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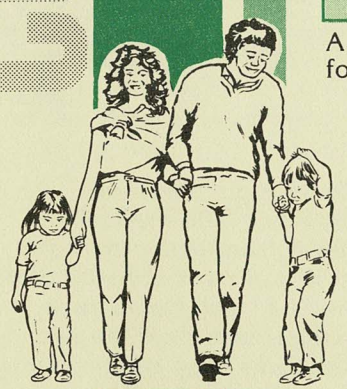

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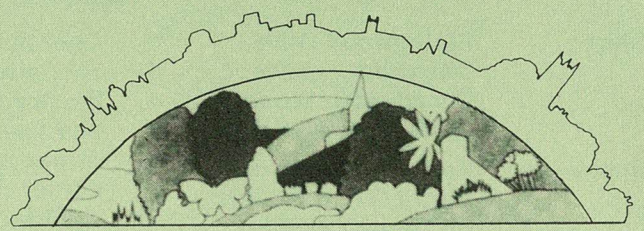
IN AND AROUND EREWASH



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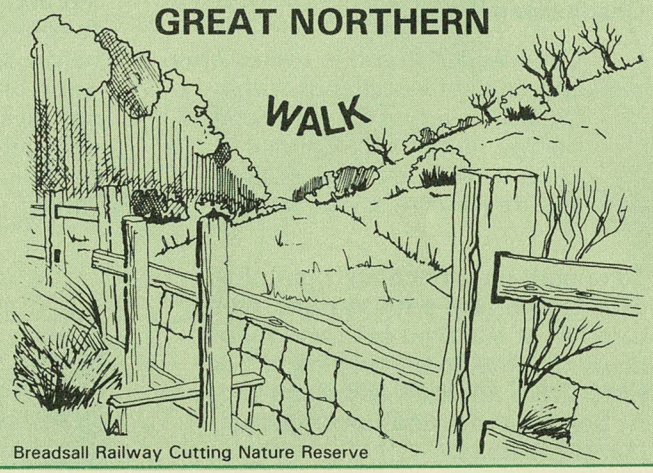

Breadsall Railway Cutting Nature Reserve

A scenic walk through historic landscapes around the former Great Northern Railway.

The Ramblers

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The Great Northern Walk 7 miles 3 — 4 hours

Start Springwood Drive, Oakwood, outside Chaddesden Wood Local Nature Reserve.

Buses For information call Barton/Trent busline on Derby 292200.

Time Allow 3 to 4 hours.

Type of Route Undulating countryside.

From Springwood Drive enter Chaddesden Wood.

Chaddesden Wood is one of only two ancient woodlands within Derby. Covering 23 acres and bought by the City Council in 1990, it was declared a Local Nature Reserve a year later.

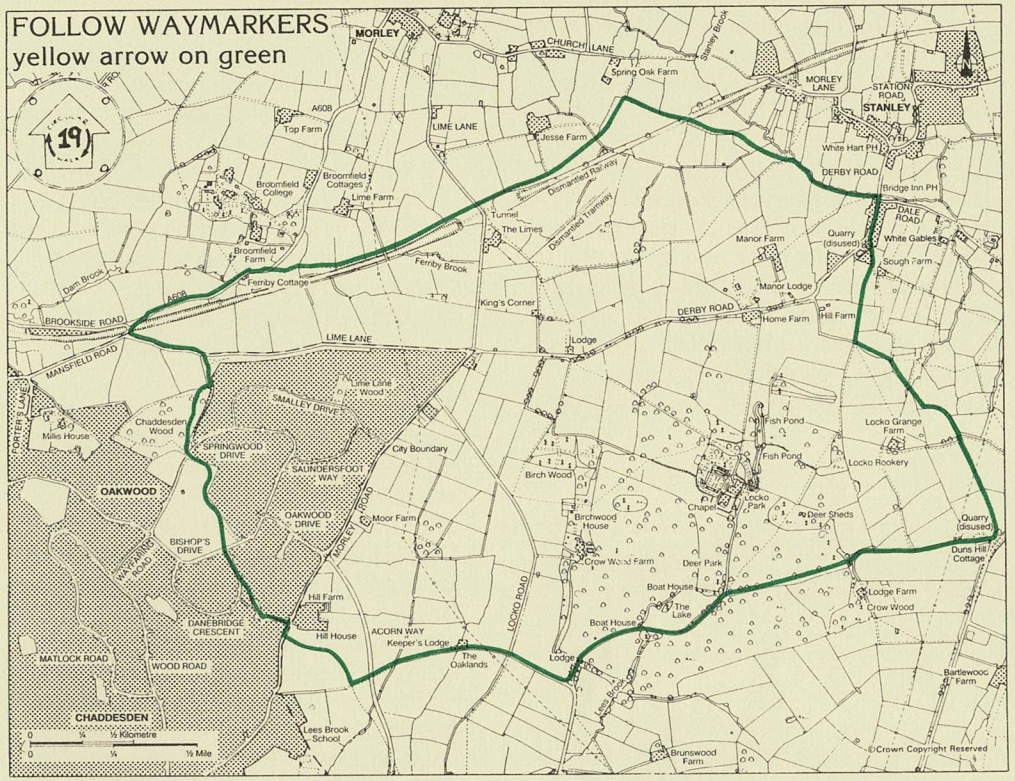
Take path on immediate right. Just over bridge take path to right, then turn left at surfaced path and follow down to Lime Lane, keeping left at fork. Cross and turn left along verge. At bottom cross and turn right on Mansfield Road.

