



Wharfedale's Wharf, Cromford Canal



Belper weir



Milling the Cromford Canal



Cromford



Millworkers' housing in Long Row, Belper



Darley Abbey Mills

Before leaving Belper, take a moment to experience the drama of the horsepower weir that provided power to the mills – an engineering wonder of its day – and discover the town's beautiful River Gardens.

Following the river downstream through the historic mill village of Milford, you will arrive at the community of Darley Abbey. Here water power was already in use driving paper, corn, flint and leather mills when, in 1782, the Evans family added their cotton mill and later their factory village.

A walk through Darley Park brings you to the southern entrance to the World Heritage Site. Currently closed for re-development, the museum opens for special "pop-up" events. The new Joseph Wright Gallery is a walk away at the Museum & Art Gallery.

Standing at the northern entrance to Belper is William Strutt's North Mill of 1804. Constructed using pioneering "fire proof" technology, the mill houses the Derwent Valley Visitor Centre – a must for all those wishing to discover the area's celebrated textile traditions.

Here you will enter the lives of those who worked in the Strutt family mills, once described as "the best in England". Find out about the times that were imposed for misbehaviour – including the forfeit for idleness, looking through windows and making noises in the counting house; join a tour of the Strutt settlement built by the Strutt family for their workers from 1780s, complete with sturdy houses, schools and chapels.

As he harnessed water power to move the cotton industry out of homes and into purpose-built northern factories, Arkwright provided for the needs of his new workforce. Today much of Cromford remains intact. See the cottages built for workers' families, the school, the inn, the lock-up for those who misbehaved, even the factory workers' lives.

Belore leaving Cromford, be sure to call into the Arkwright's family home of Willesley Castle, and take a stroll along the Cromford Canal Workshops. From Cromford, make a brief diversion to the factory shop at John Smedley's Mill before travelling southwards to Belper.

A short distance south of Manton Mill is the world's first successful water-powered cotton spinning mills. Building started here in 1771. The complex was saved from dereliction in the 1970s and is currently undergoing painstaking restoration. It now contains an exhibition, a restaurant and gift shops.

Take a journey back to an age when Britain held centre-stage as the world's first industrial nation – to a place where water power was first successfully harnessed for textile production – a milestone in the Industrial Revolution.

Amid breathtaking countryside in the heart of rural Derbyshire, and offering fascinating insights into industrial and social life during the 18th and 19th centuries, the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site is the perfect choice for a summer outing or a winter break.

Snaking 15 miles down the river valley from Matlock Bath to Derby, the World Heritage Site contains a fascinating range of historic mill complexes, including some of the world's first modern factories. No less important are the watercourses that powered them, the settlements that were built for the mill workers, and the northern entrance to the World Heritage Site. Established in 1983, and in continuous use until 1991, the mills house a remarkable working textile museum and an adjoining retail village. Experience the sights, sounds and smells of a bygone age; the clatter of well oiled machinery, the whirr of drive belts and wooden floors worn by generations of local millworkers' feet.

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Derwent Valley Mills

Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site



A World Heritage Well Dressing at Cromford



Masson Mills



The Silk Mill gears, Derby



John Smedley



North Street, Cromford



Bridge and weir at Milford

Some special events to help you enjoy the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site

Walking Festival

May 25 to June 2, 2013

Over 50 walks to try, from 10 miles long to 200 yards! All led by World Heritage Site guides. Come and learn about the heritage as you enjoy the beautiful landscape. More details are available at www.derwentvalleymills.org

Darley Abbey Day and World Heritage Celebration

June 8, 2013

A day of celebrations with lots to see and do all around Darley Abbey village and mills.

Discovery Days

October 26 to November 3, 2013

About 200 events across the World Heritage Site, including walks, talks, open houses, art workshops, performances and family activities over nine days. Look out for the leaflet in September. More details on www.derwentvalleymills.org/discovery-days

Station to Station Walks

Walks can be enjoyed between local stations including Duffield, Belper, Ambergate, Whatstandwell, Cromford, Matlock Bath and Matlock. 12 trails offer scenic hillside, riverside and woodland walks between stations. Leaflets are available at www.derwentvalleymills.org/publications/leaflets

