

Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service

The Phoenix Greenways in Derbyshire, and other local countryside sites, are managed by Derbyshire County Council. Our countryside centres have a wide range of maps, leaflets and advice for exploring the local countryside.

Contact us for information on:

- Discovering the Chesterfield Greenways.
- Guided walks and events in the area and throughout the county.
- Volunteer opportunities.
- Links to countryside teams across Derbyshire.

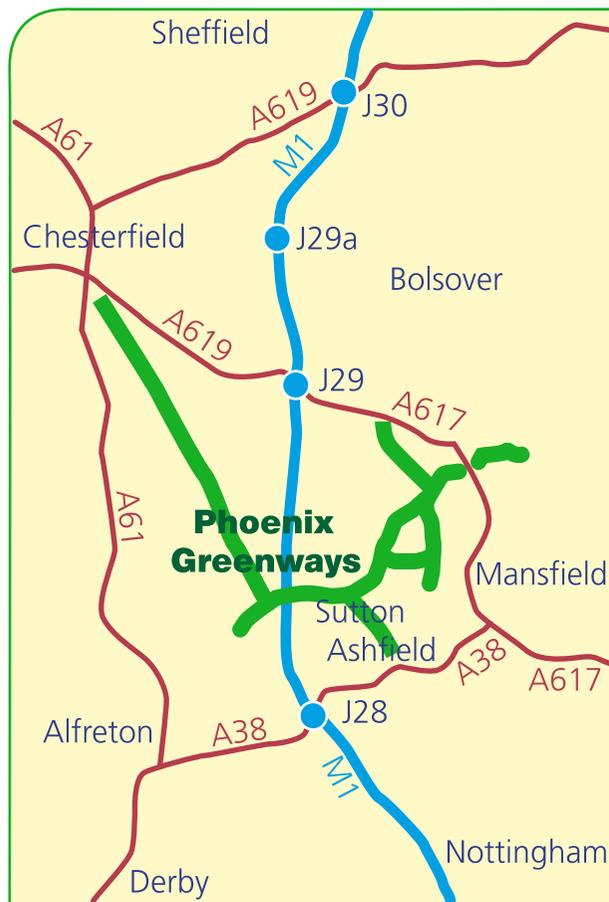
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Lockoford Lane, Chesterfield,
Derbyshire S41 7JB.
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Web: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside

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Other useful contacts:



For this leaflet in other formats please contact **Call Derbyshire** on **01629 533190**.

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Discover the Phoenix Greenways



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Exploring Greenways

Whether you just want to get away from it all for an hour, are planning a car-free weekend with the kids or are looking for an alternative holiday destination, the Phoenix Greenways are here for you to enjoy. Walkers, cyclists, disabled users, people with prams and horse riders can enjoy the all-weather surfaced paths in some of our finest countryside.

Enjoy Safe Greenways

Shared paths: Be aware of, and considerate to, other path users you meet. Cyclists, please give way to walkers and horse riders, slow down and warn of your approach. Maintenance or agricultural vehicles sometimes use these same routes.

You should wear: Appropriate clothing for your activity and the weather - see and be seen!

Highways crossings and road safety: Where Greenways cross main roads, use the crossing points provided. In some places there are official crossings, but not at every road. Always exercise care when crossing any roads.

Easy access surfaces: Greenways are generally level and surfaced. Gradients are kept to a minimum and there are rest places and benches at numerous locations. Entrance structures are designed to discourage motor bikes and other unauthorised access but enable most wheelchairs and mobility scooters access to the routes.

Plan your route: These trails also link to the wider network of Public Rights of Way, as shown on the OS Explorer maps 269 and 270.



Walking



Enjoying wildlife



Cycling



Horse riding



Fishing



Access for all

Places to Visit

The Phoenix Greenways are an excellent way to discover some of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire's most beautiful landscapes. Whether you come for the day, a weekend or a longer stay, there is plenty for all the family to do, visit and explore.

What else can you discover within 10 miles of the Phoenix Greenways?

Take a look at one of the many historic halls and houses in the area, try the magnificent Elizabethan Hardwick Hall, or see the Discovery Centre in Bolsover Castle. Delve into the ice age at Creswell Crags, or take a trip to the Major Oak and explore Robin Hood Country.

Famous author D. H. Lawrence based many of his novels locally. Old Teversal village, once owned by Lord Carnarvon, who helped discover the tomb of Tutankhamun, is said to be where Lawrence based *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, which also has links with nearby Sutton Scarsdale Hall.

