

Derby Nomads City Circular Way. Version 3 Start and end by Bus Routes

Length 50 miles. 80 kilometres.

Use the last instruction of the previous section to orientate yourself for the start of the section you are walking

Section between Dale Abbey and Shardlow 10.5 miles

**Catch Y3 from City centre to stop above Dale Abbey. Walk to start.
Catch SDL bus to return to City centre.**

1. At the bottom of Woodpecker Hill turn right and go ahead on the lane passing Rosedale cottage on your left and go across the ford.
2. As the lane turns left go ahead on footpath
3. When path reaches a track turn right and walk up as far as the furnace Pond Farm
4. Turn left on a footpath before passing the pond and that goes in front of the pond and fence. Not on the pond side of the fence.
5. Follow path to the right of Stanton Grove.
6. Cross stile to pass to the right of Furness Ironworks spoil heap and walk in the direction of the Stanton iron works seen in the distance.
7. Turn right opposite stile where footpaths cross. About half way down field.
8. Follow this path across 3 fields (2 stiles) and continue straight on in the 4th field.
9. After the 4th field go over stile and follow path to the left of the hedgerow.
10. After the next stile, keep following the path past a children's play ground on the left.
11. Leave the field by a footpath on the right just before the paths goes into Flake Lane. Do not go down the Lane unless you wish to go into Stanton by Dale where there are some pubs.
12. Follow path until you reach a road. Cross the road and turn left and almost immediately right into footpath. This is before the Chequers Inn which is on the opposite of the road.
13. Straight ahead until you reach No Mans Lane, approx half a mile and across 3 fields.
14. Turn left on road and after about 200yards right on to a footpath towards Maywoods farm now a golf course.
15. When you reach the road before the golf course bear left across road to pick up footpath across golf course following white posts with green tops and a yellow band used as way markers going over a footbridge.
16. At the end of the first part of the golf course go straight ahead through a copse on a track, do not take path to the right and then cross footbridge.

17. Straight ahead and across the second part of the golf course, still following the white posts with green tops then into and up a field. Go past paths to the left and right onto bridleway/track to reach the B5010.
18. Cross the road and walk down lane between houses 69 and 71a.
19. Cross bridge over A52 and immediately turn left on to foot path this then turns right and you follow this path straight one keeping the hedge to your left until just before reaching a road you turn right on to the old Derby canal path. The canal has been filled in.
20. Continue you on this path until you reach a road, which you cross and join the national cycle path network path no. 6. This by the Navigation pub and is still the route of the old canal.
21. Continue on this path following signs to Derby and crossing one road until you reach the Millennium signpost. The last part of the path runs parallel to the road the A6005. (The A6005 follows the path of an old Roman road
22. Where the path ends at the road turn right and cross the road and turn left into Nooning Lane Cross the road with care.
23. Walk to the end of this road and you will get your first view of the river Derwent (Add some history). We do not take the Bridle way down to it but turn left onto a footpath.
24. Follow this path straight on until you reach some houses. Walk on the path between the houses and turn right into Lime Grove.
25. Then right into Cleveland Avenue. Follow Cleveland Avenue around to the right and take footpath at the end. This path then leads into the end of Derwent Street. Turn left and walk down Derwent passing Draycott house on your left.
26. At the other end of Derwent Street turn left and then almost immediately right into South Street. Here you will go past the Beetroot gallery and café. If before turning right into South Street you continue up the road you will be in the centre of Draycott with pubs other cafes and WC's available.
27. Follow South Street until the road bends left but at that point take the footpath on the right. This is the Midshires Way
28. On reaching the road at pumping station turn left on road. After a short distance turn left onto a footpath. This is still the Midshires way.
29. Follow this footpath crossing one path to the road and turn right.
30. Just after road bends right turn sharp left on to footpath signposted to Shardlow. Still following the Midshires way.
31. Cross the river Derwent by the bridge and across the field
32. At the end of the field turn left into Wilne Lane.
33. Follow Wilne Lane to Shardlow on reaching the bridge over the canal cross over and take the towpath on the right.

Section between Shardlow and Findern 12.5 miles

Catch SDL from City centre to stop at Shadlow. Walk to start.

