

7. You are now in Midland Railway Centre. Cross the railway through the white gates (*beware of trains*) and turn left to follow the path, which leads to a stile and cut across the field towards the road. Do not go to the road but turn right to walk along the field edge with a hedge on left. Keep to the edge of the field as the hedge is replaced by a tall brick wall.

8. Follow the path as it turns right with a hedge on the left for a short while and then travel along a grass track. At the signpost indicating mileage to New York etc turn left.

There are good views across the valley of the Railway Centre and Western Up Cast shaft within Brittain Pit Farm Park. In the distance there is Jessop's Monument a 70ft high stone tower built to commemorate the work of William Jessop Jnr who was a partner of the Butterley Company, which in the early 19th century owned most of the coal mines in the area and was a major producer of iron.

After the stile bear right still climbing uphill through four fields which skirt the edge of the Hayes Conference Centre.

9. Follow the path past the large white house (Hilltop Mink Farm) and grounds and then turn left to climb the stile. Then turn right to walk down the drive. After approximately 40 metres take the stile off to the right and follow this footpath (with hedge on the left) over six fields.

10. Cross the footbridge (over the former Ripley railway) and continue straight ahead along Peak Avenue. After 200 metres the road bends round to the left. Continue straight on following a tarmac path past some garages. At the road (Greenhill Lane) turn right. Cross at the pedestrian crossing and turn right down the road to lead you back to the start of the walk

WALK TYPE

Generally easy walking with one steep hill.

DISTANCE

3¼ miles (6 km)

TIME

Allow 2½ 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



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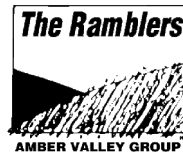
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PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

- 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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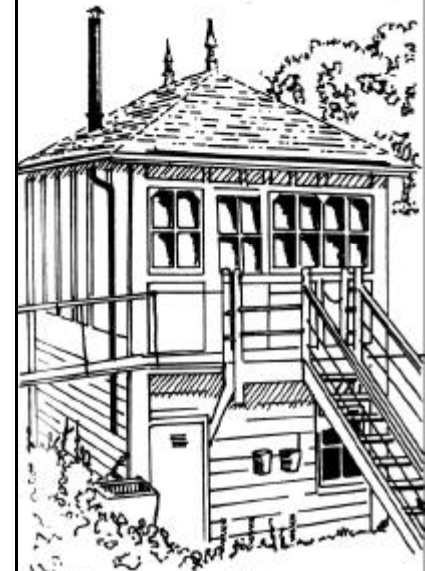
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AMBER VALLEY ROUTEWAYS

Walk 18



Circular

Signal Box at Swanwick Junction

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

This walk travels through gently rolling countryside of the parishes Riddings and Swanwick with many reminders of 19th century industrial history.

Start: The Greenhill Inn car park, (by kind permission of the landlord) Greenhill Lane, Riddings Grid Ref SK 423 528

1. Turn left out of the car park to walk downhill along Greenhill Lane. Cross the road (*beware of traffic*) at the straightest section and continue along Green Lane, which becomes Newlands Road until there is a footpath post on the right (approx. 500m from the inn).

