

Louise Smalley Challenge Walk 2021

Daisy Flower Walk.

Route 6

Village Circular - (3.5 miles)

Notes about this section.

A) Ash Tree Cave - Scheduled Monument List Entry Number: 1017583. Palaeolithic caves and rock shelters provide some of the earliest evidence of human activity in the period from about 400,000 to 10,000 years ago. Ash Tree Cave is situated north of Hollin Hill, on the south side of the small dry valley of Bunhill Wood. It lies level with the existing valley floor and the small cliffs on either side of the valley are no more than 5m high at any point. The main significance of the cave lies in the Palaeolithic remains. These include Later Upper Palaeolithic "Creswellian".

B) The village church of St Lawrence, with its Saxon font and grey stone tower, is central to the village. It dates back as far as 1150 and registers from 1672. It contains a memorial to Sir Roger Manners who died in 1632 and had lived at Whitwell Manor.

- 1) Leave the Community Centre car park and **turn left**. After a few metres **cross over the road onto Station Road**. Continue along this road passing the Holmefield Arms. After 450 metres **cross over the road onto Middlegate Field Drive** and walk up this street. At the "top end" of this street, at the junction with Southfield Lane, **turn right for 50 metres before crossing the road onto the path running up to the left of the first set of bungalows**.
- 2) After 50 metres this path becomes "tarmac" and continues uphill. 60 metres further on this path swings right. **IGNORE THIS AND CONTINUE, UPHILL, ALONG THE GRASSED FIELD**. You soon meet a hedge on your right bordering the gardens of the houses and after 80 metres you meet a "horse field" on your left. Walk along the track between this field/houses until you meet the lane. At the Lane **turn left**. After 90 metres you meet the Gate/stile. **Pass through these and you are now at the quarry "bund" path**.
- 3) **Turn right and follow this path along the lower level for 850 metres**. You will "zigzag" several times before you see, on your right, an "exit" lane leading down towards the road and Peter More Cottage. **Turn right and walk to the road** passing over the stile a few metres before the end of the lane.
- 4) At the road **turn right**. You are heading towards the village. After 380 metres and before you reach the allotments, **turn left to cross the road to the stile opposite. Pass through and cross over the 2 fields ahead of you**. Once across these you emerge onto a metallised road. This is Highwood Lane. **Turn right to walk along the lane for 475 metres. On your left is History Label "A"**. At the top of the short hill **turn right onto the wide track** leading back down to the village. Best view of village!

- 5) This lane heads downhill and crosses the bottom of 2 fields before reaching a “path junction”. At this, **pass through the hedge and TURN LEFT** and up the path towards the buildings (you’ve been here before!). At the top of the lane where you meet a wall and fence, **turn right** to follow the path fences either side until you meet the hedge. **Pass through and continue along the top of the field** until you meet the gate. **Pass thorough into the stone gravel car park and bear slightly left towards the “barrier” entrance**. Exit the car park onto the road, **cross over and turn right**. Follow this road. You will pass St. Lawrence's Church on your way. **History Label “B”**. You will cross over Worksop Road, and downhill to reach The Square. **Turn right to cross over past the monument to reach Whitwell Community Centre checkpoint via the gardens..**