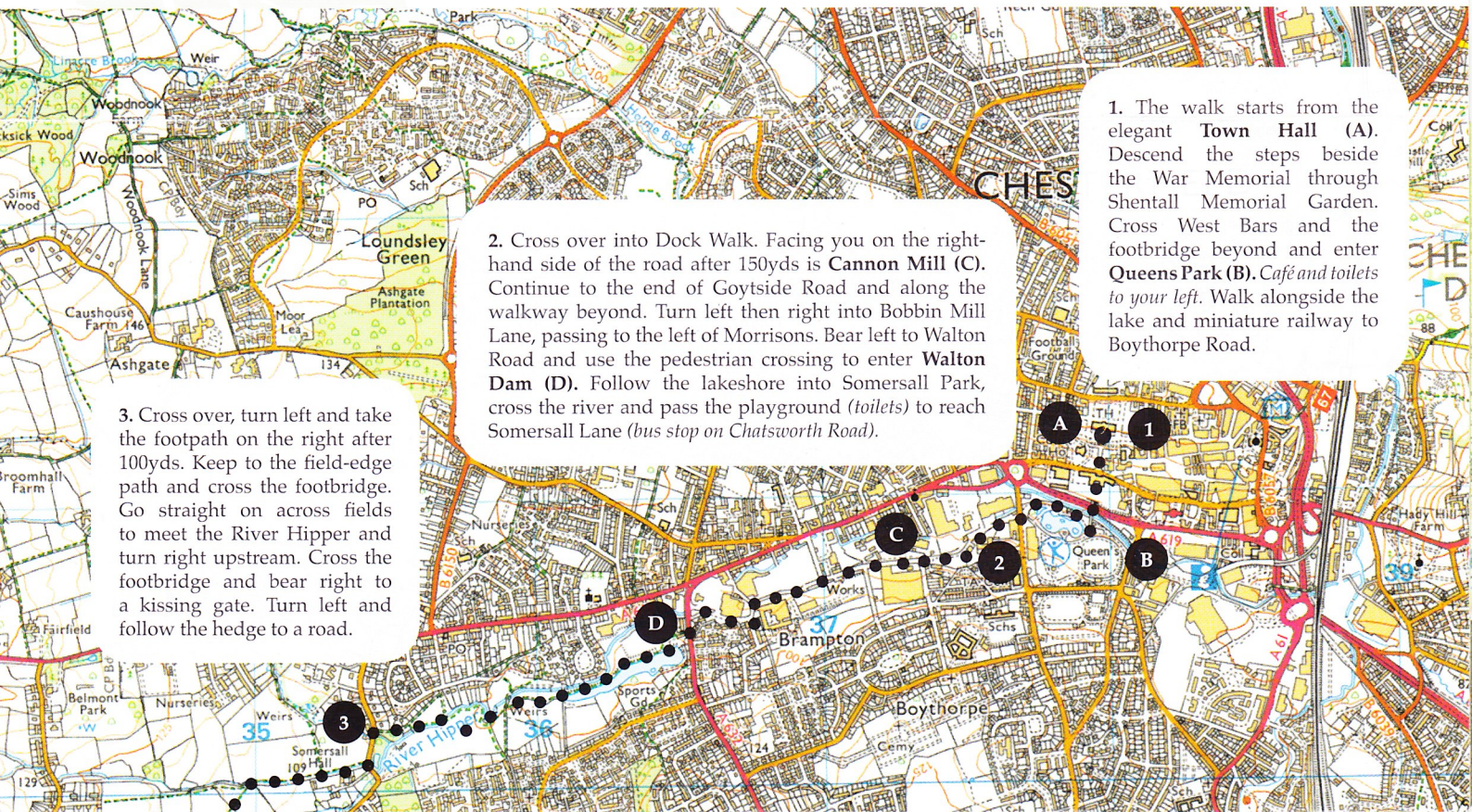


# The South Chesterfield Way



An 11-mile waymarked walk  
between Chesterfield and  
Clay Cross

Please be aware the route has several moderate ascents, no shelter or refreshments, and a limited number of 'escape routes' by bus. Wingerworth is convenient for anyone wishing to do the walk in two stages.



