

35**Sunday 24 May 2009 Morning****Foremark Reservoir & Bretby Woods****(10.5 miles) 10.00am - 3.45pm**

This longer walk takes us past the ruins of Bretby Castle and then through the parkland of Bretby Hall. A short ascent leads on to Hoofies Wood and Caukley Wood, home to buzzards. Field paths follow, then Carvers Rocks Nature Reserve. Care will be needed as we walk along the road past Bendalls Farm to reach the field paths that lead us to Repton and then to Bretby village. Terrain - surfaced paths along the reservoir, occasionally muddy field and woodland paths, country lanes. A walk of natural history interest, and views over the Trent Valley.

■ Start point Bretby Garden Centre. Grid Ref SK 291234. Free parking

Derby and South Derbyshire group of the Ramblers Association

10+ STILES**FREE****36****Sunday 24 May 2009 Morning****Coal Tips to Country Parks****(11 miles) 10.00am - 5.00pm**

This circular walk starts at Bagworth Woods Country Park. We cover similarly reclaimed ground, pasture land, a golf course and the attractive shrubland to Thornton Reservoir where we stop for lunch outside the Bricklayers Arms. The afternoon part of the walk covers a plantation, several large fields of meadow land through Bagworth Park, up an old railway incline (now a pleasant green lane), through the ex-coliery village of Bagworth to its beacon with views over nearby Battram and back to the country park.

■ Start point Bagworth Heath Woods Country Park. Grid ref SK 457068. Free parking

Coalville Group of the Ramblers' Association

20+ STILES**FREE****37****Sunday 24 May 2009 Afternoon****Grace Dieu Woods, viaduct, Charnwood Forest Railway and Canal****(3 miles) 2.00 - 4.00pm**

Learn about the history of the area with a guided walk from The Green, Thringstone through Grace Dieu woods towards Grace Dieu Priory. Donations to Friends of Thringstone will be welcome.

■ Start point The Green, Thringstone, Leicestershire. Free parking at the Green.

The Friends of Thringstone

NO STILES**FREE**

but donations welcome

38**Sunday 24 May 2009 Afternoon****Melbourne Park Historical Stroll****(3.5 miles) 2.00 - 4pm**

A walk around the former Royal Hunting Park at Melbourne with SDDC Heritage Officer and local historian Philip Heath.

■ Start point War Memorial, Church Close Melbourne. Grid Ref SK 389250.

Limited free street parking.

South Derbyshire District Council

6 - 10 STILES**FREE****39****Monday 25 May 2009 Morning****National Forest Birthday Walk****(10 miles) 10.00am - 3.30pm**

This is a special walk which was promoted by The National Forest to celebrate its first decade. The 10 years is reciprocated in the 10 miles distance. It's therefore a fitting walk to do on the 10th day of the 2009 Walks Festival.

■ Start point Sence Valley Park (top car park). Grid ref SK 405115. Free parking

Coalville Group of the Ramblers' Association

**FREE****40****Monday 25 May 2009 Afternoon****Hartshorne Bowl, Smisby & Pistern Hills****(6 miles) 1.15 - 4.15pm**

A walk of natural history interest. The route takes us south east from Hartshorne across arable fields to Several Wood. A short ascent follows, then field paths to Smisby where the church and village 'lock up' can be viewed. The return is via Pistern Hills; an elevated bridleway provides wide ranging views over the Trent Valley towards Nottingham and south east to Charnwood Forest. We reach Hartshorne Dams close to the end of the walk.

■ Start point Dethick Hall Car park, Hartshorne - free car park

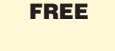
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10+ STILES**FREE****41****Monday 25 May 2009 Afternoon****Repton Village, Church and School****(1.5 miles) 2.00 - 4.00pm**

A village walk looking at places of interest in the village, church and school grounds.

■ Start point The Arch by the Church Gates, Repton, Derbyshire. Free parking available. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**, places strictly limited to 25. Telephone Swadlincote TIC 01283 222848

Repton Village History Group

NO STILES**FREE****42****Monday 25 May 2009 Afternoon****Netherseal & Grangewood****(4 miles) 2.00 - 4.00pm**

A walk starting in the South Derbyshire village of Netherseal, former home of world famous railway engineer, Sir Nigel Gresley. The walk is circular and takes in established woodland at Grangewood as well as new National Forest planting. The walk will entail some walking on roads so children should have parental supervision at all times.

■ Start point Netherseal Village Hall car park.

Netherseal Parish Council

6 - 10 STILES**FREE**