More things to see near the Derwent Valley

- While you're in the area why not see some other nearby attractions:
- Bakewell Old Hall Museum** www.oldhousemuseum.org.uk
 - Buxton Museum** www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/buxton_museum/
 - Caudwell's Mill** www.caudwellsmill.co.uk
 - Chatsworth House** www.chatsworth.org
 - Crich Stand** www.crich-memorial.org.uk
 - Crich Tramway Village** www.tramway.co.uk
 - Derby Cathedral** www.derbycathedral.org
 - Haddon Hall** www.haddonhall.co.uk
 - Heage Windmill** www.heagewindmill.org.uk
 - Heights of Abraham** www.heightsofabraham.com
 - Kedleston Hall** www.nationaltrust.org.uk/kedleston-hall
 - National Stone Centre** www.nationalstonecentre.org.uk
 - Peak District Mining Museum** www.peakmines.co.uk
 - Peak Rail** www.peakrail.co.uk
 - Pickford's House Museum, Derby** www.derbymuseums.org
 - St John's Chapel, Belper** www.belpercelebration.co.uk/stjohnschapel.html
 - Wingfield Manor** www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/wingfield-manor
 - Wirksworth Heritage Centre** www.storyofwirksworth.co.uk



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www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

By Train

Derby is well served by the national rail network. East Midlands Trains operate hourly train services from Nottingham and Derby along the Derwent Valley Line to Matlock, serving all local stations including Belper and Cromford. www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk/derwentvalleyline
For train times, call National Rail Enquiries 08457 48 49 50 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

By Bus

National Express operate regular coach services to Derby from throughout the UK. Call 08717 818181 or visit: www.nationalexpress.com. Regular bus services to destinations within the World Heritage Site include: TransPeak (TP), an hourly, daily, limited stop service between Derby, Belper, Cromford and Buxton with some services to/from Manchester and the 6.1 between Derby, Belper, Cromford and Matlock via Wirksworth. More frequent services operate between Derby and Belper. For bus times, call: 0871 200 22 33 or visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/buses.

You can use the East Midlands Journey Planner to help plan your journey - visit www.travelineeastmidlands.co.uk



