and stiles.

**Moderate** – Walks for people with a good level of fitness. There may be some steep gradients and stiles.

**Strenuous** – Long walks, suitable for regular walkers with a good level of fitness. There may be gradients and stiles. The walk may be taken at a brisk pace.

## Saturday 14th September

### 1 Clayworth

The Chesterfield Canal meanders around the village, bringing with it an array of interesting wildlife and an insight to life on the water. We take a short diversion to the heart of the village to visit the picturesque St. Peter's Church; the home of the world famous Traquair Murals which are the largest pieces of ecclesiastic art work in the East of England. The church tower houses a ring of eight bells, the oldest dating back to 1629. Clayworth has changed very little over the years, with pretty cottages and two pubs in a traditional rural setting. It has much to offer, set alongside the sleepy Chesterfield canal and this super little walk captures traditional village life at its best.

Distance: 2½ miles

Grading: Gentle

Starting point: Corner of Town Street and Beck Lane, Clayworth, DN22 9AQ

Grid reference: SK 730879

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 11 a.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here](#).**

## **2 Harthill, Thorpe Salvin and Kiveton**

We will head out from Harthill across the fields to Thorpe Salvin and then down to the canal. We will then follow the canal to Kiveton Park, returning via Kiveton Community Woodland to Harthill village.

Distance: 7½ miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: Woodall Lane car park, Harthill, S26 7YQ

Grid reference: SK 492806

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 2 p.m.

Circular walk

£3 collected on the day for Creswell Heritage Trust

**To book this walk, [click here](#).**

## **3 Historic Churches Walk**

There will be the chance to visit four beautiful historic rural churches and support Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride, [click here](#) for more information. We will start at St Mary's Georgian church in West Stockwith before joining the canal at the basin. After walking to Misterton, visiting Grade I listed All Saints' Parish Church with its Piper window, we will rejoin the canal, heading to Gringley-on-the-Hill with the chance to visit St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church at the top of the hill. Back to the canal, we follow the towpath to St Peter's Parish Church in Clayworth to see the amazing Traquair Murals. An art exhibition is planned here, so you can relax at the end of your walk.

Distance: 8 miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: St Mary's Church, Main Street, West Stockwith, DN10 4EY

Grid reference: SK 790947

Starting time: 10.15 a.m.

Finishing point: St Peter's Church, Town Street, Clayworth, DN22 9AD

Grid reference: SK 726883

Finishing time: 3.15 p.m.

Linear walk, no stiles

Free of charge

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Starting time: 1.30 p.m.

Finishing time: 2.30 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

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## **Sunday 15th September**

#### **5 Boats & Boots from Retford**

We will board the boat for a cruise up to the Gate Inn at Clarborough through a wide lock, then alight and continue along the canal for around half a mile before ascending to Lover's Walk. We will then go to Clarborough, passing St. John the Baptist Church, which dates back to 1260. Another ascent will take us on to The Baulk for sweeping views west towards Retford, before heading back to the Hop Pole.

Distance: 4 miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: The Hop Pole, 96 Welham Road, Retford, DN22 6UG

Grid reference: SK 717818

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 12.30 p.m.

Circular cruise/walk

£7 per person

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **6 Retford Heritage Walk**

Led by experienced guides from the Retford Civic Society, we will take in the magnificent Market Square with its range of Georgian buildings, Cannon Square, local Churches and other historic buildings before passing through the award-winning Kings' Park for a meander along the Chesterfield Canal which then crosses over the River Idle!

Distance: 2 miles

Grading: Gentle

Starting point: Bay Tree Restaurant car park, 86 Carolgate, Retford, DN22 6AS

Grid reference: SK 706807

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 11.30 a.m.

