

10. Cross the road (beware of traffic) and turn left to walk along the road facing the traffic. After 150 metres you come to two footpaths on the right. Take the left footpath passing through an arable field heading towards Grange Farm.

11. Continue past the farm, keeping the hedge on the left, all the way up the two fields towards a large oak tree. The stile is approximately 15 metres left of the tree. Climb the stile and continue straight ahead over the brow towards the double gate by the road.


12. Turn right and walk up the single track road facing the traffic (beware of traffic) to Newbuildings Farm. Cross the road and go through the double gate to follow the footpath which runs down by the hedge on the right for approximately 200 metres and then bears diagonally left to drop down to the top of the woodland. Go through the squeeze stile, through the tall herbs and over the next stile which enters the woodland. Follow the path as it winds through the woodland, passing a pond on the right, and then out into a rough meadow. Follow the hedge-line on the left to the stile in the corner next to a large oak tree.

13. Climb the stile and bear right to head down the field with the hedge on the right. Travel over the single track drive and continue on down, running parallel with a stream on the right. Carry on to the bottom right-hand corner to a squeeze stile and on to Old Lane.

14. Turn right and follow this pleasant single track road all the way as it winds over the old railway tracks and up to the main road. Turn right to return to the Black Swan public house.

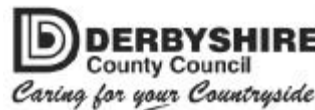
The Duffield–Wirksworth railway line has been closed since the 1970s and the station house has been converted into a private house. The single platform is intact, complete with gritstone copings. A group of volunteers are working together, with a view to restoring the line.

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

WALK TYPE	Hilly countryside with several steep climbs
DISTANCE	5.5 miles (9 km)
TIME	Allow 4 hours
BUSES	For up-to-date information call Traveline on 0870 608 2608
TRAINS	For up-to-date information call rail enquiries 08457 484950
WAYMARKING	
OS MAP	Explorer 259 (1:25,000) Derby Landranger (1:50,000) 119 Buxton & Matlock

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.



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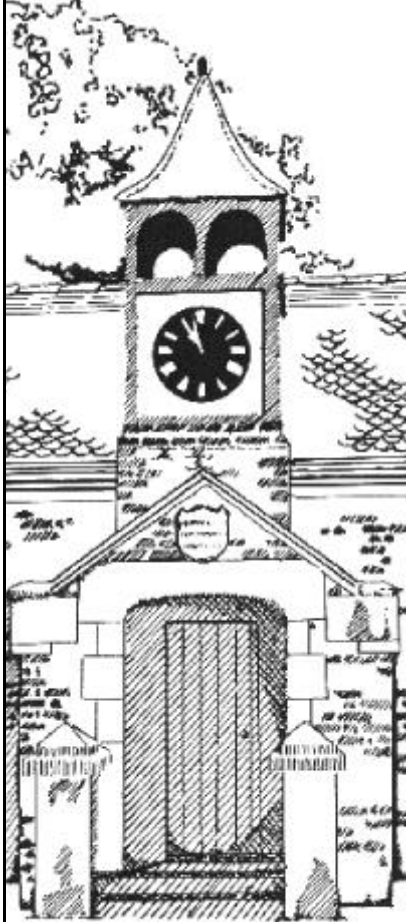
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AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS

Walk 15

Circular

Ildridgehay - Turnditch



Turnditch School
Entrance & Clock

This walk takes you through the parishes of Idridgehay and Turnditch in the beautiful Ecclesbourne valley.