The disused railway line on your right is part of the former Great Northern Railway linking Derby with Nottingham. After its closure in 1964 its value for nature conservation was recognised. It is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest because of the many varieties of wild flowers found within the grassland. Access is by permit only from Broomfield College which manages the site.

Continue along road, down hill and over stream. Cross road beyond Ferriby Cottage — TAKE CARE — and take stile on right. Walk to right of tree across field, over stile in corner. Follow field boundaries on right for five fields. At top cross small enclosed area with log seat and walk straight across field to road. Take farm track opposite and continue down. At sharp left bend towards Jesse Farm leave track and continue straight on down field bearing slight left and through gate at bottom. Walk to top of field bearing right just before stile. Follow hedge to left down on to old railway line. Turn left on track bed and take steps down on right after 20 yards. Follow field boundary on right for around 250 yards.

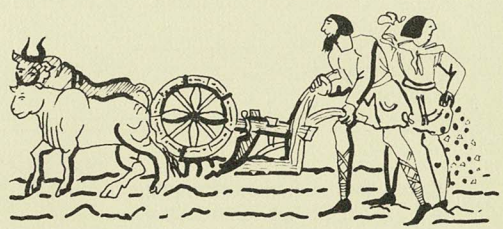
Broomfield Hall

Cross stile on right and walk diagonally down field gradually moving away from hedge on right. To left of line of trees at field bottom cross stile and small hump back bridge over stream. Bear left and where path forks keep right walking round edge of mound and straight to

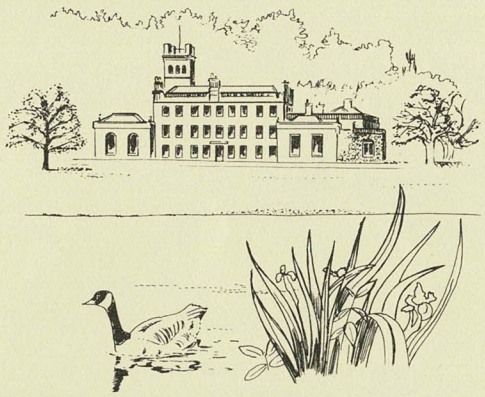


hedge ahead. Crossing stile with stone pillars turn left and follow meandering hedge on left for 180 yards. At gap cross ditch on left in to corner of next field. Follow Stanley Brook and thick hedge immediately to the left towards houses in Stanley village crossing two more stiles to road opposite The Bridge pub.

The fields before Stanley village show that the medieval open-field system of agriculture operated in the area. Large fields were divided into narrow strips and allocated to villagers for cultivation. The ploughing action caused soil to be pushed towards the middle, forming 'ridges and furrows'. Often strips formed a reverse 's' shape, caused by the turning of the oxen. The Parliamentary Enclosure Act towards the end of the 18th century brought this farming system to an end.



Cross and turn right following road. At bend bear left in to Quarry Farm. Continue up track and cross stile by gate. Bearing slight right walk up field towards middle of hedge at top. Cross stile and continue straight over next field to stile near top left corner after field has narrowed. Over stile turn immediate left and pass through bridleway gate.
Continue down field edge. Go through gate on right and follow hedge on right. Through gap bear slight right and continue between avenue of trees. Through wide gate walk along track to sharp left bend. Carry straight on over stile. After pond, walk down field to right keeping hedge on left. Continue up next field and wooded bank to bridleway. Turn right. Follow into Locko Park. At junction by lake turn left and follow up hill, through lodge gates to road.



Locko Hall and Lake.

Locko Park and its lake were laid out by William Emes in 1792. The first house was built for William Bird out of material from a dissolved Lazar Hospital for lepers which occupied the park. The present house has had many additions and owners in the past, but has been in the Drury-Lowe family, since the middle of the 18th century.

Turn right and at sharp right bend carry straight on down hedged track on left, past two houses and down to bottom of field. Through gap bear slight left up to road. TAKE CARE CROSSING ROAD. Cross and pass through gate opposite. Continue between fences and take stile on right after 100 yards. Bear left and cross stiles to Morley Road. Cross and turn right. Turn left into housing area after 80 yards. At fork bear right and up road to Danesbridge Crescent. Cross Bishops Drive into park and follow boundary on right until you return to start.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

GUARD AGAINST FIRE Every year, carelessness costs thousands of pounds.
FASTEN GATES - even if you find them open. Animals will wander if they can.
KEEP DOGS UNDER CONTROL - on a lead wherever there is livestock.
KEEP TO PATHS - if they exist.
AVOID DAMAGING FENCES, HEDGES AND WALLS
LEAVE NO LITTER
SAFEGUARD WATER SUPPLIES Do not pollute streams or cattle troughs.
PROTECT WILDLIFE, PLANTS, TREES
GO CAREFULLY ON COUNTRY ROADS Keep in single file, facing on-coming traffic, on the right.
RESPECT THE LIFE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

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