Circular walk, no stiles but some steps

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **7 Babworth**

The small, but quintessentially English hamlet of Babworth was the birthplace of the Pilgrim Fathers, who were the early settlers of Plymouth, Massachusetts and founders of the New World. All Saints Church dates back over 900 years and has significant connections to the Pilgrim story. The final stretch of our walk takes us over field edge tracks, ancient woodland and by road, where we follow in the footsteps of Dick Turpin, before joining the Chesterfield Canal. We stop for a special 'Posh Picnic' supplied by baRnaby's of Blyth (cost applies) before returning to Babworth.

Distance: 7½ miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: Babworth Church, Babworth, DN22 8EP

Grid reference: SK 687809

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 1.30 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Walk includes 'Posh Picnic' supplied by baRnaby's of Blyth costing £17.50 (£7 for children). This must be paid in advance.

There is a booking fee of £1.40.

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **8 Restoration Walk**

We will walk the gap in the Chesterfield Canal that has yet to be restored. We will stop at regular intervals to talk about the

proposed restoration plans. After booking, please ring 01246 477569 if you would like to arrange to leave cars at the finish.

Distance: 9 miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: Staveley Town Basin, Eckington Road, Staveley, S43 3XZ

Grid reference: SK 435751

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing point: Kiveton Waters, Hard Lane, Kiveton, S26 6NA

Grid reference: SK 495824

Finishing time: 3 p.m.

Linear walk

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

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Grading: Easy

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Grid reference: SK 717818

Starting time: 1 p.m.

Finishing time: 3.30 p.m.

Circular cruise/walk

£7 per person

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Distance: 2 miles

Grading: Gentle

Starting point: Bay Tree Restaurant car park, 86 Carolgate, Retford, DN22 6AS

Grid reference: SK 706807

Starting time: 2 p.m.

Finishing time: 3.30 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles but some steps

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

## Monday 16th September

### 11 Mr Straw's Towpath Trek

Join us on this circular walk taking in some historic sites of Worksop and the section of Chesterfield Canal that runs through this historic market town. The walk sets off from the National Trust property Mr Straw's House, please note this is closed to visitors on Sundays and Mondays however the Tea Room will be open for a selection of hot or cold drinks and cake with toilet facilities available following the walk. We will walk the suburban streets of the town before taking in the more industrial areas that afforded the town its past wealth. Guides will be on hand to point out sites of interest as we take a leisurely stroll down memory lane.

Distance: 4 miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: Mr Straw's House, 5 Blyth Grove, Warwick Villa, Worksop, S81 0JG

Grid reference: SK 590801

Starting time: 9.30 a.m.

Finishing time: 11.30 a.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

£5 collected on the day for the National Trust

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### 12 Birdwatch at Bluebank

We will be looking for birds and other wildlife along the canal and Bluebank Loops. An easy pace over flat terrain, so suitable for all.

Distance: 1½ miles

Grading: Gentle

Starting point: Tipton Lock Visitor Centre, Lockford Lane, Chesterfield, S41 7JB

Grid reference: SK 387729

Starting time: 9.30 a.m.

Finishing time: 11.30 a.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **13 Shireoaks**

A stroll through the pit village of Shireoaks taking in the heritage, wildlife and current day recreational facilities. Starting at Shireoaks Marina, we will go through the village explaining the history of the village hall and church then go to see the Shireoaks Hall and the Hewitt Arms before going up through the Pit row to the old signal box then go into Woodlands to see the work being done on the wildlife habitat. Going round the 33 hectare Woodlands reclamation site there will be ample opportunity to view the wildlife and see the work that has been done to create Nottinghamshire's Coronation Meadow.

Distance: 3 miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: Adjacent to Shireoaks Marina on Marina Drive, Shireoaks, S81 8NQ.

Grid reference: SK 557809

Starting time: 10.30 a.m.

Finishing time: 12.30 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **14 Kiveton Round**

An easy stroll around the lanes and restored former Kiveton Colliery site, including the fishing ponds which will become a marina and the route that the restored canal will take. We will visit the old pit head hilltop before returning to the station.