For more stories of local history and heritage brought to life, look at www.hidden-gems.org.uk for a series of eighteen **downloadable audio trails** set in surrounding towns and villages.

When you want a break from countryside and culture you can always indulge in a little retail therapy. Explore The Shambles in the historic market town of Chesterfield, or look for bargains at the East Midlands Designer Outlet, just off the M1 at Junction 28.

Pictured from top: Chesterfield Market, Hardwick Hall, Bolsover Castle, Creswell Crags Visitor Centre, Robin Hood statue at the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre, Sutton Scarsdale Hall.

Below: Chesterfield Spire, download audio trails onto your smartphone and Teversal village.



Local Visitor Information Centres can help you plan your visit and find you places to stay

Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre,
Rykneld Square, Chesterfield, Derbyshire. S40 1SB
Tel: 01246 345 777 or 345 778. Fax: 01246 345 770.
Email: tourism@chesterfield.gov.uk
Web: www.visitchesterfield.info

Nottingham Tourism Centre,
1-4 Smithy Row, Nottingham. NG1 2BY
Tel: 0844 477 5678. Fax: 0115 876 2990.
Email: tourist.information@nottinghamcity.gov.uk
Web: www.experiencenottinghamshire.com

Sheffield Visitor Services,
Unit 1, Winter Garden, Surrey Street,
Sheffield, Yorkshire. S1 2LH
Tel: 0114 221 1900.
Email: visitor@marketingsheffield.org
Web: www.welcometosheffield.co.uk

Worksop Tourist Information Centre,
Worksop Library, Memorial Avenue, Worksop,
Nottinghamshire. S80 2BP
Tel: 01909 501148.
Email: worksop.tourist@bassetlaw.gov.uk
Web: www.bassetlaw.gov.uk

Peak District and Derbyshire
www.visitderbyshire.com

Ashfield
Ashfield District Council,
Heritage and Tourism,
Tel: 01623 450000.
Web: www.ashfield-dc.gov.uk

Bolsover Tourism Officer
Tel: 01246 242324.
Web: www.bolsover.gov.uk



Where to Stay

The Phoenix Greenways

The Phoenix Greenways link the Five Pits, Silverhill and Pleasley-Teversal Trails to countryside and popular local attractions. With over 20 miles of easy access off-road routes and quiet lanes there is lots to explore. This once industrial landscape has been transformed, like a Phoenix rising from the ashes, into country parks and tree-lined trails for you and the family to enjoy.



Audio Trail - Look for these Quick Reader (QR) codes as you travel the trails. Scan onto your smartphone, using the free app, and listen to history and wildlife snippets, or go to www.hidden-gems.org.uk



Hardwick

Explore nature's beauty in the park throughout the seasons, with varied wildlife habitats, circular walks and access to nearby trails. Park, gardens, shop and restaurant open daily. Enjoy beautiful picnic spots and stunning views of the surrounding area. Tel: 01246 850430. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hardwick



