



# The Ecclesbourne Way

## The route

The length of the walk is approximately 11 miles. You can do the whole route as a full day walk.

## Getting there

There are trains and buses from Derby to Duffield. After the walk return from Wirksworth by bus or heritage train to Duffield. See next page for details.

## Shorter walks

You can break the route into smaller sections. Cowers Lane (Shottle) and Idridgehay both have access to buses and EVR trains, so are convenient start/finish points for a section. Of these, Idridgehay, is a little over halfway, so suitable if you want to break the walk into two sections of similar length.

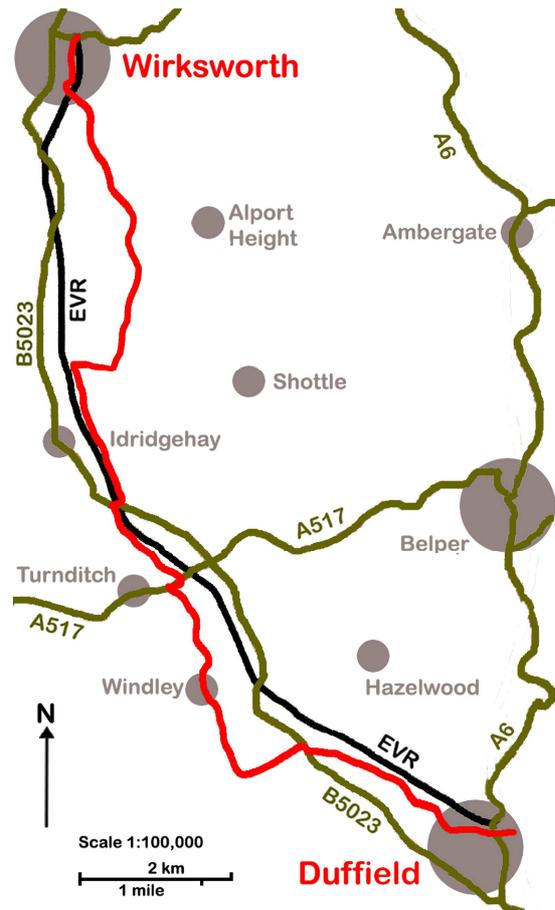
## Maps

The route is covered by Ordnance Survey maps:

OS 1:25,000 Explorer OL24 and 259

OS 1:50,000 Landranger 119

The 1:25,000 maps are recommended for this walk.



## Acknowledgements

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## Warning

This is intended to indicate an outline walking route, but not to be a definitive guide in every detail.

Walkers should be equipped with appropriate maps (see above), food and drink, and be adequately clothed for walking and varying weather conditions. The route includes crossing busy roads and operational railway track, and walking across fields with livestock.

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## Travel

The walk starts in Duffield, 4 miles North of Derby, and finishes at Wirksworth. It is designed to be walked in this direction, ie from South to North.

Duffield can easily be accessed by train or bus. At the end of walk return to Duffield by bus or (limited) train. By car, park at Duffield and return from Wirksworth by bus or train. Or drive to Wirksworth, then bus or train to Duffield before starting the walk. If you want to walk just a section, then the same bus and train both serve Cowers Lane (Shottle Station) and Idridgehay.

OS grid reference for the start point: SK 345 435.

## Car to Duffield

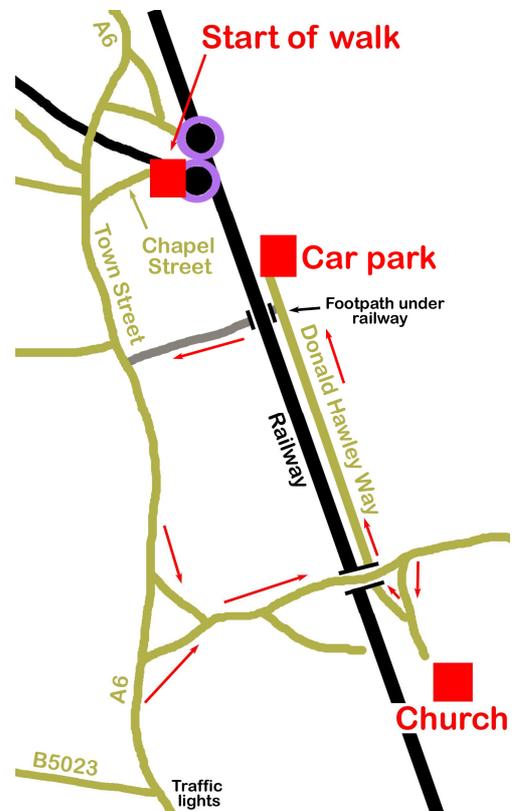
Duffield is on the A6, the main road from Derby to the Peak District, and is two miles North of the A38 (Birmingham route). It is 20 miles from Nottingham via the A52 and Derby. From the M1, exit at J28 (from the North) onto the A38 or at J25 (from the South) via the A52 and Derby.