Distance: 3 miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: Kiveton Bridge Railway Station, S31 8QP

Grid reference: SK 488829

Starting time: 1.30 p.m.

Finishing time: 3.30 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

## **Tuesday 17th September**

### **15 Full length walk stage 1 – West Stockwith to Retford**

*Please note that if you book this walk you must also do Stages 2 and 3 on Wednesday and Thursday.*

This includes Misterton, some remote areas near Gringley,

Drakeholes Tunnel and Clayworth. After booking, please ring 01246 477569 if you would like to arrange to leave cars at the finish.

Distance: 15 miles

Grading: Strenuous

Starting point: West Stockwith Basin, Canal Lane, DN10 4ET

Grid reference: SK 785945

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing point: Retford Town Lock, behind Retford Little Theatre, Wharf Lane, DN22 6EN

Grid reference: SK 705807

Finishing time: 5 p.m.

Linear walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **16 Misterton**

We will explore the local history, especially the Victorian and Edwardian boom years of the village, comparing the village now and then, using old photographs. We will finish at All Saints Parish Church which dates from the 13th century. The east window of the Holy Cross chapel was designed by John Piper and made by his glassmaker, Patrick Reyntiens, famous for their work on Coventry Cathedral's restored Baptistry window, one of the greatest stained glass windows in the world.

Distance: 2 miles

Grading: Gentle

Starting point: Wharf Bridge, Wharf Road, Misterton, DN10 4EE

Grid reference: SK 768944

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing point: All Saints' Church, DN10 4AL

Finishing time: 12 noon

Linear walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **17 Thorpe Salvin, Lindrick Dale and Turnerwood**

Join us as we walk along one of the most beautiful parts of the canal, through woods, along a feeder channel and via the delightful hamlet of Turnerwood, before returning to the Parish Oven.

Distance: 6 miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: The Parish Oven, Worksop Road, Thorpe Salvin, S80 3JU

Grid reference: SK 523810

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 1 p.m.

Circular walk

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **18 Hollingwood, Staveley and Poolsbrook Country Park**

The walk will take in former industrial land, now green and restored, in an area where major developments are expected in next few years. We shall use the towpath on parts of the canal that are fully restored, undergoing restoration and areas awaiting attention. The walk includes a little used riverside path, a nature reserve and a country park.

Distance: 9 miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: Hollingwood Hub, 22 Works Road, Hollingwood, S43 2PF

Grid reference: SK 415746

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 3.30 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **19 Staveley Health Walk**

Come and join Chesterfield Borough Council's Staveley Health Walkers for a sociable stroll around the local area. We will start at Staveley Hall for a stroll down to the canal basin, then take the Cuckoo and Trans-Pennine trails to walk back up into Staveley, returning to Staveley Hall for refreshments and chat in the café. Suitable for those who are new to walking, would like to start to be more active or would just like some fresh air in good company. Some slopes and a few steps.

Distance: 2½ miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: Staveley Hall, Staveley, S43 3TN

Grid reference: SK 433749

Starting time: 10.15 a.m.

Finishing time: 11.30 a.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **20 Wildlife Walk**

Drakeholes to Clayworth and back again. The towpath along this stretch is grass/soil, the surface can be uneven in places. The

walk is through the Chesterfield Canal SSSI designated for its unique brackish aquatic flora. We will be on the lookout for wildlife along this beautiful, rural, stretch of canal.

Distance: 6 miles

Grading: Gentle

Starting point: Drakeholes Tunnel Depot, Wiseton Road, Drakeholes, DN10 5DF.

Grid reference: SK 706903

Starting time: 11 a.m.

Finishing time: 2.30 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **21 Ranby, Babworth and the Pilgrim Fathers**

A circular walk, mostly on footpaths, taking in the historic Babworth Church, strongly associated with the Pilgrim Fathers, before crossing the East Coast Main Line in Retford and returning to Ranby along the canal towpath.