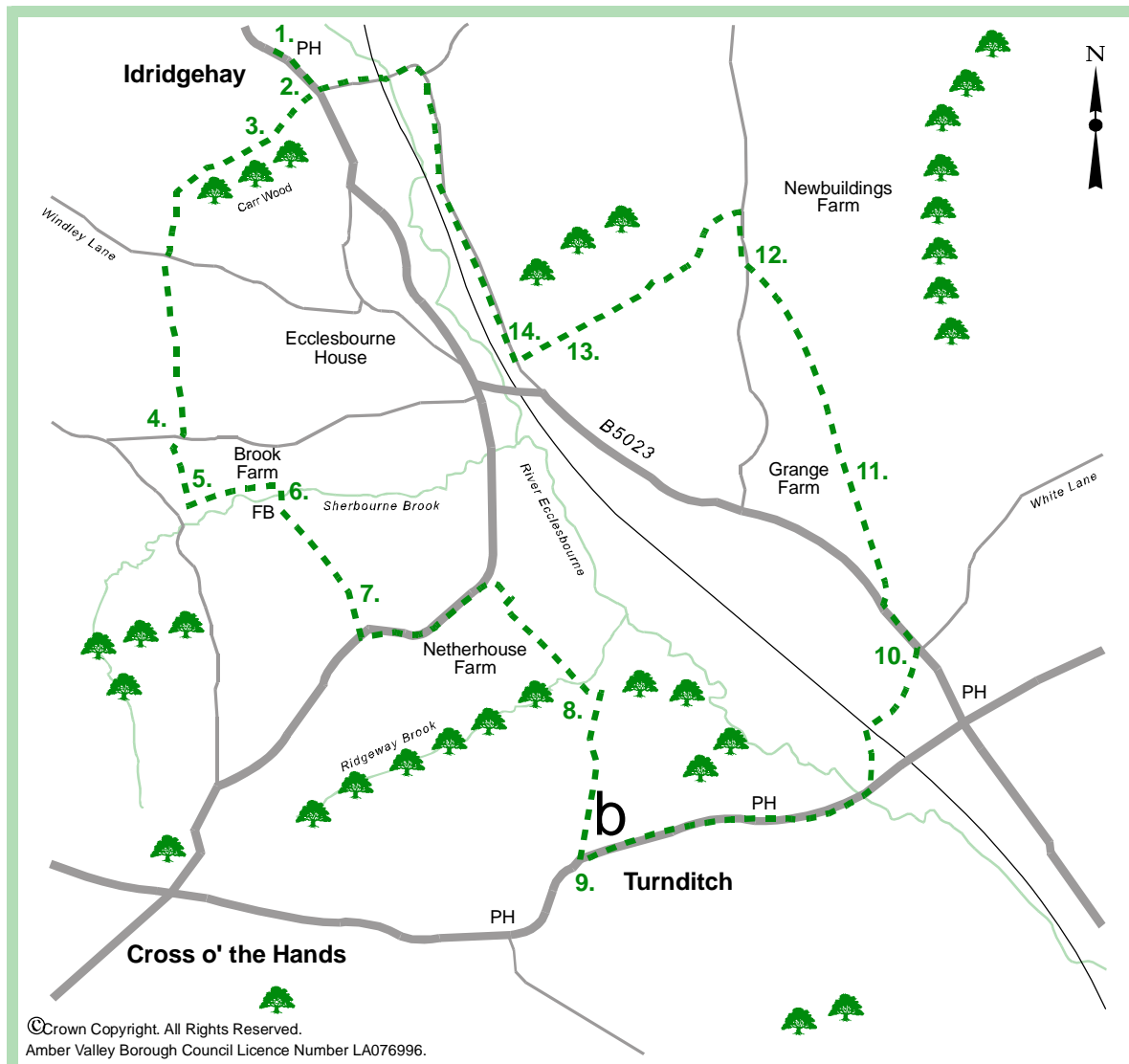
Start: Black Swan car park, Idridgehay (by kind permission of the landlord) Grid Ref SK 24/34 (288 488).

1. Turn left out of the car park and follow the pavement until you reach a side road (beware of traffic). Cross over opposite the public footpath signposted to Ireton Wood.

2. Climb the stile and walk towards the corner of the holly hedge beneath the telegraph wires. Follow under telegraph wires, and then go through the squeeze stile (beside a gate). Turn right to walk uphill following the path as it cuts through the middle of the field. Carr Wood is on the left as the path heads towards a gateway.

3. Cross the stream and stile, by the gate. Continue along the path uphill, keeping the wood on the left, and head towards the large standing dead tree in the top left corner. (*Note the Yellow Rattle and Common Spotted Orchid in the meadow in the summer*). Bear left and go through the stile in the corner of the field (beware of muddy ground). Turn right up the hill and through the field until the path meets Windley Lane. (*Look back at a panoramic view of the valley, and it is possible to see Alport Heights communications masts on top of the hill.*) Cross over the road to the footpath almost opposite. Follow this footpath down the hill, keeping the hedge on the right through four fields to the road.

4. Cross the road to follow the footpath almost opposite and walk downhill towards the two telegraph poles in the bottom right of the field.



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5. At the two telegraph poles, turn left following the direction of the telegraph wires, walking parallel to Sherbourne Brook on your right, towards the stile in the hedge. Once through, continue towards Brook Farm. Walk past the farm, keeping it on your left, and then turn right following the arrow on the telegraph post, to cross the wooden footbridge.

9. Turn left and cross the road (beware of traffic) to walk on the pavement downhill for ½ mile through the village and until the road crosses the River Ecclesbourne. After the bridge, cross the road (beware of traffic) and go through the squeeze stile, and bear diagonally right towards the stile in the hedge. Climb the stile and go straight ahead over the old railway line and across the tarmac path to the next stile. Continue straight ahead through the field ahead up to the main road.

6. From the footbridge continue straight up the hill travelling through the narrow field, with the hedge boundary on the right. Climb the stile and follow the path marked with yellow arrows uphill through the trees. Once out of the trees bear left to head towards the telegraph pole at the top left corner of the field to a gate and stile.

7. Follow the farm track to the road. Turn left, cross the road (beware of traffic) and walk down the road facing the oncoming traffic. Before the telephone box, bear right down a side road, and then almost immediately go over a stile, on the right (just beyond the farm). Keep the farm on the right and climb over a stile half way through the field on the right. Turn left and climb the stile at the gateway and continue straight ahead through the field to the gateway over the Ridgeway Brook.

8. Bear left towards the stile in the corner. Climb the stile and turn right to go uphill, keeping the hedge on your right. The footpath follows along the hedge-line as it bends into a squeeze stile. Continue straight ahead cutting through the middle of the field, and up to the stile in the corner right of the graveyard. Climb the stile and continue straight ahead, passing behind the church to the road.