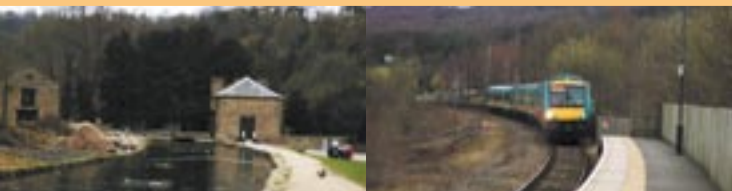


AMBERGATE

Gateway to World Heritage Walks along the Cromford Canal

- **Ambergate is the perfect starting point for discovering the hidden delights of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site on foot.**
- **The Cromford Canal is where nature intermingles with industrial history to provide a perfect walk for all.**
- **Avoid the traffic congestion on the A6 in Cromford and Matlock Bath.**
- **Perfect for ramblers and families.**
- **Choice of start and finish points.**
- **No traffic to spoil the peace.**
- **Wide variety of places to eat.**
- **Choice of transport options to get back to your starting point.**



Walk there – travel back option:

AMBERGATE to MASSON MILLS

Arrive at Ambergate by train, bus and car – there is parking at the station or the Hurt Arms customer car park on the A6. Before you start your ramble, indulge yourself by dropping into the **Hurt Arms** for a drink or bite to eat.

To start the walk travel north along the A6 for about 150m, turn right into Chase Road then under the railway bridge. On reaching the canal bridge, climb over the stile and left onto the canal towpath following the heritage way signs. Enjoy strolling by the water with its wealth of wildlife and historic industrial structures.

If you are in need of a light lunch or a place to rest en route there are a couple of stopping off points. After about 2 miles is the **Derwent Hotel** at Whatstandwell, reached by walking downhill by road from the bridge. Alternatively a mile further on is **Homesford Cottage** – just look out for the signpost from the towpath. There are bus stops outside both these pubs, for a return trip to Ambergate.

Continuing northwards you pass **Leawood Pumphouse** housing a steam engine of 1849, which lifted water from the River Derwent into the Canal, and if you are lucky it may be in use. Soon you come to **High Peak Junction**, where you can walk around some of the world's oldest surviving railway workshops at the start of the **High Peak Trail**.

From High Peak Junction, continue along the towpath for about 1 mile until you reach **Cromford Wharf**. Crossing the road, take a stroll around the **Cromford Mills** and visit the shops and restaurant. Alternatively turn left along Mill Road into the village built for the mill workers. A detour along Scarthin is a must with the intriguing **Scarthin Bookshop**.

The final section of the route takes you to **Masson Mills** with its working textile museum and retail shopping outlet, accessed either by following the **Heritage Way** from **Cromford Church** along the river, or the A6 if you have visited the village.

There is a choice of train or bus for the return trip. It's 10 minutes by train from **Cromford Station** (cross the river bridge away from the Cromford Mills and village and look for the station sign) or 7 minutes by Transpeak bus from the stop by Masson Mills.

Total distance: Approx. 5.5 miles
For ramblers: Approx. 2 hrs
For families: Approx. 3 hrs

Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, Derbyshire

2 February 2008 – 17 May 2008

AMBERGATE

Gateway to World Heritage Walks along the Cromford Canal

for families or serious walkers
 how to get there • where to eat
 what to see along the way



Working Textile Museum, Derby Road, Matlock Bath, Derbyshire DE4 3PY
 Tel/Fax: 01629 581001 or visit www.massonmills.co.uk
 On the A6, half a mile south of Matlock Bath

Masson Mills.

- All facilities open every day except Christmas Day and Easter Day. Disabled access available. Car park on site.
- Museum only: Adult £2.50 Child (5-16) £1.50, Family £6.50 Concessions £2.00.

BY TRAIN: Half a mile from Matlock Bath Station.
 BY BUS: Buses stop directly in front of Masson Mills.

Open
 • Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm
 • Sat 11am – 5pm
 • Sun 11am – 4pm

The finest surviving and best preserved example of an Arkwright cotton mill. Working Textile Museum with authentic historic working textile machinery. Shopping village and fully licensed restaurant on site.
 • Northern gateway to Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.
 • BY TRAIN: Half a mile from Matlock Bath Station.
 • BY BUS: Buses stop directly in front of Masson Mills.