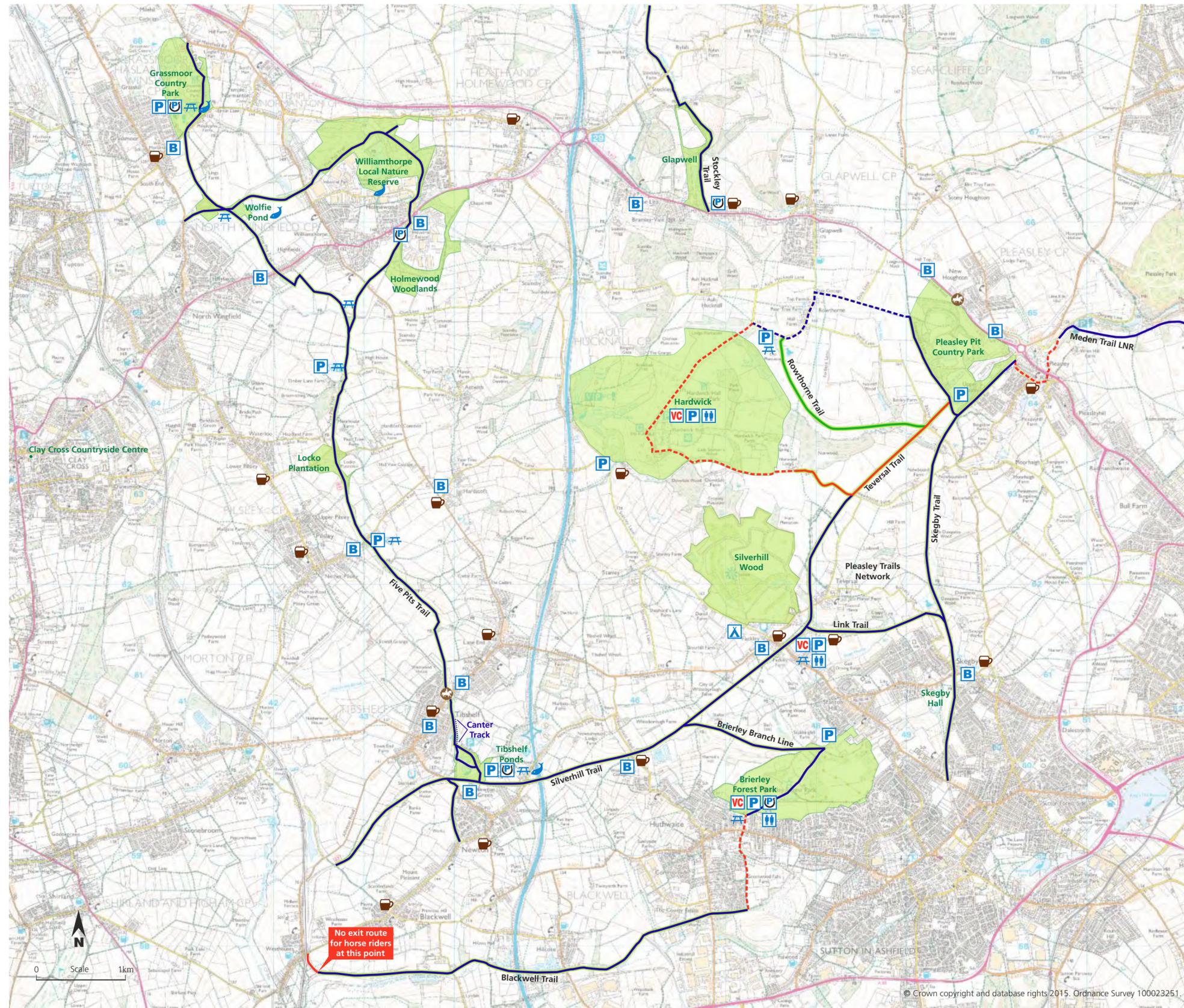
Tibshelf Ponds

This is a great place to start your journey with access to both the Five Pits and Silverhill Trails. There is parking for cars and horseboxes and access to a specially designed canter track for horse riders. Tel: 01629 533020. www.derbyshire.gov.uk



Brierley Forest Park

This former colliery site is now a country park. The visitor centre is run by volunteers from the Brierley Forest Park Trust and is open daily. Why not come and enjoy the great access, cycling and horse riding routes? Tel: 01623 550172. www.brierleyforest.com



- Key**
- Walking
 - Walking and cycling
 - Walking, cycling and horse riding
 - Linking routes
 - Greenspace
 - Visitor centre and café
 - Parking
 - Horsebox parking - contact Clay Cross Countryside Centre for details
 - Pegasus crossing
 - Picnic area
 - Public house
 - Toilets
 - Camping and caravanning
 - Bus stops with regular service
 - Fishing - contact us for site angling information



Pleasley Pit Country Park Local Nature Reserve

This country park is now designated as a Local Nature Reserve, meaning it is special for both people and wildlife. It's a great place for nature lovers to find birds, dragonflies and wildflowers. With plenty of car parking it is an ideal place to start exploring. Volunteers run a community café that is open 10am - 2pm every day. Tel: 01629 533020. www.derbyshire.gov.uk



Williamthorpe Local Nature Reserve

Williamthorpe is another one of our Local Nature Reserves. It is a great place for bird watching, wildflowers and generally enjoying the countryside. The ponds and reed beds are a wildlife haven nesting in maturing woodland and hidden from the surrounding bustle of industry. It is also a good access point for the Five Pits Trail and the wider trails network. Tel: 01629 533020. www.derbyshire.gov.uk



Silverhill Woods

This Forestry Commission site is a great place for walkers, horse riders and cyclists to explore the woodland and enjoy great views. Can you spot Hardwick Hall, Bolsover Castle and even Lincoln Cathedral from the top of the site? Tel: 01623 821448. www.forestry.gov.uk



Teversal Trails Visitor Centre

The visitor centre and café are run by volunteers and open every day except Mondays (open Bank Holiday Mondays). With lots of space for parking it is another good starting point and great for a cup of tea. Tel: 01623 442021. www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

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