

FOXFIELD RIDE AND WALK

APPROX: 3 Miles

1 1/2 to 2 Hrs

This walk is designed for visitors to the Foxfield Railway who wish to take a train journey to Dilhorne Park Station and walk back to the Main Station and car park at Caverswall Road via Dilhorne Village. It takes you through beautiful Staffordshire countryside on public footpaths and lanes.

It may be muddy in places, walking boots or good stout shoes are recommended.

1 Walk away from platform through gap at Caverswall end into wood until you come to the footbridge and stile. Do not go over stile, turn left onto public footpath, over footbridge, follow path through wood to stile go directly over track, (taking care watch for trains) to stile over other side, cross stile into wood follow path to the right. Go through wood, at stile and end of wood cross into open field. Go straight ahead keeping on right. At next stile into open field go ahead slightly left towards a small oak tree in the middle of field the stile is just to the right of oak tree. Go over stile ahead slightly left to field track and stile by gate. Go over stile and turn left onto track, follow track past pool on right to the road.

Turn right into Dilhorne Village past Village Hall turning on left up hill, past the beautiful 12th century Church with octagonal tower, to the Charlie Bassett pub.

2 As you look at the front of the pub. The path you take is on the right between the hedge and wall. Go through the gap straight ahead with the pub, and the hedge to the left walking down to the bottom left hand corner of the field. It's worth turning around to look back at the view of the Church Tower, turn left to the stile in the hedge, cross into the field and go straight ahead (ignore stile by gate into road) keep left of the fenced pool, go under high voltage cables, go straight ahead to stile in hedge go over stile and footbridge, go slightly left cutting across corner of field to stile by hawthorn tree, go over stile into field turn right up the field to top left hand corner towards larch trees, go over stile through trees and gorse to next stile to an open field. Look across to see 3 trees on far side of field walk towards and to the right of the trees is the next stile, go directly over Railway, with care, into field opposite cross field to stile into lane, turn left along lane.

3 At road junction turn right (you may wish to divert left down the lane and have a few words with the lonely crossing keeper) from junction, follow lane, ignore footpath on left, to a sharp right hand bend in the lane, go straight ahead to footpath by field gates into coppiced strip of wood. The path

eventually opens up into a green lane, keep ahead, ignore paths off, until it emerges onto a road, go over stile into road, turn left and you will soon be back at the Station for some refreshments in the restaurant or bar.

The Foxfield Steam Railway does not accept any responsibility for the condition of the public footpaths and stiles. Dilhorne Park station should only be accessed on days for which a scheduled Train Timetable is published. It is an offence to trespass on the railway.