Catch V3 bus to return to City centre

1. Continue on tow path until you reach bridge No 5 leave towpath and go right and over bridge (Acrelane bridge)

2. Continue on quarry service road and proceed to Shardlow road.
3. Cross the road bearing slightly right and take footpath going ahead and keep to the left of the field.
4. When reaching the farm track turn right and then immediately left through a gap in the hedge.
5. Cross two fields passing over a wooden bridge
6. Go through stile and go past houses and at footpath sign go straight ahead into Manor Farm road.
7. At junction turn left into Moor Lane.
8. At the next junction turn left onto Derby road and walk through village as you leave village road changes to the Shardlow Road.
9. Turn right on to bridle path to Kings Mill this is opposite the entrance to the recreation ground.
10. At junction by Weston Grange turn left on track and go over canal bridge.
11. Continue straight on track until you reach a railway bridge in approx 50 m after this turn right on a footpath.
12. Walk half left towards a pylon and white dot on gatepost in field boundary.
13. Go through gate and walk half left through this field to reach the banks of the river Trent and the site of an old chain ferry across the river. This is marked with a white marker.
14. With your back to the river walk half left parallel with overhead power lines to gate/stile in hedge turn right into Kings Mill Lane.
15. Walk up to canal and cross it at Weston Lock. And after a very short time turn right continuing on Kings Mill Lane.
16. Go over railway bridge then turn right onto footpath. Go across field to house and through car park by Pub (The Old Plough) across road to the Green.
17. Ahead past Green and just past the Green bearing left up a road towards the Coopers Arms. Just past the entrance to this road there is a footpath on the left to the right of a hedge. (keeping the hedge on your left). Walk up this path until you reach a turning through the hedge at a footpath sign.
18. Go through the hedge and walk diagonally right across the field to the corner to reach a road. On reaching the road turn left over the railway bridge.
19. Turn right on a road following signs to the Parish Church. Just past the Church take the footpath on the right before Weston House. Follow footpath around field to a drive and turn left on to this.
20. Walk down the drive to the house and bear left in front of the house. Follow the path down and go over the canal bridge following path to the canal then turn left back under the bridge.
21. Carry on the canal path until you reach bridge number 12 and here turn left onto a footpath, then right into a field.
22. Walk across two fields and continue on path in far left hand corner of second field follow path on the right side on a hedges (keeping path to the left)
23. When you reach Swarkestone Pavilion on your right take the footpath aiming just to the right of the church.

24. Go through stile to the right of the church turn left on road going past the church then turn right onto footpath opposite the church. Follow this path to the A514. Go across the road to the left of the Crewe and Harbour Pub.
25. Walk down the road between the pub and the river and turn left on to a footpath where the road bears right. Follow path and go over stile. Take path to the right not the one along the river.
26. Follow this path with hedge and house on the right at the start continues straight a head over a stile and across a large field to the far corner, which is close to the river. Continue on path over a wooden bridge to reach a lane.
27. On reaching the Lane turn right on to track after a short distance continue on footpath between houses and hedge.
28. Continue on passing over a track and right then continue on a fenced path going into a track passing houses on the left.
29. At a house called Hill view turn right over a stile into a field and proceed half left to the far left corner of the field. On reaching Swarkstone road turn left.
30. After a short while turn right into Sinfin Lane the after the first house on the left turn left on a footpath marked "Deepdale bridge"
31. Follow path half right crossing over stile for 3 fields then walking parallel to the railway line to the railway bridge.
32. Take the path up the steps to and over the railway bridge to canal. Do not go over the canal bridge but down to the canal path and under bridge 17.
33. Continue on the towpath going under bridge 18 to Stenson Bubble (suitable for refreshments) going over the road at bridge 19 to go passed the lock gates.
34. Continue on the towpath to bridge 20 turn right over the bridge the immediately left on to a Bridle way and follow this on the other side of the canal. (Bridge collapsed review later)
35. Go under bridge 21 and in a short distance go over a stile into Stanhope nature reserve follow path across this then up steps to track.
36. Turn left then after a short distance right through tunnel under the A50. After coming out of the tunnel after a short distance take concessionary footpath on the left through Bird Sanctuary. Follow this path bearing right to track.
37. Turn left on track called Crow Park Way then turn left into Common Piece Lane and left again onto Sycamore Avenue heading towards the church. Follow road to Findern Village Green.

Findern to Kirk Langley 10 miles

Catch V3 from City centre to stop at Findern. Walk to start.