Distance: 10 miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: Chequers Inn, Blyth Road, Ranby, DN22 8HT

Grid reference: SK 651809

Starting time: 11 a.m.

Finishing Time: 3 p.m.

Circular walk

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

## **Wednesday 18th September**

### **22 Boats & Boots – Lost Canals**

After a short trip on Hugh Henshall, we will use tracks, field paths and the towpath to discover the site of the former Oneslide Cut, an old hall with its own ornamental canal and a local quarry which is now a nature reserve, before returning via a long disused canal for a longer cruise on Hugh Henshall.

Distance: 2½ miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: Adjacent to Shireoaks Marina on Marina Drive, Shireoaks, S81 8NQ

Grid reference: SK 557809

Starting time: 9.15 a.m.

Finishing time: 12.45 p.m.

Circular walk, including 1½ hours on the boat  
£10 per person

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **23 Full length walk stage 2 – Retford to Kiveton Park**

*Please note that if you book this walk you must also do Stages 1 and 3 on Tuesday and Thursday.*

*Please book on Walk 15 above.*

This includes the delightful Giant's Staircase of 22 locks in just over a mile.

Distance: 16 miles

Grading: Strenuous

Starting point: Retford Town Lock, behind Retford Little Theatre, Wharf Lane, DN22 6EN

Grid reference: SK 705807

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing point: Dog Kennel Bridge, next to Kiveton Park Station, Red Hill, S26 6NP

Grid reference: SK 507824

Finishing time: 5 p.m.

Linear walk, no stiles

Free of charge

### **24 Gringley History Walk**

We will explore the Parish Church, Gringley Hall (once used as TB hospital), the school, the former Methodist Church and School Room, the site of a Government Borstal and the canal from Gringley Top Lock to Shaw Lock, returning to Finkle Street and Beacon Hill, with views of the surrounding area, including Lincoln Cathedral, High Street, Horsewells and the Blue Bell Pub.

Distance: 4½ miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: Gringley Parish Church, High Street, Gringley-on-the-Hill, DN10 4RF

Grid reference: SK 736907

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 12.30 p.m.

Circular walk, one stile

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **25 Boats & Boots – Lost Canals**

After a long cruise on Hugh Henshall, we will use tracks, field paths and the towpath to discover a long disused canal that served a local quarry which is now a nature reserve. We will go on to an old hall with its own ornamental canal, before visiting

the site of the former Oneslide Cut and returning via a short trip on Hugh Henshall.

Distance: 2½ miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: The bridge over the canal next to Shireoaks Railway Station, Shireoaks Common, Shireoaks, S81 8LW

Grid reference: SK 555811

Starting time: 10.30 a.m.

Finishing time: 2 p.m.

Circular walk, including 1½ hours on the boat

£10 per person

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

## **26 Canal, River and Railway**

We will walk along the canal and the River Rother finishing up at Barrow Hill Engine Shed, Britain's last surviving working railway roundhouse, where an optional guided tour will be available for £3. We will see lots of beautiful flora and fauna as well as the industrial heritage of this remarkable area. An expert birdwatcher will accompany us.

Distance: 4 miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: Tapton Lock Visitor Centre, Lockoford Lane, Chesterfield, S41 7JB

Grid reference: SK 387729

Starting time: 11.15 a.m.

Finishing point: Barrow Hill Roundhouse, S43 2PR

Grid reference: SK 413754

Finishing time: 1 p.m.

Linear walk, no stiles, some steps

Walk free of charge, but £3 for optional tour of Roundhouse

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

## **27 Drakeholes and Wiseton**

We will walk to the hidden gem which is Drakeholes and then along the towpath, passing under the amazing Man Face Bridge. Further on we will leave the canal and explore the delightful hamlet of Wiseton, passing its grand house, before returning via the towpath.

Distance: 4 miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: The Manor House Nursery, Gainsborough Road, Everton, DN10 5BW

Grid reference: SK 696907

Starting time: 1.30 p.m.

Finishing time: 3 p.m.

