



# Tupton to Avenue Washlands Nature Reserve

## Explore nature and history side by side



**5.4 miles/8.8km**

Approximately 3 hours at a leisurely pace.  
11,400 steps



**Opening hours:** All year round



**FREE entrance**



**Car parking:** On street



**Toilets:** No



**Café:** No, but perfect for picnics



**Dogs:** Must be kept on a lead at all times



**Accessibility:** Most footpaths are 1.5 metres wide, some narrower and gradient varies.

### Step by step walking route

1. Take the signed footpath opposite the Tupton Primary School. Follow the hedge across the sports ground and go straight on across the field to the far corner of Avenue Washlands Nature Reserve – there is a viewpoint over the pools to the right.
2. Cross the footbridge and continue through the reserve. Exit onto Mill Lane, turn right and pass under the Midland Main Line. After 50m turn right and ascend to The Sidings viewpoint. Turn right through the kissing gate, cross the boardwalk and pass through a gate to follow the path alongside the River Rother and railway.
3. Continue on until you join the upper path which meets with Birkin Lane. Continue up the hill for 100m, cross over and ascend the drive of Hagg Hill Hall. Turn right past the barn to reach this Grade II listed house. Stop here to take in the many garden statues before continuing on through the wooden fence to the barn. Head to the right of the barn, and curve right, down the field alongside the trees and through an obvious gap. Continue along the edge and turn right down an old railway.

## The countryside code

### Respect - Protect - Enjoy

#### Respect other people:

- consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

#### Protect the natural environment:

- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control

#### Enjoy the outdoors:

- plan ahead and be prepared
- follow advice and local signs



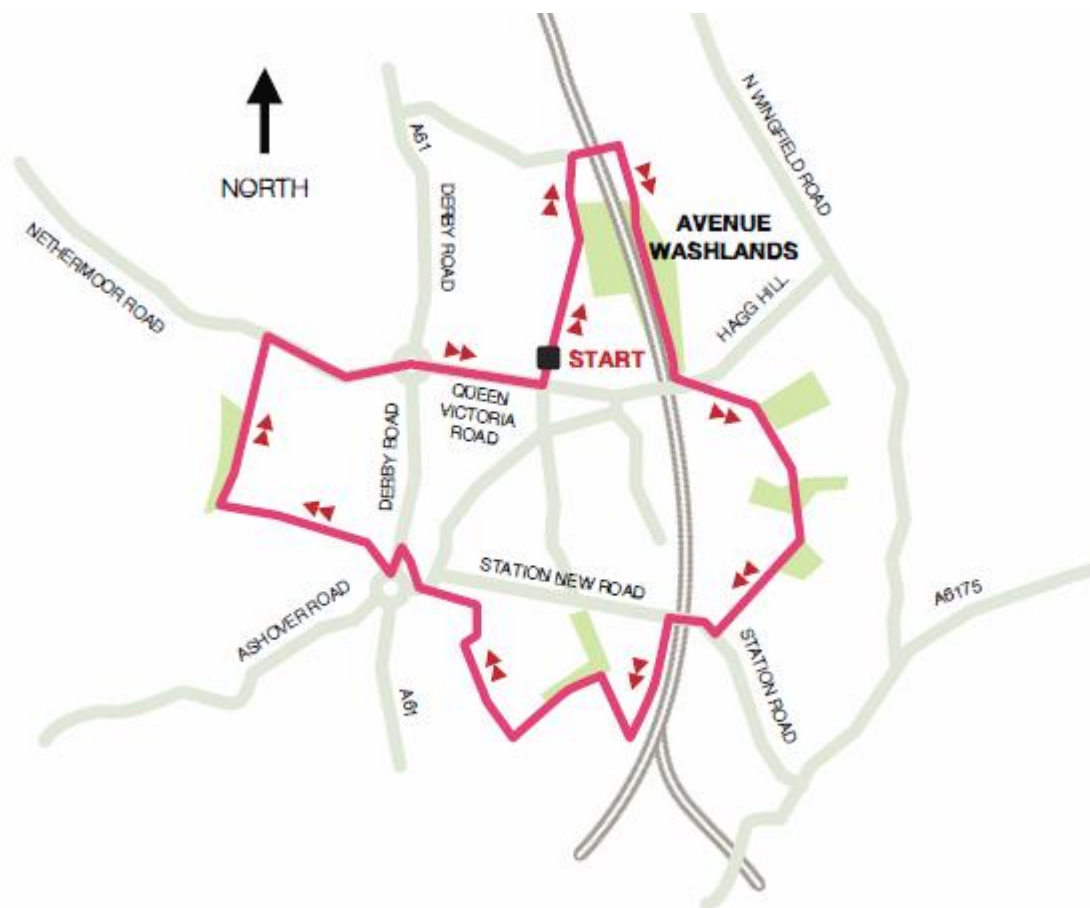
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4. Turn right along Station Road to head over the River Rother and the railway, and then turn left opposite Ankerbold Road – here you are joining the Chesterfield Round Walk alongside the railway fence. Pass through an A-frame and turn right, leaving the Chesterfield Round Walk.
5. Enter the woodland and turn left after approximately 20m, following what becomes a well-used path through the centre of the strip of trees. The path eventually narrows to run alongside a high fence and then crosses a stream and enters a field before returning to follow the fence. Cross an area of concrete and swing right along a track, which passes a fishing pond to reach the school car park.
6. Take the tarmac walkway on the left, go straight on along the road and turn right at the footpath sign 50m before the roundabout. Take the left-hand path along the edge of the greenspace and turn left to the A61. Take care to cross the busy road, using the central reservation, and turn left then right along the narrow tarmac lane.
7. Go straight on at the end of the track through an iron gate and turn right after 150m up some steps. Follow the edge of the wood and cross the centre of the final field towards the house. Continue along the drive and turn right along the road. Cross the A61 at the roundabout into Queen Victoria Road and turn left opposite the primary school to return to the car park and starting point.



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