

go through. Emerging from the wooded hillside you are now rewarded with views that extend across Duffield to Duffield Bank and beyond.



*River Ecclesbourne*

Follow the obvious wide green path to head left downhill towards the golf club. The path follows the edge of the golf club to eventually cross a small stream. At the next corner in the field the grass track turns left uphill but you are continuing alongside the golf course, so go straight ahead across the stile/gap in the fence.

Exit the field by the stile and turn right along the tarmac track towards the clubhouse. Continue on this path, past the golf club entrance, to emerge onto Avenue Road.

Turn right along Avenue Road until you reach a T-junction where you turn left. Shortly after look out for the public footpath sign on the right-hand side of the road. It is slightly hidden in a hedge and directs you down what appears to be a private drive to 35 The Glen.

It isn't a private drive so take the track until very shortly you reach the entrance/gates to number 35. Take the signed path to the right of the house to eventually emerge into fields behind the church. Follow the obvious path across the fields until you reach the stile onto the railway line. Cross the railway line to another stile. Immediately after crossing the second stile turn right to follow a path that initially runs parallel to the railway.

Continue on this path across more fields until you are walking by the River Ecclesbourne. Where the path turns left and crosses the river, on an obvious wide bridge, don't follow it but instead take the footpath to the right, over a stile, into the next field.

Once you have crossed the stile turn right to follow the footpath along the edge of the field and cross back over the railway line. The footpath then bears diagonally to your left to a stile into the next field where you continue straight ahead with the hedge on your left.

At the corner of the field take the stile and bridge into the next field and cross the track on the right. Your route is uphill to Hazelwood Hill and not along this track. After negotiating the broken stile follow the track uphill across two fields with the hedge on your right.

Exit the second field via a gate and bear right to the farm track. Turn right along the track to the road. Turn left and head uphill.

Opposite Larch Tree Farm take the public footpath on the right to bear diagonally left across the field to a group of trees. Once past these continue in the same direction to the gate/entrance to the field. Turn right and continue along the road and back to the car.

When I did this walk the entrance to the final field was very overgrown and the field had just been planted up with no allowances made for anyone attempting to follow the footpath. It may well be easier to ignore this turn and to continue along the road and to then take the first road on the right back to the car.

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