www.derwentvalleymills.org

The Derwent Valley

The Valley that changed the World

VISITOR GUIDE



Derwent Valley Mills
World Heritage Site, Derbyshire

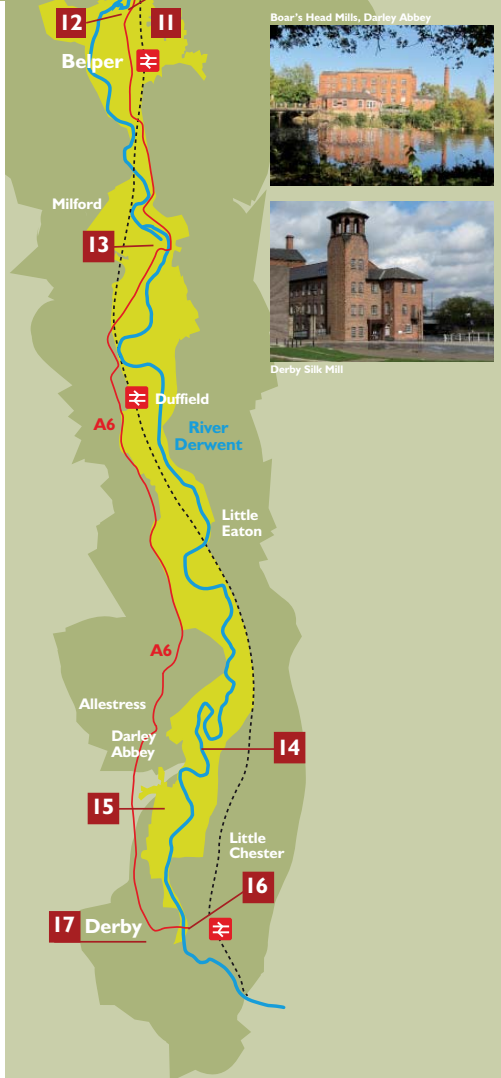




places to explore



- 1 MASSON MILLS (WORKING TEXTILE MUSEUM)**
 Derby Road, Matlock Bath, Derbyshire DE4 3PY
 Telephone: 01629 581001 Website: www.massonmills.co.uk
 Sir Richard Arkwright's 1783 Masson Mills, at the northern gateway to the World Heritage Site, are the finest surviving and best preserved example of an Arkwright cotton spinning mill. Working textile museum illustrating Arkwright's legacy.
Opening Times: Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Closed Easter Sunday and throughout December (January times vary, please enquire before visiting). Machinery demonstrations at 11am and 2pm (Sun 12 noon and 2pm). Times vary subject to availability.
Admission: Adults £3.00, Child (5-16) £2.00, Family £6.50, Concessions £2.50, Adult Pre-booked Groups and Schools (30+) £2.50 per person. Guide fee of £10 applicable for groups only. Accompanying teachers and group leaders free. Cromford or Matlock Bath: 15-minute walk.
Train Station: Cromford or Matlock Bath: 15-minute walk.
More Information: Educational tours available - see website: www.massonmills.co.uk
 A Refreshments Gift shop Public toilets Wheelchair access Disabled toilets Guide dogs welcome Parking on-site Tours available Conference facilities
- 2 CROMFORD**
 Take a tour of the village Sir Richard Arkwright built for his mill workers from 1776. Highlights include the Greyhound Hotel and Pond, the village lock-up, pigsties and the ingenious 'Bear Pit'.
Train Station: Cromford: 10-minute walk.
More Information: Village Tours can be pre-booked at Cromford Mills or phone 01629 823256. Adults £3.50, Child (under 16) £2.50, Concessions £2.50 per person.
- 3 WILLERSLEY CASTLE**
 Cromford, Derbyshire DE4 5JH Telephone: 01629 582270
 E-mail: Willersley@christianguild.co.uk Website: www.christianguild.co.uk
 Built for Sir Richard Arkwright, Willersley Castle provides unparalleled views along the Derwent Valley. Set in extensive parkland, the house retains many original features, including the striking 'Well Gallery' with its glass dome.
Opening Times: Open daily throughout the year (except Christmas Day) 9.30am-6pm.
Admission: FREE
Train Station: Cromford: 5-minute walk.
More Information: Willersley Castle is owned and operated as an hotel by Christian Guild Holidays, providing holiday and conference facilities throughout the year.
- 4 CROMFORD MILLS**
 Mill Lane, Cromford, Derbyshire DE4 3RQ Telephone: 01629 823256
 E-mail: info@arkwrightsociety.org.uk Website: www.arkwrightsociety.org.uk
 The world's first successful water-powered cotton spinning mills, built by Sir Richard Arkwright between 1771 and 1791. Discover the birthplace of the factory system - where innovation and enterprise changed the world. Enjoy guided tours, an exhibition, refreshments and gift shops.
Opening Times: Open daily throughout the year (except Christmas Day) 9am-5pm.
Admission: Entrance FREE Guided Tours: Adult £3.50, Child (under 16) £2.50, Concessions £2.50 per person.
Train Station: Cromford: 5-minute walk.
More Information: Evening talks and group tours by arrangement.
- 5 ST MARY'S CHURCH (CROMFORD)**
 Mill Lane, Cromford, Derbyshire DE4 3RQ
 Telephone: 01629 822710/583924
 Opened in 1797, Cromford's parish church was built by Sir Richard Arkwright and contains the family vaults. The interior is decorated with extensive, striking wall paintings and stained glass by the Victorian artist, A. O. Hemming.
Opening Times: Sunday service: 9.30am-10.30am. Second Sunday of month 10.30am start. Summer: (May-September) Saturday open to visitors: 11am-1pm. Access by prior arrangement telephone: 01629 822710/583924.
Admission: FREE
Train Station: Cromford: 5-minute walk.