Sir Richard Arkwright's
 1783 showpiece
 Masson Mills

Matlock Bath
 Sir Richard Arkwright's
 Masson Mills

Willersley Castle, Cromford, Derbyshire DE4 5JH
 Tel: 01629 582270 or visit www.christianguild.co.uk

Unparalleled views along the Derwent Valley

Open
 • Every day 9.30am – 6pm
 (Except Christmas Day)

BY TRAIN: 200 yards west of Cromford Station.
 BY BUS: The Transpeak bus service stops nearby on the main A6 road.

Build for Sir Richard Arkwright, parkland and retains many original features, including the striking 'Well Gallery' with its glass dome. Willersley Castle is set in extensive parkland and retains many original features, including the striking 'Well Gallery' with its glass dome.

- Morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon tea are available to visitors.
- Willersley Castle is owned and operated by Christian Guild, providing holiday and conference facilities throughout the year.

Cromford

Homesford Cottage, Homesford, Whatstandwell, Matlock, Derbyshire
 Tel: 01629 822343 www.homesfordcottage.co.uk

AWARD WINNING
 FOOD
 To eat in or take away

Call in for details of walks
 • Food served daily
 • Farm Shop

BY TRAIN: One mile north of Whatstandwell train station.
 BY BUS: The Transpeak bus service stops outside on the main A6 road.

Open daily
 • Tuesday – Sunday
 • Large car park

Whatstandwell
 and Farm Shop
 Homesford Cottage Inn

Scarthin Books, The Promenade, Scarthin, Cromford DE4 3QF
 Tel: 01629 823272 www.scarthinbooks.com

Found in 1497, (or was it 1794?) 11-ish rooms of books and music, new, second-hand and antiquarian

- Children's Bookroom
- Home-cooking Cafe
- Abounding in oddities
- FREE admission

BY CANAL: Five minutes from Cromford Wharf.
 BY TRAIN: Half a mile west of Cromford Station.
 BY BUS: The Transpeak bus service stops nearby on the main A6 road.

Open 9.30am – 6pm
 12 noon – 6pm Sundays
 Cafe last orders 5.30pm
 Overlooking Cromford Dam (the Millpond).
 75 yards from the Market Place, up past the chemist's.

Scarthin Books

Cromford

Cromford Mills, Mill Lane, Cromford
 Tel: 01629 823256

The world's first water powered cotton spinning mill

Open
 • Every day 9am – 5pm

BY TRAIN: 200 yards west of Cromford Train Station.
 BY BUS: The Transpeak bus service stops nearby on the main A6 road.

There is something for everyone:
 • Shops
 • Guided tours
 • Wholfood Restaurant
 • Free parking

The Arkwright Society is a registered charity (No 515526)

Cromford

The Derwent Hotel, Whatstandwell, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5HG
 Tel: 01773 856616 or visit www.derwenthotel.co.uk

A wide range of traditional meals and specials are available daily

Open Mon – Sat 12 noon – 2.30pm and 6 – 8.30pm.
 Sunday 12 noon – 4pm

Just 20 yards from the Cromford Canal towpath – leave the canal at the road bridge, then follow the road down to the A6 junction.
 BY TRAIN: 500 yards north of Whatstandwell train station.
 BY BUS: The Transpeak bus service stops outside on the main A6 road.

- Quiz night and bingo
- Cask Marque awarded
- Children's room
- Bed and breakfast available
- All day Saturday & Sunday
- Open Mon – Fri 12 noon – 3pm and 5.30 – 11pm

The Derwent Hotel

Whatstandwell

DERWENT VALLEY MILLS World Heritage Site

AMBERGATE IS YOUR GATEWAY TO TRAFFIC-FREE HERITAGE WALKS ALONG THE CROMFORD CANAL.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Visiting from Derby

Train and bus services operate daily from Derby to the Derwent Valley. Timetables for the Derwent Valley Line train service and the Transpeak limited stop bus service are detailed below.