1. The walk starts from the elegant **Town Hall (A)**. Descend the steps beside the War Memorial through Shentall Memorial Garden. Cross West Bars and the footbridge beyond and enter **Queens Park (B)**. *Café and toilets to your left.* Walk alongside the lake and miniature railway to Boythorpe Road.

2. Cross over into Dock Walk. Facing you on the right-hand side of the road after 150yds is **Cannon Mill (C)**. Continue to the end of Goytside Road and along the walkway beyond. Turn left then right into Bobbin Mill Lane, passing to the left of Morrisons. Bear left to Walton Road and use the pedestrian crossing to enter **Walton Dam (D)**. Follow the lakeshore into Somersall Park, cross the river and pass the playground (*toilets*) to reach Somersall Lane (*bus stop on Chatsworth Road*).

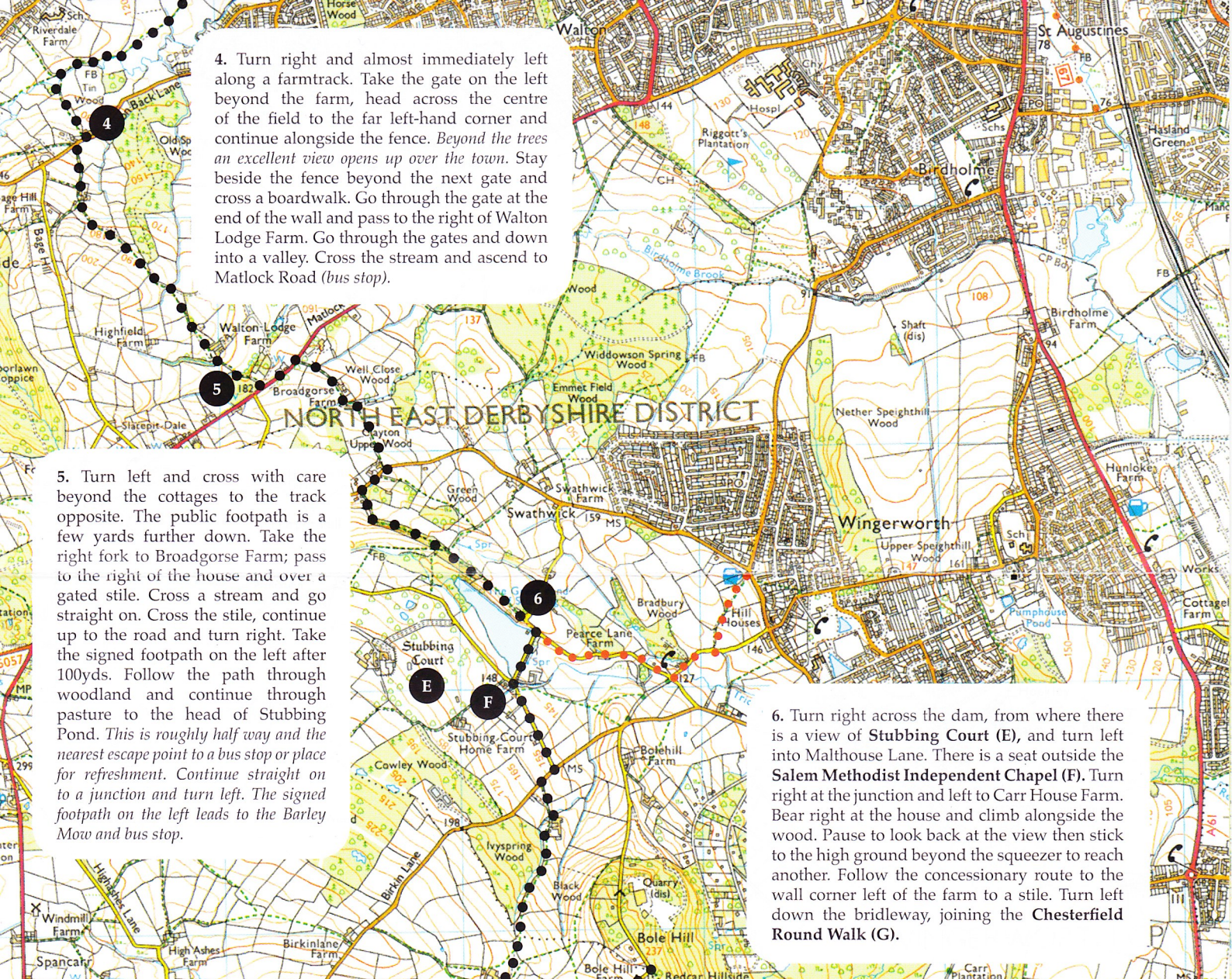
3. Cross over, turn left and take the footpath on the right after 100yds. Keep to the field-edge path and cross the footbridge. Go straight on across fields to meet the River Hipper and turn right upstream. Cross the footbridge and bear right to a kissing gate. Turn left and follow the hedge to a road.