- 6 CROMFORD CANAL**
 Roam along the banks of the canal, built in the 1790s to unlock Derbyshire's immense mineral wealth and now a rich haven for plants and wildlife. The towpath is a wonderful way of exploring the Derwent valley between Cromford and Ambergate. More details available from the High Peak Junction Workshops or telephone 01629 823204.
- 7 HIGH PEAK JUNCTION WORKSHOPS**
 Cromford Canal, Cromford, Derbyshire
 Telephone: 01629 823204 E-mail: countryside@derbyshire.gov.uk
 Website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside
 This Countryside Visitor Centre is housed in one of the world's oldest surviving railway workshops, built around 1830 and faithfully restored to how they would have looked in the 1880s. An audio guide takes visitors back to the days of steam on the Cromford and High Peak Railway.
Opening Times: 10am - 5pm Easter to October; 10.30am - 4pm November to March.
Admission: Visitor Centre free. A small charge applies to the workshop, which includes the informative audiotour.
Train Station: Cromford: 25-minute walk.
- 8 LEAWOOD PUMPHOUSE**
 Cromford Canal, Cromford, Derbyshire
 Telephone: 01629 823204 E-mail: countryside@derbyshire.gov.uk
 Website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside
 This magnificent steam pumping engine of 1849 is still capable of lifting 4 tonnes of water from the river Derwent to the Cromford Canal in each stroke.
Opening Times: In 2013, 12noon to 5.00pm: 31 March, 1 April, 5 & 6 May, 1 & 2 June, 7 July, 3 & 4 August, 25 & 26 August, 5 & 6 October, 2 & 3 November.
Admission: FREE (group bookings by arrangement).
Train Station: Cromford: 30-minute walk.
- 9 JOHN SMEDLEY (MILL AND FACTORY SHOP)**
 Lea Bridge, Near Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5AG. Telephone: 01629 534571
 E-mail: enquiries@johnsmedley.com Website: www.johnsmedley.com
 This site has been owned by the Smedley family for over 225 years and has been operational throughout that time. It is the head office, manufacturing and distribution base for the luxury knitwear brand that is John Smedley. Visit the factory shop for a wide range of products including John Smedley's exclusive Sea Island cotton and Merino wool ranges.
Opening Times: The factory shop is open daily throughout the year 10am-4pm.
Admission: FREE
Train Station: Cromford: 30-minute walk (or catch a bus outside Cromford Mill).
- 10 BELPER RIVER GARDENS**
 Enjoy stunning views of the river Derwent and, throughout the summer, try the band concerts, outdoor theatre performances and rowing boats for hire.
- 11 BELPER**
 There's lots to do and see in this historic town. Look out for the World Heritage Site logo in shop windows and ambassadors with badges who can tell you where to go and what to do. Walk the streets of the factory community created by the Strutt family for their mill workers from the 1780s. See the rows of terraced housing, a nail maker's workshop and much more. Tours can be booked at Strutt's North Mill.
- 12 STRUTT'S NORTH MILL (DERWENT VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE)**
 Bridgefoot, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 1YD Telephone: 01773 880474
 E-mail: vc@belpernorthmill.org.uk Website: www.belpernorthmill.org.uk
 At William Strutt's pioneering 'fire proof' cotton mill of 1804 you can follow cotton manufacture from plant to thread. See one of the finest collections of hosiery and join a tour of the remarkable mill settlement of Belper. Ideally located next to the River Gardens. Light refreshments and gift shop on site.
Opening Times: March to October: Wed to Sun and Bank Holidays 1 to 5pm; November to February: Sat and Sun, Boxing Day and New Year's Day 1 to 5pm.
Admission: Adults £3.50, Concessions £3, Children (7-16) £2, Family £8.50.
Train Station: Belper: 10-minute walk.
More Information: Group bookings any time by arrangement.
- 13 MILFORD**
 Discover the cottages, churches, pubs, school and the remains of the cotton and bleach works that were built to serve the Strutt industrial community from 1781.
- 14 DARLEY ABBEY**
 Within walking distance of Derby City centre is the remarkable factory village of Darley Abbey, created by the Evans family from the 1780s onwards and including St Matthew's Church. Pause beside the river Derwent, within sight of one of the most complete early textile mill complexes.
- 15 DARLEY PARK**
 Enjoy the open space of unspoilt parkland, once part of the Evans family estate, with fine views of Derby.
- 16 THE DERBY SILK MILL**
 Silk Mill Lane, off Full Street, Derby DE1 3AF Telephone: 01332 641901
 Email: info@derbymuseums.org Website: www.derbymuseums.org
 Located on the site of John Lombe's Silk Mill of the early 1720s - the World's first 'modern' factory.
Opening Times: The museum is currently closed to the public for a period of redevelopment, but is, however open for planned activities and events as shown in the What's On section of their website.
Train Station: Derby: 15-minute walk.
- 17 DERBY MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY**
 The Strand, Derby DE1 1BS Telephone: 01332 641901
 Email: info@derbymuseums.org Website: www.derbymuseums.org
 The impressive Joseph Wright Gallery includes portraits, landscapes and scenes of industry directly relevant to the story of the Derwent Valley Mills. The Museum and Art Gallery has exciting displays about fine art, natural history, archaeology, military history, ceramics and more.
Opening Times: Open 6 days a week (closed Christmas and New Year period - see website for details), Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 1pm-4pm.
Admission: FREE
Train Station: Derby: 15-minute walk.

DERWENT VALLEY HERITAGE WAY
 Discover the delights of the Derwent Valley on foot. The Derwent Valley Heritage Way is a 55 mile long walking route offering spectacular scenery and stunning views. Why not wander through the full length of the World Heritage Site and the Derwent Valley beyond?

Admission prices for all attractions correct at time of going to print.