## Duffield & The Chevin

## Walk supplied by Angela Clarke of Belper www.peakwalker.net

Start: Lay-by on Farnah Green Road opposite the turning to Hazelwood (SK 3369 46311)

Route: Firestone - North Lane – Chevin End – Duffield – River Ecclesbourne ¬- Hazelwood Hill - Firestone

Map: Explorer OL 259: Derby

Distance: 4.75 miles

Terrain: Good paths that can be overgrown in summer.

Refreshments: None on route but plenty available in Duffield.

Toilets: None on route.



North Road

A walk that explores the countryside to the north of Duffield. The route runs along the top of the Chevin and has views of two contrasting valleys, before reaching the outskirts of Duffield. The return route visits the River Ecclesbourne before climbing uphill to Hazelwood Hill.

Time this walk right and as long as you take a

suitable container you could return with a good supply of blackberries.



Take the signed public footpath, to the left of the lay-by, to emerge at a crater, reputedly the landing place for one of the bombs dropped near Belper during the Second World War.

Turn left and follow the yellow arrows, which shortly lead you downhill, between two walls, to North Lane. Turn right and follow North Lane along the top of the Chevin. As you walk along North Lane not only are there views across the Derwent Valley to enjoy but depending upon the time of year either wild flowers to admire, conkers to hunt for or possibly blackberries to eat.

Chevin Golf Course will soon appear on your right and then shortly after also on your left. After passing a green gate on your right, which is where the golf course first crosses your path, look out for a gap in the wall, also on your right.

Signed 'Derwent Valley Walk' go through the gap and head downhill, crossing two more golf course paths, to a wall. Turn right to find another gap in the wall, on the left, which you

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