Circular walk  
Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

## **Thursday 19th September**

### **28 Top Pound and Giant's Staircase**

We will meet at Worksop Railway Station and catch the train to Kiveton Bridge. From there we will walk over the Norwood Tunnel and along the canal past 32 locks back to Worksop.

Distance: 7 miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: Worksop Railway Station, S81 7AG

Grid reference: SK 586798

Starting time: 9.30 a.m.

Finishing point: Worksop Town Centre, S80 1DX

Grid reference: SK 585792

Finishing time: 2 p.m.

Linear walk, no stiles

Free of charge, but train fare needed.

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **29 Idle Valley Nature Reserve**

We will walk along the canal towpath and through Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's Idle Valley Nature Reserve, with plenty of opportunity to watch the birds along the way. The Reserve covers an area of 430 hectares and is one of the largest sites for nature conservation in the East Midlands. It is particularly important for wetland birds and is well used by both resident and migratory species, with 251 species having been recorded so far. We will encounter a variety of different habitats including open water, woodland and scrub.

Distance: 6 miles

Grading: Easy (slow – bird watching)

Starting point: Retford & Worksop Boat Club, Clayworth

Common, Clayworth, DN22 9AJ

Grid reference: SK 731877

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 3 p.m.

Circular walk

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **30 Full length walk stage 3 – Kiveton Park to Chesterfield**

*Please note that if you book this walk you must also do Stages 1 and 2 on Tuesday and Wednesday.*

*Please book on Walk 15 above.*

This includes 9 miles along the restoration route through Killamarsh and Renishaw and 6 miles along the restored canal and the River Rother.

Distance: 15 miles

Grading: Strenuous

Starting point: Dog Kennel Bridge, next to Kiveton Park Station, Red Hill, S26 6NP Grid reference: SK 507824

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing point: Waterside gates, Holbeck Close, Chesterfield, S41 7XH

Grid reference: SK 387715

Finishing time: 5 p.m.

Linear walk, no stiles

Free of charge

### **31 Canal, Coal and Cannonballs**

From Hollingwood Hub we shall walk a few metres to discuss the point where the Hollingwood Common underground canal started and its uses. A short section of road walking will take us to Ringwood Park then on to Westwood to access the disused rail bed, extending between Arkwright and Poolsbrook, at Bower Plantation. A short walk along the rail bed will take us to the approximate location of the old Adelphi Iron Works where its connection with the canal will be discussed. On then to Duckmanton, Poolsbrook and Woodthorpe before dropping down to the Norbriggs Cutting to discuss this section's connection with the canal. We shall then return to Hollingwood Hub via the canal towpath.

Distance: 10 miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: Hollingwood Hub, 22 Works Road, Hollingwood, S43 2PF

Grid reference: SK 415746

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 4 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here](#).**

### **32 Mushrooms, Toadstools and Trees – Identification and more!**

Come on a delightful stroll through Hawk's Wood and Old Spring Wood to see what the fruits of autumn have to offer. The walk will be led by Dr Patrick Harding, one of the country's

leading experts in mushrooms & toadstools and the author of eight books about wild flowers, trees, fungi and herbal medicine.

Distance: 3 miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: The Parish Oven, Worksop Road, Thorpe Salvin, S80 3JU

Grid reference: SK 523810

Starting time: 10.30 a.m.

Finishing time: 1 p.m.

Circular walk

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **33 Harthill Reservoirs**

A pleasant, attractive walk around Harthill Reservoirs, known locally as "The Ponds". There are three ponds and you can walk around just one, or two or all three of them. The ponds are feeder reservoirs for the Chesterfield Canal. Easy walking and the first pond has a solid path suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Distance: 1 – 3 miles

Grading: Gentle

Starting point: The public car park, Woodall Lane, Harthill, S26 7YQ

Grid reference: SK 492806

Starting time: 10.30 a.m.