Catch 108 bus to return to City centre

1. Turn right at the Post Office onto a road that shortly turns into Dole Lane. Shortly after the shops on the left side of the road go up a sloping path also on the left following the path around to the left then going into Green way.

2. Turn left almost immediately into what is Hawthorn Crescent. Follow this round and then turn right into path between houses at the street name sign. On coming out of this path turn left into Mill Close at the top and end of this road, bear right on a path to a road marked as Hillside, then straight on up a no through road called Porters Lane
3. About 50 meters after the houses end turn left on to a footpath called the Airport way named after the old airport near here. Walk keeping the fence / hedge to your left to the farm at the A38. At the farm cross lane and over 2 stiles to the verge of the A38.
4. Turn left and walk in front of the farm and then left on to a footpath just past the farm buildings.
5. Walk ahead across field to stile then over and turn right and walk down track with hedge on your right. Turn left where track ends.
6. After a short distance turn right following footpath and walk down 3 fields keeping hedge to your right. At the end of the 3rd field turn right and follow path to steps up to the road go up these then at the top turn right and follow barrier around to the end of top slip road. Ignore sign to Willington.
7. When you have a clear view to your right cross the road carefully and walk on the path over the A38 to the next slip road. Cross this carefully turn right and walk down to walk behind the barrier to join the foot path/cycle way and walk down beside the A38
8. After about half a mile on the A38, past the factory and just over the brow of the hill turn left onto footpath.
9. Proceed with hedge on your left for two fields. In the third field cross stile in the hedge to follow path on the other side of the hedge The hedge is now on your right with a copse of your left.
10. Follow path around copse to road (the Toyota car plant can be seen to the left but we turn right. After a short distance take footpath through the hedgerow on the left.
11. Follow this path past a pond and over a bridge by the pond then keep on this path, which twists and turns for approximately a mile until you reach Willington road where we turn right. This then changes to Oaklands road, follow this to the village of Etwall and turn right on to Main Street and walk up to the church in the centre of the village.
12. Turn left into Church Hill road. St Helens Church is then on the left. At then end of the road take the footpath to the left of a wall and go straight ahead over a road at some kissing gates.
13. At the end of the path cross a stile into a field and turn left along the side of the field to a road the A516. Cross this with care an go into a footpath on the opposite side.
14. Go into the field and across field diagonally to stile in right hand corner and onto a path that goes over the old Derbyshire rail extension line. Now a cycle track no. 54
15. At the end of the path go over a stile then into a field and go up the field keeping to the left of the hedge. Do not turn right. After about 200 meters in the second field turn right through a hedge into anther field and cross this diagonally to a stile.

16. Follow path over 2 fields On reaching 3rd field by foot bridge do not turn left or right but aim slightly to the left of the far corner of the 3rd field. Note Scary Crow wood sign on the left.
17. Proceed through stile over the ditch into the next field go half left and then cross the bridge over Etwall Brook into the next field. Proceed half right across the next field to a hedge, which you walk up keeping the hedge on your right. i.e. you keep to the left of the hedge.
18. Cross the stile and into Dalbury church cemetery. Leave the church by the main path and turn left up the lane for a short distance through a gate and turn immediately right and go into the next field. Walk up the track to the farmyard. Go through the yard to a stile in the right hand corner.
19. Walk half right across this field to the right hand corner over the stile and half right across the field to the road. Turn left on the road and walk along the road for a short distance and then turn right into the footpath at Rook hills farm.
20. Walk along farm track to farm and into farmyard. Before you reach the farmhouse turn right and go up the track through gate into field. Walk through field a first keeping hedge to your right then aiming for a single Oak to a gate behind this Oak. Do not turn off on to other footpaths
21. Go through the gate and go diagonally across the field to a stile over footbridge and diagonally right again across field to road. Cross road to stile slightly to the left and into field go half left across the field to a stile.
22. Go over the track and down field keeping farm to the right. About half way down the field go through a gap in the hedge to a track. Turn left down track.
23. After about 200 meters and just past a gas pipe market turn right through a gap in the hedge. Not over wooden fence. Diagonally left across the field over stile and continue the same line in the next field go over the stile and bear right to stile in right hand hedge. There are other paths here so keep right through hedge and diagonally right through next field keeping pond to your left then bear left to a gate in the left corner of the field.
24. Here you cross the Bonnie Prince Charlie way into the next field. Head in the direction of the farm in the distance and go over the next stile/footbridge and diagonally across the next field to stile/footbridge. Through stile and half left across next field to a footbridge.
25. Across footbridge and cross the field to the left of a pylon towards Foxfields farm. At the corner of the field. (The left hand hedge has been removed) turn right and walk along the hedge with the hedge on your right for a short distance, crossing hedge by some fence posts. The stile in the correct place seems to have been removed. Turn left and walk with the hedge now on your left. Then turn left through gate into track to next field.
26. In the field turn half right aiming for the farmhouse and go through gate to join road.
27. Turn right on to the road and walk around farm. Continue on road to junction just past Corner farm. Turn left on to footpath opposite

