

The walk shown is for guidance only and should not be attempted without suitable maps.

Details

Distance: 11km (6³/₄ miles)
Total Ascent: 267m (876ft)
Time: 3¹/₂ hrs Grade: 4
Maps: OS Landranger® 119
or OS Explorer Map™ OL24 & 259
Start/Finish: Mappleton Lane Car Park, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
Grid Ref: SK176469
Sat Nav: N53.0192 W1.7396

GPS data: Position Format = 'British Grid'
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A dismantled railway & a riverside path

Go NNW on the Tissington Trail (a former railway line) until you reach the former Thorpe Station. (3³/₄ km)

Mappleton Lane Car Park is NW of Ashbourne on the road to Mappleton & Okeover

① Go NW on the road to a junction. Continue W (half-left) to a T-junction. Side step N (right) & continue W past a former pub (left) & garage (right - sweets & drinks) until the road bends SW at the entrance to a large hotel. (3¹/₄ km)

② Join the Limestone Way (LW) & continue SW on the road into Thorpe. Just beyond a junction on your left (& before the road bears right) go SE (left - LW waymark) down the grass & then S (right) at the bottom through woodland, gently climbing to join a track. Follow the track SW up to a road. (3¹/₄ km) NB. To visit Thorpe Church, go N (right) for 100m - well worth it.

③ Go S (left) on the road for a few paces & then W (right) in front of Landscape Cottage to follow the Limestone Way down through woodland to join a farm track. Go W (right) & follow the track down to cross Coldwall Bridge. (1 km)

④ Go S (left - 'Mappleton') to join a track that generally follows the riverbank through Big Peg's Wood to reach an open field. Bear SSE (half-right) across the grass & into Little Peg's Wood. (1¹/₄ km)

⑤ About half-way through Little Peg's Wood go SSE (half-right) at a signed fork. Beyond the wood, continue SSE up through fields, gently climbing away from the river to reach the access track to Littlepark Farm. Go S (right) on the track for 200m before bearing SE (half-left) over a stile to cross more fields to rejoin the River Dove at a weir. Bear S (half-right) away from the river again to reach a road via a gate. (1¹/₄ km)

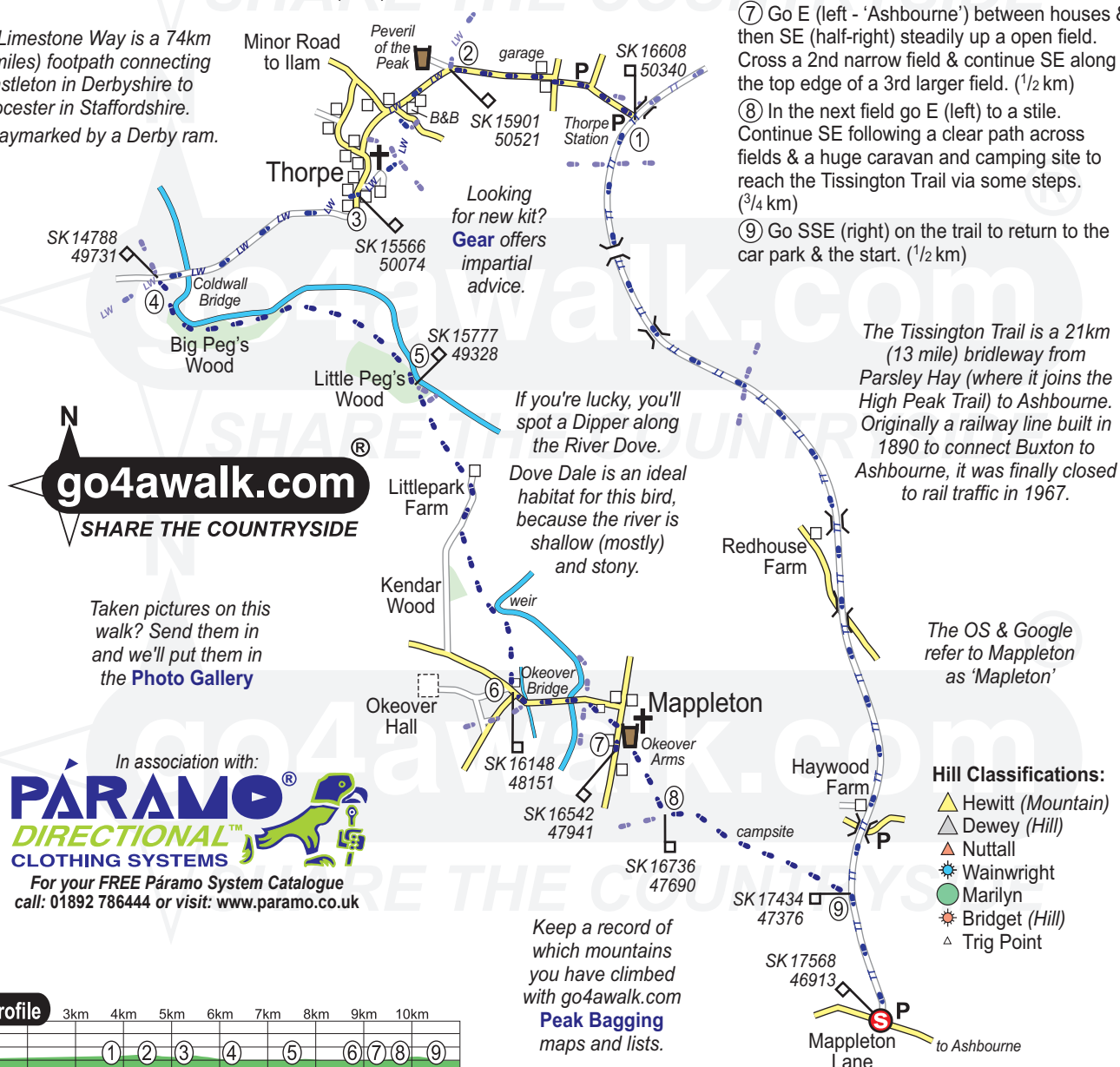
⑥ Go SE (left) on the road & bear E across two bridges & then SE (half-right) across a field to emerge in Mappleton opposite the church. Go S (right) past the pub to a signed footpath on your left. (1¹/₂ km)

⑦ Go E (left - 'Ashbourne') between houses & then SE (half-right) steadily up an open field. Cross a 2nd narrow field & continue SE along the top edge of a 3rd larger field. (1¹/₂ km)

⑧ In the next field go E (left) to a stile. Continue SE following a clear path across fields & a huge caravan and camping site to reach the Tissington Trail via some steps. (3¹/₄ km)

⑨ Go SSE (right) on the trail to return to the car park & the start. (1¹/₂ km)

The Limestone Way is a 74km (46 miles) footpath connecting Castleton in Derbyshire to Rocester in Staffordshire. It is waymarked by a Derby ram.



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