Finishing time: 11.30 – 12.30 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **34 Brindley Loops**

Cut off in the late 1800s by the creation of new railways, the remnants of the original Chesterfield Canal are often left unnoticed. On this walk, follow the forgotten line of the Brindley Loops, stopping at industrial heritage sites along the way. Look out for nature and learn how the River Rother is being restored to create a more wildlife-rich river. The walk is mostly flat, but sections may get muddy, so please wear appropriate footwear.

Distance: 2½ miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: The public car park just south of the Sitwell Arms Hotel, Main Road, Renishaw, S21 3WF

Grid reference: SK 444781

Starting time: 1 p.m.

Finishing time: 2.30 p.m.

Circular walk, several stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **35 Bluebank Bat Walk**

Bring your torch and come along and turn bat detective. We will walk the canal towpath looking for signs and sounds of these fascinating night flying creatures. Bat detectors provided.

Walkers are welcome to join us for refreshments in the pub after the walk.

Distance: 2 miles

Grading: Gentle

Starting point: Car park next to the Mill Pub, Station Road, Brimington, S43 1LT

Grid reference: SK 392737

Starting time: 7.30 p.m.

Finishing time: 9 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

## **Friday 20th September**

### **36 Boats & Boots from Shireoaks**

We will walk up the towpath from Shireoaks to Turnerwood and then follow the canal's feeder channel along Anston Brook to South Anston. Returning to the canal at Thorpe Bridge, we will go down the towpath to Turnerwood to board the boat for a cruise back through seven locks to Shireoaks.

Distance: 7 miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: Shireoaks Marina, Marina Drive, Shireoaks, S81 8NQ

Grid reference: SK 557809

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 2.30 p.m.

Circular walk/cruise

£7 per person

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **37 Hollingwood and Poolsbrook circular**

Starting from Hollingwood Hub, we follow the canal to Staveley Town Basin. Then we pick up the Arkwright Trail before turning off to Poolsbrook Country Park. Here we take a coffee break using the café and toilet facilities. Those wishing to go the extra

mile can walk around the lake returning to collect anyone enjoying an extended break before retracing our steps. We turn off the trail to walk past Staveley Church picking up a path down to the canal via Constitution Hill bridge to return to Hollingwood Hub.

Distance: 7 miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: Hollingwood Hub, 22 Works Road, Hollingwood, S43 2PF

Grid reference: SK 415746

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 1.15 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **38 Boats & Boots from Shireoaks**

We will cruise through seven locks up to Turnerwood where we will alight and follow the canal's feeder channel along Anston Brook to South Anston. We will then return to the canal at Thorpe Bridge and walk down the towpath to Shireoaks.

Distance: 7 miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: Shireoaks Marina, Marina Drive, Shireoaks, S81 8NQ

Grid reference: SK 557809

Starting time: 11 a.m.

Finishing time: 3.30 p.m.

Circular cruise/walk

£7 per person

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **39 Misterton and West Stockwith**

Joining the canal at Wharf Bridge, we will walk along the towpath to West Stockwith Marina, where the canal meets the River Trent. We will follow the Trent to the River Idle, taking its bank to Misterton Soss and thence back via the canal.

Distance: 3½ miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: The Pantry, 27 Grovewood Road, Misterton, DN10 4EF

Grid reference: SK 769940

Starting time: 1.30 p.m.

Finishing time: 3 p.m.

Circular walk

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **40 Boats & Boots from Tipton Lock**

Board the boat and cruise through two locks to the Bluebank Pools Local Nature Reserve. Here you disembark for a lovely stroll back to the Visitor Centre. Watch for wildlife and enjoy the canal from the water and towpath.

There is space for two wheelchairs on the boat and the towpath is wheelchair friendly.

Distance: 2 miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: Tipton Lock Visitor Centre, Lockford Lane, Chesterfield, S41 7JB

Grid reference: SK 387729

Starting time: 2 p.m.

Finishing time: 4 p.m.