- junction. Go over stile through copse into field across field to gate. Go through next 3 fields to gate.
28. Continue in next field with hedge to the right then in next field across to road. This is Long lane. Cross over and walk with the hedge on your left through 3 fields. Then at the end of the third field turn right keeping hedge to your left past pond on right to a stile cross the this field/green lane to next field where we go half left to road.
 29. Turn right along Moor Lane and then just past the Blue Bell Inn turn left up Adams road. Take the first right turn. Before the corner, where the road turns left and opposite the house, walk across the grass to the stile in the hedge. The stile is difficult to find and is hidden by a small pond.
 30. Proceed half left across the field aiming below the houses seen across the field. Then between fields to next field over stile and bear left to footbridge. Go over it and in next field go diagonally across field to the middle gate of three. Go through gate and up the next field with hedge on your left to gate at the road. The A52.

Kirk Langley to Morley Smithy 11 miles

Catch 108 from City centre to stop before Kirk Langley at the nearest bus stop to where the walk crosses the A52 (See Map).

Walk to start.

Catch H1 bus to return to City centre

1. Turn right for short distance then left to cross road to footpath on the other side.
2. Go over stile and across field aiming to the left of the farm buildings. Just before you reach the farm building turn left, walk past them and go over a stile and down the field. Continue through gate and bear left through next field to wooden bridge.
3. Over bridge and in next field bear left to stile by gate. Bear left in the next field to walk along the right side of hedge. Keeping to the right of the hedge over 4 fields to the road.
4. Turn right into Lodge Lane. After a few hundred meters along the road turn right on to bridle way opposite Priest Wood. Continue on the bridle way for some distance passing Upper Vicarwood farm and the bridle way turns in to a track and as it goes down hill and opposite the first lane on the right (which leads to Lower Vicarwood farm) turn left on footpath across narrow field to gap in bushes. (Not marked very well)
5. Go through bushes and straight ahead across 2 fields to a wooden bridge over a stream. Cross the bridge and walk up field keeping hedge on your left at the end of the field turn right still keeping hedge on your left. At the end of the hedge turn left again keeping the hedge to your left to the road.
6. Cross the road and through hedge on to footpath, cross the field keeping the hedge to the right.
7. Cross footbridge into next field and proceed up field keeping hedge to your right.

8. At the top of the field turn nearly back on yourself and take the path that goes back down half right across the field aiming half way down the hedge.
9. Go through stile and in next field go diagonally across go through hedge on track and bear right up a bank and then follow hedge with the hedge on your right.
10. Bear left in the next field to a stile by a gate and then straight across next field to stile. Then in next field keep hedge on you right until you reach the road via 2 stiles. Turn right on road.
11. Follow road around a right hand bend. Then turn left into footpath after cottage number 74 and proceed down lane. After the last house take footpath to the left.
12. Go over the stile and down field with hedge on your left past some Scots pines and straight ahead to a stile go over the stile and down the next 3 fields with the hedge on you left.
13. In the 4th and 5th field go straight across. Continue in 6th field with the hedge on your left. Then go over stile across field and go between houses to the road called Broadway.
14. Cross the road to footpath slightly to the left. Follow through houses to next road. Bear right across this road to enter footpath. Follow this footpath turning left just before a path that goes to a Scout and Guide hut.
15. At the next road bear left across a type of round about and enter next footpath, which goes to the A6 main road.
16. Go carefully straight across the road into Mackeney road continue on turning left at a footpath (Centenary way) just before the railway bridge. Go down the steps and turn right back under the road. After a short distance through a field come out on to a lane and turn left and forward to go over the railway line via the footbridge.
17. On the other side of the bridge go ahead through stile to the left of the church then when in the field take the left hand path to a stile go over stile and back on to Mackeney Road. Turn right and go over the bridge then turn right into Duffield Bank.
18. Proceed up the hill and where the road changes to Eaton Bank turn left into a Lane then turn right onto the bridle way at the end of the lane following bridle way sign posted to Whitaker Lane
19. Go up the steps and at the top of the hill turn right through the hedge then turn left though a wood for a short distance and then over a stile into a field.
20. Go through 2 fields with the hedge on your left and in the third field follow the hedge closely, still to your left, to the bottom of the field then over a stile in the hedge and turn right onto a track which shortly joins a lane which is Whitaker Lane.
21. When you reach the road which is Alfreton road turn left then in approximately 300 meters on reaching a house on the opposite side of the road called Sunny side cross the road and go up the path by the side of the house.
22. Follow path over the railway line and Bottle brook then cross the road on to a bridle path follow this path under the A38 and up to the woods.

