

BEWARE OF TRAFFIC ON THIS SECTION

11. Cross the road to a stile opposite and follow the path to the footbridge. Take the path diagonally across the field to the hedge on the right. Continue along this path to join the road.

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12. Turn left at the road and turn left to follow the pavement until reaching a stile on the left (approximately 150 metres past Hilltop Farm).

13. Following the path, cross the top of the field and walk diagonally over two more fields to the bridge.

14. Take a stile immediately on the right and follow the path along the top of the field to a gap. Turn diagonally towards a stile and a footbridge at the bottom of the field. Turn left to a further stile in the hedge.

15. Follow the field boundary (adjacent to the golf course) through the next two fields. Take a stile and follow the gently sloping footpath over the old coal workings to the opposite field boundary.

16. Cross the next field and take a path between the houses. On reaching the main road turn left back to the starting point.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.
Guard against all risk of fire.
Fasten all gates.
Keep your dogs under close control.
Keep to public paths around farmland.
Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.
Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.
Take your litter home.
Help to keep all water clean.
Protect wildlife, plants and trees.
Take special care on country roads.
Make no unnecessary noise.

WALK TYPE

80% Footpaths
20% Country Roads
Undulating Countryside

DISTANCE

6 miles
9.6 km

TIME

Allow 3.5 - 4 hours

PARKING

Coach & Horses Public House on the main road through Horsley (by courtesy of the Landlord). Alternative car parking is in a lay-by opposite Slackfields Farm, Horsley and at the Sitwell Arms Public House, Woodside.

BUSES

For up-to-date information call Barton/Trent Busline on Derby (01332) 292 200

TRAINS

For up-to-date information call rail enquiries 08457 48 49 50

WAYMARKING



OS MAP

Pathfinder (1:25,000) Belper SK 24/34
Landranger (1:50,000) 128 Buxton & Matlock

The map in this leaflet has been produced to show the route of the walk and should not be used for any other purpose.



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AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS

Walk 2

Horsley to
Horsley Woodhouse



Circular

Route Directions and Description

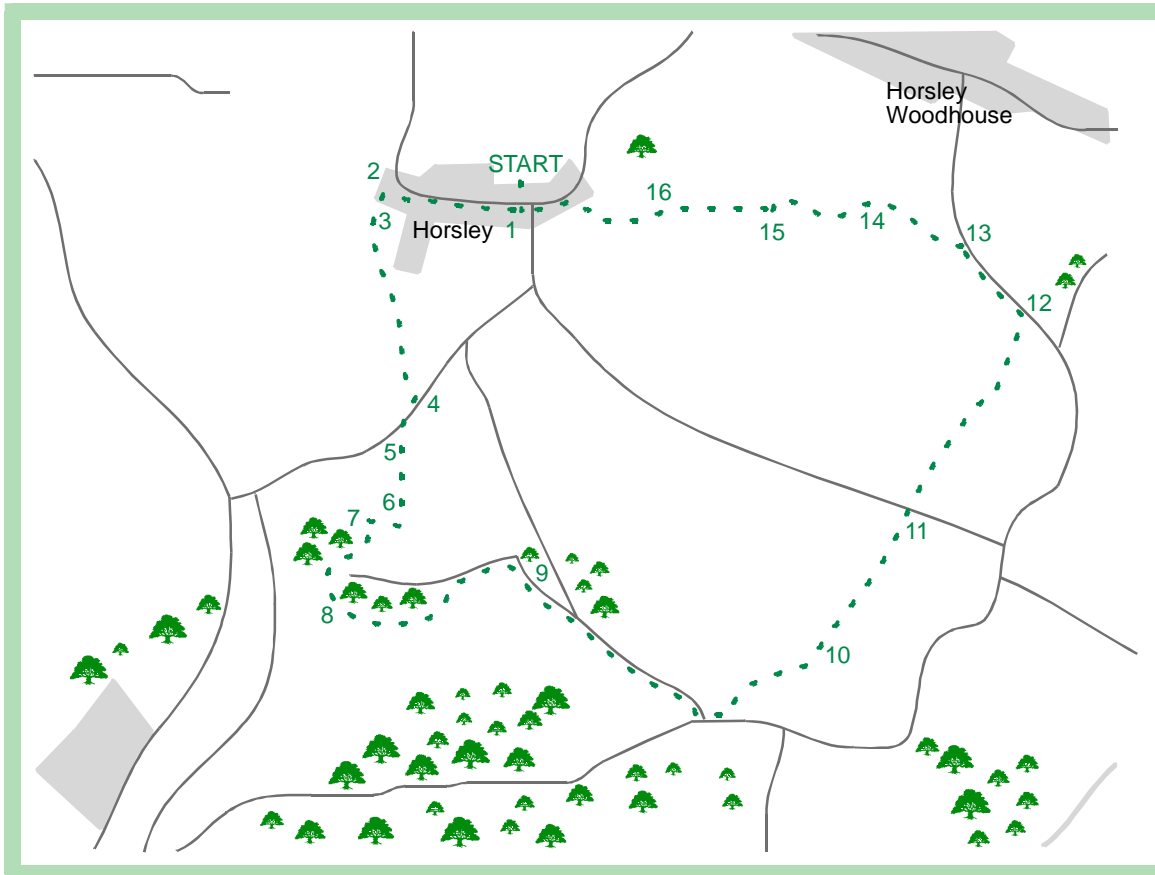
Begin the walk in the Coach & Horses car park.