Circular cruise/walk, no stiles

£7 per person

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **41 Boats & Boots from Tipton Lock**

Take a walk along this beautiful stretch of canal to the Bluebank Pools Local Nature Reserve. Then board the boat for your return cruise through two locks to the Visitor Centre. Watch for wildlife and enjoy the canal from the water and towpath.

There is space for two wheelchairs on the boat and the towpath is wheelchair friendly.

Distance: 2 miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: Tipton Lock Visitor Centre, Lockford Lane, Chesterfield, S41 7JB

Grid reference: SK 387729

Starting time: 2 p.m.

Finishing time: 4 p.m.

Circular walk/cruise, no stiles

£7 per person

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

## **Saturday 21st September**

### **42 Railway Ramble**

Take the train to Retford for a delightful linear walk following the Cuckoo Way beside the canal from Retford to Worksop. A shorter option is to leave after 5 miles at Ranby to catch a bus to

Retford or Worksop.

Distance: 10 miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: Retford Railway Station, Station Road, Retford,  
DN22 7DG

Grid reference: SK 701803

Starting time: 9.45 a.m.

Finishing point: Worksop Railway Station, S81 7AG

Grid reference: SK 586798

Finishing time: 3.00 p.m.

Linear walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **43 Shireoaks, Lindrick Dale and Turnerwood Heritage Walk**

From Shireoaks Marina, we will walk into the village and pick the canal up for a short section. After crossing fields to woodland and Lindrick Dale, we will take a footpath back to the canal taking in Turnerwood Locks. Just before we get back to Shireoaks, we will again leave the canal for the village, then back to the canal to return to the marina.

Distance: 5 miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: Shireoaks Marina, Marina Drive, Shireoaks, S81  
8NA

Grid reference: SK 557809

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 1 p.m.

Circular walk

£3 collected on the day for Creswell Heritage Trust

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **44 The Canal around Killamarsh**

Before setting off we shall take a look at an exhibition of plans for the restoration of the canal in the area. The walk will include unrestored lengths of towpath, potential new routes around obstructions and a section of the River Rother where the Trust has aspirations for a brand new canal to the centre of Rotherham. We shall visit Rother Valley Country Park, the hidden gem of Norwood locks and take a look at the historic Norwood Tunnel.

Distance: 7 miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: Killamarsh Leisure Centre, Stanley Street,  
Killamarsh, S21 1EL

Grid reference: SK 457811

Starting time: 10.30 a.m.

Finishing time: 3 p.m.

Circular walk

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **45 Children's Walk from Tapton Lock**

Join one of our rangers for this discovery walk from Tapton Lock.

We'll have fun activities, discover what lives in the water and learn a bit about how the canal works. Children need to make sure that they bring an adult for this family friendly walk.

Distance: 2 miles

Grading: Gentle

Starting point: Tapton Lock Visitor Centre, Lockoford Lane, Chesterfield, S41 7JB

Grid reference: SK 387729

Starting time: 11 a.m.

Finishing time: 1 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **46 An introduction to Geocaching**

A steady stroll along the Chesterfield Canal from Ranby to Lady Bridge on Sutton Lane and back. This walk is for people who would like to experience the hobby of Geocaching with some experienced players. Geocaching is for all ages from 1 to 100. You will need a pen, some tweezers and possibly a smartphone with 3G access though none of these items are compulsory.

Distance: 6 miles, or 3 miles if you stop at Lady Bridge (DN22 8JS)

Grading: Gentle

Starting point: Ranby Oaks bench on Blyth Road, DN22 8HZ (opposite Ranby Village Hall)

Grid reference: SK 649812

Starting time: 12 noon

Finishing time: 3 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

**Sunday 22nd September**

### **47 South Anston, Lindrick Dale and Shireoaks**

This is part of the canal that starts to climb uphill towards Kiveton. We all know that water needs assistance to go up hill and this section of the canal doesn't disappoint with no fewer than 23 locks. The canal also meanders through some very pretty sections of woodland. We leave the canal and head towards South Anston and the beautiful Anston Stones Wood. These woods cover 83 acres and are described as the finest limestone native woodland in the North of England. Crossing the A57 we head for Lindrick Dale using footpaths over the golf course, before heading back to the canal and down to Shireoaks.