4. Turn right and almost immediately left along a farmtrack. Take the gate on the left beyond the farm, head across the centre of the field to the far left-hand corner and continue alongside the fence. *Beyond the trees an excellent view opens up over the town.* Stay beside the fence beyond the next gate and cross a boardwalk. Go through the gate at the end of the wall and pass to the right of Walton Lodge Farm. Go through the gates and down into a valley. Cross the stream and ascend to Matlock Road (*bus stop*).

5. Turn left and cross with care beyond the cottages to the track opposite. The public footpath is a few yards further down. Take the right fork to Broadgorse Farm; pass to the right of the house and over a gated stile. Cross a stream and go straight on. Cross the stile, continue up to the road and turn right. Take the signed footpath on the left after 100yds. Follow the path through woodland and continue through pasture to the head of Stubbing Pond. *This is roughly half way and the nearest escape point to a bus stop or place for refreshment.* Continue straight on to a junction and turn left. The signed footpath on the left leads to the Barley Mow and bus stop.

6. Turn right across the dam, from where there is a view of **Stubbing Court (E)**, and turn left into Malthouse Lane. There is a seat outside the **Salem Methodist Independent Chapel (F)**. Turn right at the junction and left to Carr House Farm. Bear right at the house and climb alongside the wood. Pause to look back at the view then stick to the high ground beyond the squeezer to reach another. Follow the concessionary route to the wall corner left of the farm to a stile. Turn left down the bridleway, joining the **Chesterfield Round Walk (G)**.





7. Turn left along the lane and right at the bend into Hardwick Wood. At the wall corner, branch right through the holly bushes to a squeezer, leave the CRW and continue alongside the wall. Views open up to left and right. Continue on this line through a metal kissing gate to Britton Wood. Branch left beyond the stile, over a cross-path and walk through the centre of the plantation to a road junction.

8. Turn right towards Ashover and shortly left along the lane to Coldwell Farm. Pass below the house and turn right up alongside the wall. Turn right up on a field-edge path with excellent views. Cross the road and follow Woodhead Lane opposite.

9. Turn left down the drive beyond Woodhead Farm to a squeezer and head past the marker post to the stile visible below. Follow the hedge on your left, cross a footbridge in the dip and rise to a stile beside a gate. Continue through a kissing gate to Stretton Hall Farm. Turn right beyond the archway and left into the field. Descend to a gate and climb up to a wall stile, 50yds beyond which turn left and pass through two small gates and between houses to a lane, where turn right.

10. Take the field-path on the left after 100yds and rejoin the lane. Branch right at the next footpath and turn left at a signpost into **Kenning Park (H)**. Follow the tarmac path beside the lake, cross the stream and head straight over the grass to the car park. The tarmac path beyond leads to a play area, the library and bus stop on Holmgate Road.

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