Visiting from Nottingham

On Sundays trains operate from Nottingham, Beeston, Long Eaton to Derby and the Derwent Valley. On Monday to Saturdays there are up to 2 trains per hour from Nottingham to Derby. Trentbarton's daily Transpeak service operates hourly from Nottingham to the Derwent Valley. Train tickets can be purchased for travel from Nottingham to the Derwent Valley and Trent's Zigzag Plus ticket can be used on the Transpeak service between Nottingham and the Derwent Valley.

Derbyshire Wayfarer

Valid on all public transport within Derbyshire. Not valid for rail travel before 0900 Monday to Friday. Tickets can be purchased from bus drivers, Tourist Information Centres and at staffed stations. Wayfarer cannot be purchased on the train. Prices are £8.30 Adult plus one child, £4.15 Concession, £13.10 Group (up to 2 adults and 3 children). Prices correct at August 2007.

RAIL TIMETABLES



The Derwent Line train service is operated by East Midlands Trains www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk. Train times until 17 May 2008. Selected journeys only. Sunday services may be subject to short notice alterations. Contact National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50 or check www.centraltrains.co.uk and click on service alterations for details.

Monday to Friday	Derby – Belper – Matlock					
Derby	0827	1026	1226	1425	1619	1735
Belper	0839	1038	1238	1437	1632	1747
Ambergate	0845	1044	1244	1443	1638	1752
Whatstandwell	0849	1048	1248	1447	1642	1756
Cromford	0854	1053	1253	1452	1647	1801

Monday to Friday	Matlock – Belper – Derby					
Cromford	1117	1317	1522	1703	1818	1943
Whatstandwell	1122	1322	1527	1708	1823	1948
Ambergate	1127	1327	1532	1713	1828	1953
Belper	1133	1333	1538	1719	1833	1958
Derby	1145	1345	1549	1730	1847	2010

Saturday	Derby – Belper – Matlock					
Derby	0949	1152	1330	1456	1622	1748
Belper	1001	1204	1342	1508	1634	1800
Ambergate	1007	1210	1348	1514	1640	1806
Whatstandwell	1011	1214	1352	1518	1644	1810
Cromford	1016	1219	1357	1523	1649	1815

Saturday	Matlock – Belper – Derby					
Cromford	1043	1243	1420	1551	1706	1843
Whatstandwell	1048	1248	1425	1556	1711	1848
Ambergate	1053	1253	1430	1601	1716	1853
Belper	1058	1258	1435	1606	1721	1858
Derby	1110	1310	1447	1618	1733	1910

Sunday	Nottingham – Derby – Belper – Matlock					
Nottingham	0925	1103	1316	1514	1718	1919
Derby	0959	1132	1351	1546	1756	1949
Belper	1011	1144	1403	1558	1808	2001
Ambergate	1017	1150	1409	1604	1814	2007
Whatstandwell	1021	1154	1413	1608	1818	2011
Cromford	1026	1159	1418	1613	1823	2016

Sunday	Matlock – Belper – Derby – Nottingham					
Cromford	1046	1242	1441	1645	1843	
Whatstandwell	1051	1247	1446	1650	1848	
Ambergate	1057	1252	1451	1655	1853	
Belper	1102	1258	1458	1700	1900	
Derby	1113	1310	1510	1712	1912	
Nottingham	1143	1345	1543	1757	1941	

Travelling by train or bus allows you to sit back and relax whilst someone else does the driving and look over the dry stone walls and hedges to enjoy the scenic views through the World Heritage Site.

Look for the Derwent Valley Walks leaflets which will also help you enjoy and discover the valley between Duffield and Matlock

- A6
- River Derwent
- Cromford Canal
- Railway Line
- Attraction
- Picnic Area
- Camping
- Bus stop
- Train Station
- Car Park
- Viewpoint
- Tourist Info
- Refreshments

The Cromford Canal was once part of the national waterway network. As well as these five miles between Ambergate and Cromford, there are another 10 miles that need restoring. You can help by joining the Friends of the Cromford Canal: www.cromfordcanal.org.uk or telephone 0115 946 4479

The Derwent Valley Heritage Way is a long distance walking route along the entire length of the River Derwent and between Ambergate and Cromford it follows the Cromford Canal. Watch for the Heritage Way arrow discs.

