

WALK DETAILS

Length: 6 miles.

Start/Finish:

The Hollybush Inn, Hollybush lane, Makeney

Location:

Off the A6 Derby to Belper Road, the Makeney Road is on the eastern side of the River Derwent.

Terrain:

A relatively easy walk to follow along well trodden paths and country tracks. There is some ascent and descent, but nothing too strenuous, although the walk down Sunny Hill at Milford is quite steep.

THE ROUTE

1. With the Holly Bush Inn on your right, turn left. Follow the lane round past Makeney Mews, where it changes into a rough track.
2. Continue along the lane without deviating, until shortly after passing Bownsgreen Farm, you turn right at a 'T' junction, to walk along Shaw Lane.
3. After 150 yards, on the outskirts of Holbrook, go to the left at the fingerpost sign and cross two fields along a well trodden path.
4. Go through a stile by a metal gate and head towards another stile just to the left of Wildersley Farm.
5. Follow the path round the farm down the farm access road, which straightens out and leads you to Holbrook Road, where you turn right and walk up the road.
6. Where the road bends sharply to the right, turn in the opposite direction at the fingerpost sign.
7. Walk between the houses and then maintaining the same direction over open land. Turn left to descend by some railings, passing a steeply sloping football pitch to reach an estate road by a stile gate.
8. Turn right and within 25 yards go left down Manor Road. Go right by the first street light, long a winding path that leads between the houses to a street, called Brookside.
9. Turn right and follow the street round as it bends to the left, up to the A609. Turn right up the A609, and after 25 yards go left through an archway into Belper War Memorial Park.
10. Walk through the park to the far end, cross King Street and carry straight on along Green Lane.

11. As Green Lane swings to the right into Mill Street, go down Long Row. At the bottom turn right and then almost immediately left past East Mill, to cross the River Derwent.
12. Once across the bridge, turn left down an access road. Where the road ends go through a stile and continue over two fields with the boundary close on your left.
13. At first keep close to the fence in the next field, before angling towards the river. Follow the Derwent for about 200 yards; until with the end of the field clearly in view, you go through a squeeze stile on the right hand side by a metal gate.
14. Angle to the left across two fields along a well trodden path, before following a paved path up a gulley into another field.
15. Aim towards a fence you can see at the top of the field, cross a stile and walk down to Chevin Road, where you turn left.
16. After 200 yards, turn right at the fingerpost sign and ascend two fields, keeping close to the wall.
17. At the top, turn left and walk along a wide track, without deviating, until you reach Milford and descend Sunny Hill.
18. At the foot of the hill turn right and then left to reach the A6 and the River Derwent.
19. Cross the bridge and turn right, back to the start of the walk.