The walk starts from the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway station (not the main station) in Duffield, which is just off the A6, Town Street. Access via Chapel Street, in the village centre, on the right coming from Derby and on the left coming from the North through Belper.

There is unrestricted parking on Chapel Street, as at January 2016, although introduction of parking restrictions is under consideration. However, spaces fill up quickly, so suggest getting here early morning. There is also a small amount of parking at Duffield (main) Station, costing £2.20 per day. The EVR Station at the end of Chapel Street has parking, but is also small and currently open only on a limited number of days. Alternatively, try Wirksworth Road which is about 5 minutes walk to the EVR station, or Donald Hawley Way.

Donald Hawley Way is potentially the easiest place to park. It is on the opposite side of the main railway from where the walk starts from. Access is via Makeney Road, which is at the South end of the village, turning right if coming from Derby. Then cross the railway and immediately turn right, signposted to the church. Before reaching the church, loop to the right under the road, continue to the end of Donald Hawley Way and park in the spaces near the cricket pitch. From here walk through the pedestrian pass under the railway into Town Street, turn right into the village centre and right into Chapel Street.

SatNav references are DE56 4EP for Chapel Street and DE56 4BA (to Duffield Church) for Donald Hawley Way.





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### **Trains to Duffield**

Duffield Station is on the Derby to Matlock line, just 7 minutes from Derby (first stop). Trains run hourly, or every two hours on Sundays, less frequent in the evening. Most are through trains from Nottingham (40 minutes) and Newark (80 minutes). Trains from London (St Pancras) to Derby run half hourly (90 to 100 minutes) via Leicester, and 4 each hour from Sheffield and Birmingham (New Street) (both 40 minutes). All services less frequent on Sundays. There are through services to Derby from numerous other cities.

All services to Duffield, and also connections from London, are operated by East Midlands Trains, and Birmingham services by Cross Country Trains.

### **Buses to Duffield and Wirksworth**

Trent Barton bus routes 6.1/6.2/6.3/6.4 run every 15 minutes from Derby Bus Station (bay 22) to Duffield, taking 15 minutes, and continuing on to Belper. Alight in the village centre opposite Chapel Street, this is the next stop after the Co Op (on the left) if coming from Derby. Route 6.1 then follows the line of the walk via Cowers Lane and Idridgehay to Wirksworth, and then on to Matlock, hourly, so at the end of the walk you can return by bus to Duffield or Derby. On Sundays buses are half hourly, and every two hours for the 6.1 to Wirksworth.

As at January 2016, single adult bus fares are: Derby to Duffield £2.70, Wirksworth to Duffield or Derby £4.20. There are also tickets for unlimited travel for a day at £9 per person all day or £6 per person (£10 for two persons, £13 for up to five persons) after 9.00 am or all day at weekends.

The Transpeak service, run by High Peak, also calls at Duffield, hourly from Buxton and Bakewell. There are occasional through buses from Manchester (or hourly by using the Skyline 199 from the Airport and connecting to the Transpeak in Buxton). Alight at Chapel Street (coming from the North) or the Co Op (coming from Derby).

### **Trains from Wirksworth to Duffield**

Use the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway. This is a heritage railway, and close to the walking route for most of the way. There is a limited service, every two hours, and not every day. The intermediate stations at Shottle (Cowers Lane) and Idridgehay are both near the route, if you want to walk just a section.

Trains generally run on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from mid February to November, and other days in Summer and holiday periods, also Santa trains in December. Currently trains run every two hours, but there are infrastructure improvements in hand which in time will enable an hourly service.

Through tickets are available from both East Midlands Trains and Trent Barton Buses, (but check whether they are suitable if making just a single journey on EVR).