Distance: 8 miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: Shireoaks Marina, Marina Drive, Shireoaks, S81 8NQ

Grid reference: SK 557809

Starting time: 9.30 a.m.

Finishing time: 1.30 p.m.

Circular walk

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **48 Boats & Boots from Retford**

We will board the boat for a cruise up to the Gate Inn at Clarborough through a wide lock, then alight and continue along the canal for around half a mile before ascending to Lover's Walk. We will then go to Clarborough, passing St. John the Baptist Church, which dates back to 1260. Another ascent will take us on to The Baulk for sweeping views west towards Retford, before heading back to the Hop Pole.

Distance: 4 miles

Grading: Easy

Starting point: The Hop Pole, 96 Welham Road, Retford, DN22 6UG

Grid reference: SK 717818

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 12.30 p.m.

Circular cruise/walk

£7 per person

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **49 Retford Heritage Walk**

Led by experienced guides from the Retford Civic Society, we will take in the magnificent Market Square with its range of Georgian buildings, Cannon Square, local Churches and other historic buildings before passing through the award-winning Kings' Park

for a meander along the Chesterfield Canal which then crosses over the River Idle!

Distance: 2 miles

Grading: Gentle

Starting point: Bay Tree Restaurant car park, 86 Carolgate, Retford, DN22 6AS

Grid reference: SK 706807

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing time: 11.30 a.m.

Circular walk, no stiles but some steps

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **50 Restoration Walk**

We will walk the gap in the Chesterfield Canal that has yet to be restored. We will stop at regular intervals to talk about the proposed restoration plans. After booking, please ring 01246 477569 if you would like to arrange to leave cars at the finish.

Distance: 9 miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: Kiveton Waters, Hard Lane, Kiveton, S26 6NA

Grid reference: SK 495824

Starting time: 10 a.m.

Finishing point: Staveley Town Basin, Eckington Road, Staveley, S43 3XZ

Grid reference: SK 435751

Finishing time: 3 p.m.

Linear walk

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **51 Norwood Tunnel and the Giant's Staircase**

We will start with a short train ride from Shireoaks to Kiveton Park. We will then visit the Eastern Portal of the Norwood Tunnel before walking along the top pound and then descending the Thorpe Lock flight. After a short stop for refreshments at Turnerwood, we will explore the Brancliffe Feeder. After returning to Turnerwood, we will make our way back to Shireoaks.

Distance: 8 miles

Grading: Moderate

Starting point: Shireoaks Marina, Marina Drive, Shireoaks, S81 8NQ

Grid reference: SK 557809

Starting time: 10.50 a.m.

Finishing time: 3.50 p.m.

Circular walk

Free of charge, but train fare needed

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

### **52 Boats & Boots from Retford**

We will board the boat for a cruise up to the Gate Inn at Clarborough through a wide lock, then alight and continue along the canal for around half a mile before ascending to Lover's Walk. We will then go to Clarborough, passing St. John the Baptist Church, which dates back to 1260. Another ascent will take us on to The Baulk for sweeping views west towards Retford, before heading back to the Hop Pole.

Distance: 4 miles

Grading: Easy

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Grid reference: SK 717818

Starting time: 1 p.m.

Finishing time: 3.30 p.m.

Circular cruise/walk

£7 per person

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Distance: 2 miles

Grading: Gentle

Starting point: Bay Tree Restaurant car park, 86 Carolgate, Retford, DN22 6AS

Grid reference: SK 706807

Starting time: 2 p.m.

Finishing time: 3.30 p.m.

Circular walk, no stiles but some steps

Free of charge

**To book this walk, [click here.](#)**

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