23. On reaching a track at the start of the woods turn left on the track and follow this until you reach the junction with Sandy Lane. Do not take a fork to the right seen in a while. The track eventually turns into a lane called Brackley gate.
24. ON reaching a road junction turn right on to Sandy Lane then after a short distance right on to a footpath through the houses. The footpath is opposite a gate and some farm buildings. Follow this round to Quarry road, turn right and walk down the Lane and in a short distance turn left on to a footpath just past a bus shelter on the left side of the road.
25. Walk half right across the field aiming to the left of the barn to a stile. Cross the field keeping hedge and farm buildings to your right to a stile in the corner. Go over stile and half left across farm track to stile in to field.
26. Diagonally across field to stile in the corner in the next field turn left and follow path with the hedge on your left continue the same in the next field to the road.

Section between Morley Smithy to Dale Abbey 5 miles

Catch H1 from City centre to stop at Morley Smithy. Walk to start.
Catch IF bus to return to City centre

1. Turn left on to Brick Kiln Lane and walk up to the junction with the Mansfield road and turn right.
2. Walk down to the Morley Primary School and cross the road here on the crossing. Turn left on the footpath just past the school.
3. Go over the stile and go diagonally across the field go across the track and straight on over the stile and straight across next field to the stile in the wall.
4. Continue on across small field with the church on the right to the next stile then diagonally across the next field to stile over the stile to the road turning left on the road.
5. Walk down the road and continue on when the road ends on the bridleway and the on path to ford /footbridge over a stream. Go over this and continue on the path to the road.
6. At the road turn right on to Morley Lane. Walk down to the road to the junction and turn right continuing on Morley road.
7. Continue on road until you reach Station road and turn left. After a short distance turn right into a footpath in front of Hall Farm.
8. Go straight field over footbridge into lane. Turn left on lane and when this ends go ahead on track. On reaching the start of a Lane turn right and then immediately left on to a footpath which goes over a stile into a field.
9. Go up the field with the Hedge on your left. Go over a stile in the corner of the field and through a gate and across Lane over another stile and turn right. Go down field keeping hedge on your right.
10. Go over footbridge and go straight on in the next field to a stile. In the next field keep the hedge on your left to the next stile. Over the next

stile and go straight on in the next field keeping a mound to your right and mobile 'phone mast to your left to the lane.

- 11.** Turn left on the lane to the road. Turn left on the road and after a short distance turn right on to footpath on the other side of the road.
- 12.** Go over stile into field and go slightly left across the field to gate and in next field go on with hedge on your left. In the next field go forward and then half right across the field to the right hand far corner.
- 13.** Go forward on track and after approximately 100 meters turn right and over a stile through hedge. In the field continue on with hedge on your left to the bottom of the field and turn left on to a track.
- 14.** Go down track to the road and turn right and follow road around to All Saints church (part of a house) and continue forward on to Bridle way. (If you turn right here you will go into Dale Abbey and the Pub)
- 15.** At footpath junction by house keep left and enter Hermits wood. As you go through the woods you can take a path to the Hermits cave but come back down to the original path. Continue through woods to a field.
- 16.** Cross the field with the woods on your right to the road. This is Woodpecker Hill. Turn left and walk down the hill to the sharp left hand corner here we turn right on to a Lane. Here go back to the start of the walk instructions.