

FOXFIELD WALK AND RIDE

APPROX: 3 Miles

1 1/2 to 2 Hrs

This walk is designed for visitors to the Foxfield Railway to walk from the Main Station at Caverswall Road to Dilhorne Park via Dilhorne Village, and return by train. 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 Leave the Car Park at Caverswall Road Station, turn right into lane. On reaching the left hand bend in the lane turn right onto public footpath into the green lane. Keep straight on into path leading into a narrow copsed wood Follow path through wood until you emerge at a bend in a lane.

2 On entering lane continue ahead towards Cress Ford Farm. Ignore public footpath to the right. At Road junction turn left, (but a detour to the crossing down the lane to the right, and a word with the lonely crossing keeper may be welcome). Then return to the road junction continue along the lane to stile on the right, go over the stile, cross the field to the stile ahead, go over the stile Go directly over the

track **DO NOT LINGER ON THE RAILWAY** go over the stile into an open field. After going over the stile turn a Diagonal right approx 45° to the far corner of the field and towards an electric wire Support pole. The next stile is to the right of the pole. Go over the stile path ahead through gorse and small wood to emerge at the top of an open field. The view in front of you is Dilhorne Village and their magnificent 12th century Church. Walk across the field in the direction of the octagonal Church tower. Do not go to the gate leading to the road. Go to the stile by the hawthorn trees, go over stile turn 45° to the right, cutting across the corner of the field to a stile hidden in the hedge, over a footbridge. Go over stile, still heading towards the Church, walk parallel with hedge/road on the right and enclosed pond on the left, under the high voltage cables, ignore stile by gate on the right keep ahead to stile in hedge, over stile turn right and follow hedge to the Charlie Bassett pub. Exit onto the road. (New road). A welcome 'pint maybe!' but don't forget you have a train to catch.

3 Turn left onto road, walk past the Church down the hill past the Village Hall turning on the right. Turn left down a track, just before a hedge commences, towards a pool. Walk past the pool to the stile by a gate on the right. Go over stile turn left onto track. After a few paces you will see the next stile to the left of a small oak tree in the middle of the field. Go over stile ahead and slightly left and keeping to edge of wood on left. Stile comes into view at the top left hand corner of field. Go over stile walk

ahead keeping hedge on left towards wood. Go over stile into wood walk straight ahead. Follow path through wood to next stile over the Railway. Your destination is now in sight looking right up the track is Dilhorne Park Station. **PLEASE DO NOT** be tempted to walk up the line.

Taking care crossing the lines, to the stile on the other side, go over stile and turn right, follow path until you come to a footbridge and stile, go over the footbridge but turn right before the stile onto the Station Platform, and wait for the Steam Train ride back to Caverswall Road, to enjoy refreshments in the restaurant or bar.

Enjoy your journey.

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.