1 Turn right and follow Church Street through the village to St Clement's Church

Horsley stone pillar box, the 'home made' pillar box can be found at the corner of Church Street and French Lane. This was erected and brought into use on 24 December 1896. It appears today that the Horsley pillar box is unique in Derbyshire possibly even in the county.



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The fountains in the village (see front cover) are called Sophia, situated 'beneath the spreading Chestnut tree', Rosamund on the triangle opposite the Coach & Horses Inn and Blanche standing opposite the pillar box at the top of French Lane. These are three fountains given to the village in 1864 by the Sitwell family and named after their daughters. The fountains came into use in 1864.

2. Take the footpath on the left just before the church, towards Coxbench.

St Clement's Parish Church dates back to 1200. The tower shows the decoration of that period and has a wonderful broach spire. Around 1800, whilst England anticipated invasion by the French under Bonaparte, many villages formed a 'Home Guard'. The Horsley Corps, formed by squire E S Sitwell, gathered men from Horsley Woodhouse and district. It is believed that the damage that is evident on the side of Horsley church tower was a result of poor marksmanship by Squire Sitwell's volunteers.

3. On entering the field, bear left, walk diagonally across and follow the line of pylons through three fields.

4. Turn right at the road and take the footpath on the opposite side of the main road, approximately 100 metres along.

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5. Follow this path up the hill, keeping the tree-lined hedgerow (the Warren) on the right, to a T-junction.

6. Turn right at the stile and proceed diagonally across the field to the corner of the dry stone wall. Cross the stile a few metres along the wall on the left.

7. Follow the path, keeping the wire mesh fence to the right until an old quarry is reached. Leave the fence and follow a well-defined footpath on the left.

Castle of Horeston - (Look carefully to the left to see the crumbling remains on the sandstone spur.) This was built by Hugh Buron in the 12th century. It passed to King John in 1198 who had it rebuilt between 1200 - 1203. He visited twice during his turbulent reign, breaking his journey from Burton Abbey to Nottingham.

8. Keep to the woodland path around the edge of a sandstone spur, until a cart track is reached at a T-junction. Turn right to join Sandy Lane.

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9. Continue up the hill towards Brackley Gate. Follow the road past a cul-de-sac and take the path to the left, adjacent to a farm gate. Cross the yard to a stile and carry on along the side of the wall through two fields.

Ryknild Street - runs from the Roman fort at Templeborough, near Doncaster, enters Derbyshire in the north-east and runs southwards, close to Chesterfield and the Roman fort at Little Chester, now part of Derby City. It leaves the county towards the fort at Wall near Litchfield. It may well have been a road built by the Romans, indicated by the word Street.

10. Descend through the field aiming for the left side of a large gap in the trees. Pass over the stile and follow the field boundary to the road.