

Points of Interest

Repton was a defensive site on a river terrace above the Trent valley flood plain, first mentioned in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle dated 755. It was the capital of Mercia and was a burial place for the kings. Vikings sacked the village in 873 and set up a winter camp for their army.

Repton School began as a free grammar school in 1559. It developed during the 19th and 20th centuries having a marked effect on the layout of the village.

Until Willington Bridge was built in 1839 there was no bridge across the Trent between Swarkestone, Twyford, meaning "double ford", was therefore an important crossing point on the river.

A chain ferry survived here until 1963 when the boat was washed away by floods and not replaced. The ferry posts still stand on both sides of the river.

Foremark Church is one of the first churches to be built after the Restoration of the Monarchy. The church is the final resting place of the Fishers and the Burdetts who were previous owners of Foremark Hall.

The woodland across the field from Foremark Church was a 'starfish site' in the Second World War. This was deliberately created to simulate a burning town or factory to decoy German night bombers away from bombing real towns like Derby.

Being a responsible visitor

- Please respect other users as you walk this route
- Take your litter home and dispose of it carefully
- Dogs can scare or harm farm animals so please keep your dog on a lead
- Please pick up your dog poo and put it in a bin.

The Trent Valley Way is a long distance, way-marked walking route extending to 170 miles from its source near Stoke-on-Trent, to the Humber estuary.

It connects towns and villages, wildlife and history, enhancing wellbeing, attracting visitors to the area and contributing to local economies.

A new section of 43 miles (69km) between Rugeley and Shardlow has been made accessible by Trent Rivers Trust working as part of the Transforming the Trent Valley landscape project. Maps can be found online