PLACES OF INTEREST



1 Lea Wood Pumphouse
Open in 2008:
Mar 23 & 24, May 4 & 5,
Jun 7 & 8, Jul 5 & 6, Aug
2 & 3, 24 & 25, Oct 4 & 5,
Nov 1 & 2



2 High Peak Junction Workshops
Open Oct – Mar weekends
10.30am – 4.30pm Apr – Oct
daily 10.30am – 5.30pm. Visitor
Centre – Admission Free,
Workshop Tours 70p, 40p
cons. Audio guide £1.50 (inc.
admission) or £5 for families.



3 Cromford Mills
Open daily except Dec 25,
9am – 5pm
Admission free, tours £2,
£1.50 cons.



4 Cromford



5 Willersley Castle
Open daily 9.30am – 6pm
(except Christmas Day)
Admission Free.



6 Masson Mills
Open Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm,
Sat 11am – 5pm Sun 11am – 4pm.
Admission free to shopping centre,
£2.50 to enter Textile Museum,
£2 cons, £1.50 kids.

BUS TIMETABLES Transpeak Daily Service Nottingham – Derby – Manchester

Derby – Belper – Ambergate – Whatstandwell – Cromford – Masson Mill	Transpeak trentbarton							
Nottingham, Broadmarsh Bus Station, Bay 12	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610
Derby, Derwent Street Stop Y1	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655
Belper, trentbarton Bus Station	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1615	1715
Ambergate Hurt Arms	1022	1122	1222	1322	1422	1522	1622	1722
Whatstandwell opposite Derwent Hotel	1023	1123	1223	1323	1423	1523	1623	1723
Homesford Cottage	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1625	1725
Cromford Crossroads A6 opposite Mill Road	1028	1128	1228	1328	1428	1528	1628	1728
Opposite Masson Mill	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	1529	1629	1729

Masson Mill – Cromford – Whatstandwell – Ambergate – Belper – Derby	Transpeak trentbarton									
Masson Mill	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830
Cromford Crossroads A6 adj. Mill Road	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830
opposite Homesford Cottage	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1632	1732	1832
Whatstandwell, Derwent Hotel	0934	1034	1134	1234	1334	1444	1544	1644	1744	1844
Ambergate opposite Hurt Arms	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	1637	1737	1837
Belper, trentbarton Bus Station	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1650	1750	1850
Derby, The Morledge	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610	1710	1810	1910
Nottingham, Broadmarsh Bus Station	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1650	1750	1850	-----

Selected journeys only, for full timetable see further information below.
This is a limited stop service between Nottingham, Derby and Manchester also calling in both directions at the following locations between Nottingham and Masson Mill: Queen's Medical Centre (front), Beeston, The Nurseryman, Derby Railway Station forecourt, Allestree, Duffield Park Road/Park Lane, Duffield White Hart, Milford Strutt Arms, Ambergate White House, Merebrook Caravan Park and High Peak Junction.

Further Information

For local bus times: call Traveline 0871 200 2233 (daily 7am to 9pm) www.traveline.org.uk
Derbyshire Public Transport www.derbyshire.gov.uk/buses
For local train times: National Rail Enquiries (24 hours) call 08457 48 49 50 (Calls to this number may be recorded for monitoring purposes) or visit www.centraltrains.co.uk

For full timetable details of these and other public transport services, see the Peak District bus timetable (from local outlets for just 80p or for £1.60 by post from Public Transport Unit, Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG) and the Derwent Valley Line Train Timetable (free from local outlets). Tourist Information Centre, Matlock Bath – Open 9.30am to 5pm daily or 10am to 4pm in winter. Telephone: 01629 583834.

WALK TIMES (approximate):	HIKER	BUGGY
Ambergate Station to Whatstandwell:	40min	55min
Whatstandwell to High Peak Junction:	45min	65min
High Peak Junction to Cromford Station:	20min	35min
Cromford Station to Masson Mill:	10min	20min
Ambergate to Shining Cliff YHA	45 min max	

Please note there is a temporary on-street bus station in Derby. For more information please telephone 0845 300 3975 (Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm) Published by the Derwent Valley Mills Partnership. Designed by Origination. Printed by Whittington Moor Printing Works Ltd.