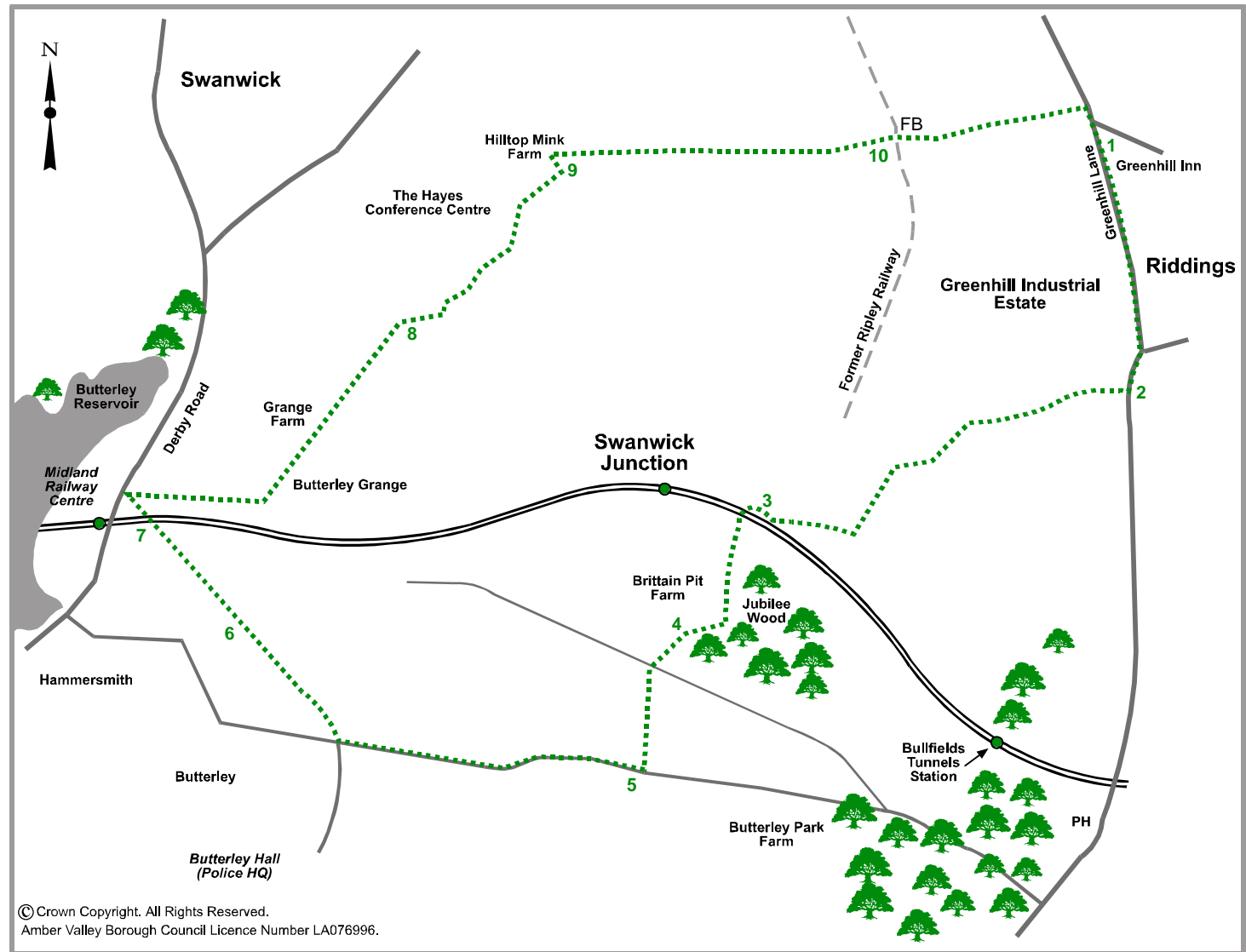
2. Turn right to follow the track marked as a footpath to Swanwick and Butterley. Follow the track down the hill until you reach a fork in the track. Follow the left-hand fork to continue towards the brick tower of the Brittain Pit. Follow the path as it bends right and downhill.

3. Follow the path as it heads to the railway tunnels. Turn left to go through the square tunnel (not the arched) and walk uphill straight ahead to the railway tracks. Cross the railway tracks (*beware of trains*) and follow the footpath with the hedge on the left. Follow the path as it skirts the edge of Brittain Pit Farm.

4. Do not go over the first stile on the left but take the second stile that takes you through the trees and over a squeeze stile into a field. Head for the stile opposite in the corner of the field. Take the path opposite and go over two stiles. Then continue on to walk with the hedge on your left to the road.

5. Turn right and walk along the road for a third of a mile. At the junction of roads near the County Transport continue ahead until just past a large white house on the left. Take the footpath on the right to cross the field diagonally left (*watch out for low flying police helicopters!*). The path drops down to a stile.

6. Climb the stile and cross the old railway tracks. Continue straight ahead and go down the steps and follow the path as it runs down the field with a hedge on the right. Cross the footbridge and stile; cut across the small paddock.



Ahead are good views including Crich Stand, a monument dedicated to members of the Sherwood Foresters Regiment who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

The Midland Railway Centre commemorates one of the major railway companies of its time. It has a superb collection of steam and diesel locomotives which may be seen powering trains on the line or on display in the museum. The Signal box (see front cover) at Swanwick Junction was recovered from Ais Gill on the Settle and Carlisle line and rebuilt at Butterley.