The Trent Rivers Trust website
www.trentriverstrust.org

Transforming the Trent Valley
www.thetrentvalley.org



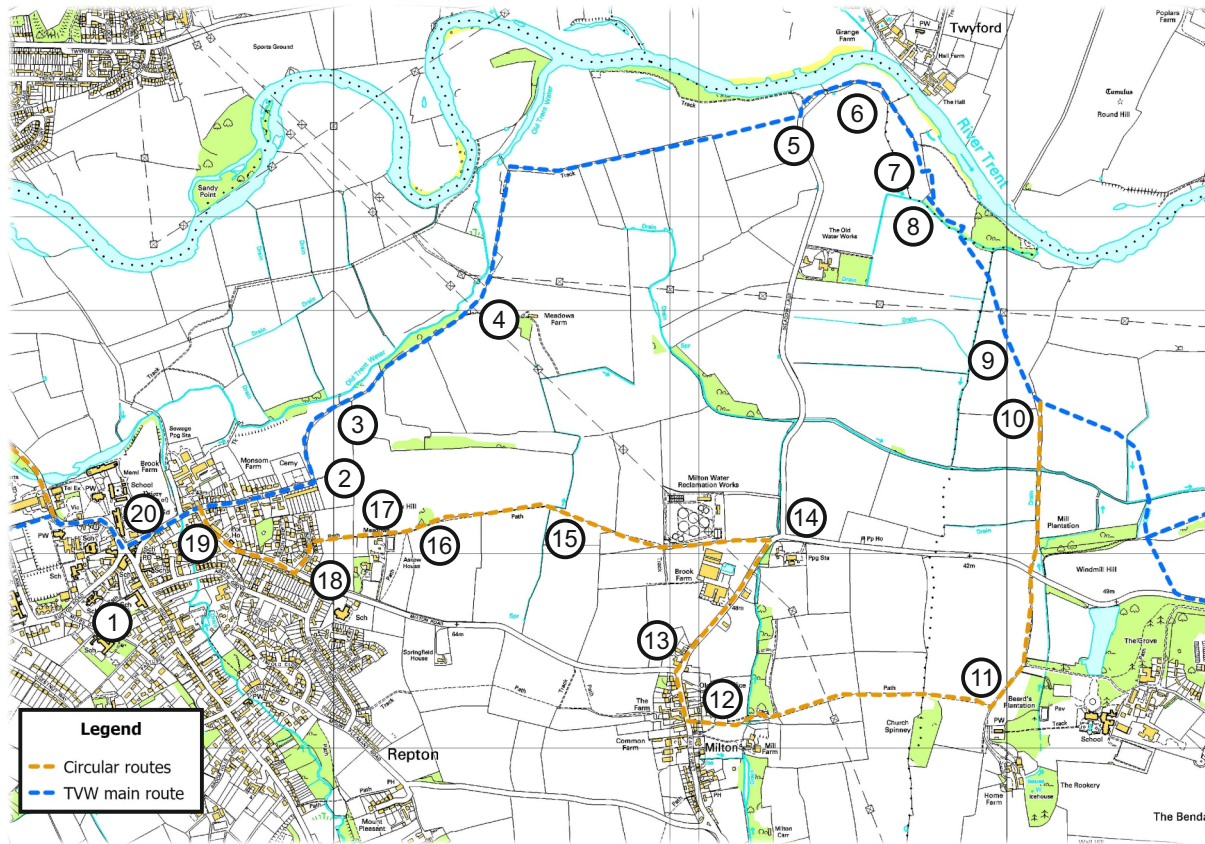
Repton Circular Walk

6 miles (9.7 km)



This gentle walk follows the Trent Valley Way from the historic village of Repton. After a short stretch along roads the route follows footpaths across open fields, farm tracks and country lanes before returning to Repton.





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1. Turn right out of the car park on to Burton Road. Cross over the Village Cross roundabout and proceed along Brook End, continuing along Monsom Lane.

2. At the end of Monsom Lane, turn left at the public footpath sign and continue along the farm track. Twyford church spire soon comes into view in the distance.

3. At a fork in the track, keep left down to a stile and gate. Cross stile and continue ahead keeping fence to right.

4. At the next stile, turn right, initially keeping the hedge to the right and after approximately 150 metres follow the path on to the other side of the hedge. Now, keeping the hedge to the left, cross five more fields with stiles and/or gates.

5. At the wicket gate at the end of the last field the route connects with Meadow Lane. Turn left onto a grassy track, using another stile at the end to enter a field on the flood plain of the River Trent.

6. Follow the track, keeping the hedge on the right. This is the point where the Twyford Ferry used to cross the river and where sand martins nest in holes in the river bank in the spring.

The parish boundary of Twyford includes a field, Hailstones, on this side of the river showing that the river changed its course in the past.

7. Bear right, away from the river, aiming for a gap in the hedge near the corner of the field and then look out for a footbridge in the hedge on the right after 150 metres.

8. Enter a field and turn left, following its boundary until reaching another footbridge crossing a ditch, which leads into a field with a pylon.

9. Cross this field, aiming to the immediate right of the pylon in the middle of the field until reaching a farm track, where the main Trent Valley Way is left. Follow the orange waymarkers.

10. Continue up the Farm Track until reaching a stile to the left of a gate. Cross the road where a rough surfaced track leads to Foremark Church, which is well worth a visit often open during daylight.

11. Just before the church, take the footpath on the right, passing a woodland on the left (used as a 'starfish site' in the Second world War) and maintaining the same direction to cross three fields.

12. At the bottom of the third field bear left to reach a footbridge over a brook in the left corner. Cross the bridge to a stile and follow the path uphill with a house wall on the right until reaching the road.

Route details

Approximate time: 2 hrs 30 mins

Parking: Village car park Burton Road, Repton, DE65 6FL, outside Repton Parish Church, or street parking in the village. Bus service – Villager V3 from Burton on Trent. Check times on Traveline

Refreshments: Pubs and cafés in Repton and the Swan pub at Milton

Ordnance Survey Map: Explorer 245 (National Forest)

Easy Walking along well-defined paths, across arable fields, farm tracks and country lanes. There are stiles, gates and narrow footbridges. Care should be taken when walking along lanes without footpaths.

Location Map



13. Turn right on to Main Street. Do not bear left at the next junction but continue ahead towards Formark and then down the hill.

14. At the bottom of the hill, just before the junction with Meadow Lane, take the stile on the left into a field. Keep the hedge on the left and exit via another stile in the left corner of this field, taking the path between the farm buildings and sewage works.

15. A stile at the end of this path leads into a field. Head for another stile on the opposite side and then walk across the next field towards the hill.

16. Enter the next field by crossing a narrow bridge. Continue uphill where the path opens onto another field, keeping the hedge to the right.

17. Follow the path downhill behind houses until reaching the road at Burdett Way.

18. Turn left and then right along Milton Rd.

19. Follow Milton Road to the High Street

20. Retrace your steps back to the car park.

