

# Markeaton Circular Walk 1

**Start and finish:** Mundy Play Centre pay and display car park on Markeaton Lane.

**Grid reference of start and finish:**  
SK33270 37952

**Distance:** Six kilometres, 3¾ miles.

**Time:** Allow up to two hours.

**Terrain:** Agricultural land and parkland following footpaths, bridleways, park paths and pavements. On the most difficult parts of the route in dry weather you will encounter rough surfaces and a fairly steep slope. There will be easier sections. There are stiles and footbridges on this walk.

**Nearby bus routes:** 109, The Allestree blue and red route along Kedleston Road stopping at Mundy Play Centre stop. Ring traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or visit [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk) for details of these services.

**Parking:** Mundy Play Centre pay and display car park on Markeaton Lane.

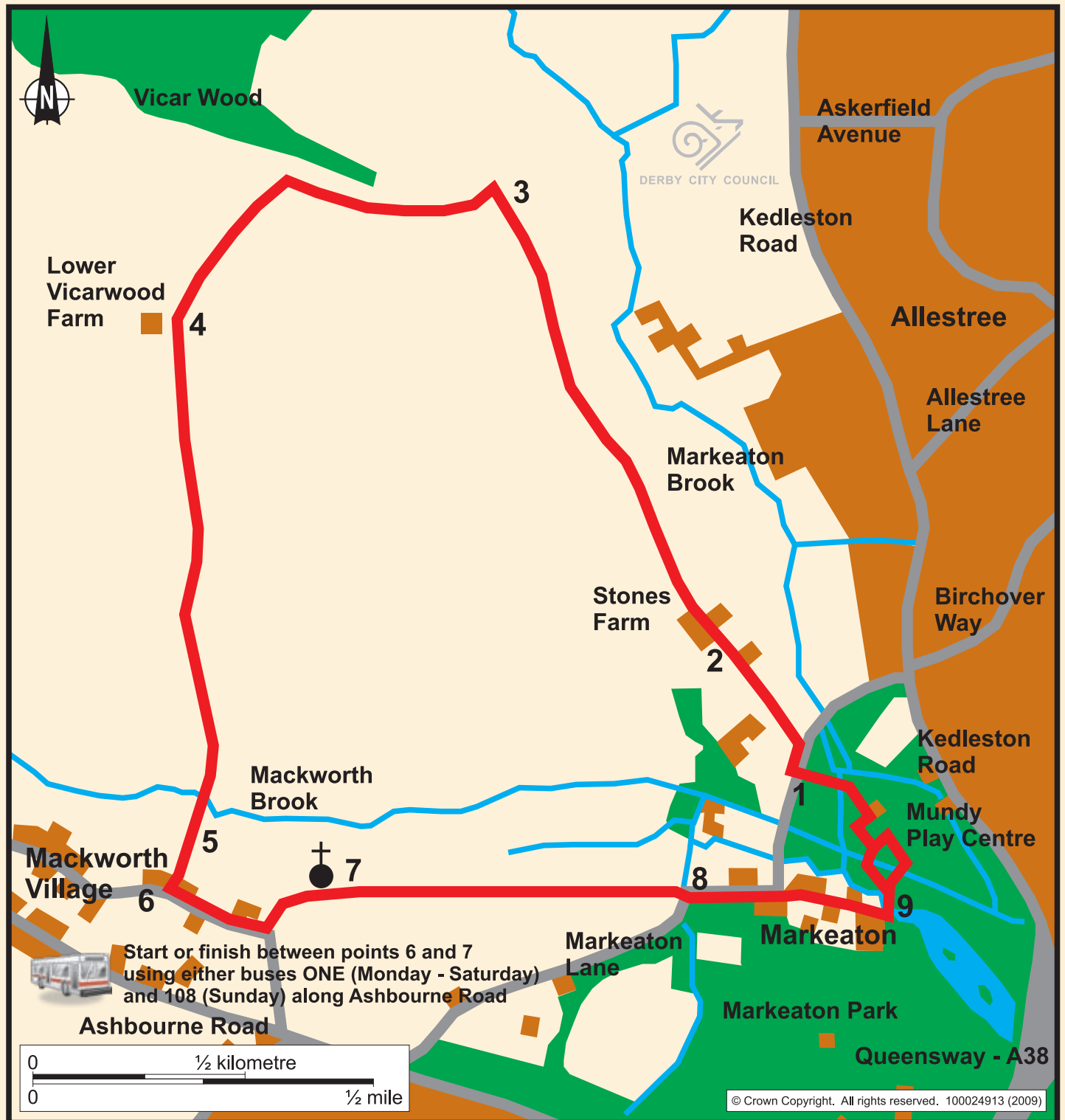
## The walk

**1** Walk to the entrance of the car park. Danger - busy road. Cross the road. Turn right and take the first turn on your left, a bridleway.

**2** Just before Stones Farm, where some of the outbuildings have been converted to houses, there are views of Mackworth Church and Mackworth Water Tower on your left.

Continue along the bridleway. Looking back every so often, you will see you are in the countryside yet still so close to the city.

**3** When the path joins the surfaced lane, turn left and follow the lane up the hill. Where the lane forks, turn left towards Lower Vicarwood Farm. This point gives excellent views into Derby.



**4** At the farm, bear left and climb over the stile to the right of the metal gate. Danger - farm pond. Walk across the next six fields keeping the hedgerow to your left.

**5** Beyond the stile, continue with the hedgerow to your right. Climb the stile in the hedgerow and along the path between the houses. Danger - you will be joining a road.

**6** Turn left and walk along the pavement. The fields on your right contain earthwork house platforms that belong to the medieval settlement at Mackworth. They form part of a Scheduled Ancient Monument. At the bend in the road, turn left through the gate and the 'granny gobbler' stile. Walk towards the All Saints, Mackworth with Markeaton, Parish Church. Mostly 14th century, it contains monuments to the Touchet and Mundy families. Follow the path past the church to the 'kissing gate'.

**7** There is now a well defined path through to Markeaton Lane. Danger - busy road. This section follows the general line of the Roman road that once linked the forts at Little Chester - 'Derventio' and Rocester. It's listed on the Sites and Monuments Record.

**8** Cross the road and bear left back towards Markeaton Park, passing the Markeaton Garden Centre. Where the road turns sharp left, at Home Farm and Tea Room, continue on through the park gates. Carry on until you reach the stone bridge. In this area are craft shops, a cafe and toilets.

**9** Turn left over the stone bridge. You can either continue on the surfaced path through Mundy Play Centre, or turn left for a woodland stroll. Both routes bring you back to the car park.

## Location of walk



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*Timings based approximately on 1.6 kilometres, one mile every 30 minutes.*

## Further information

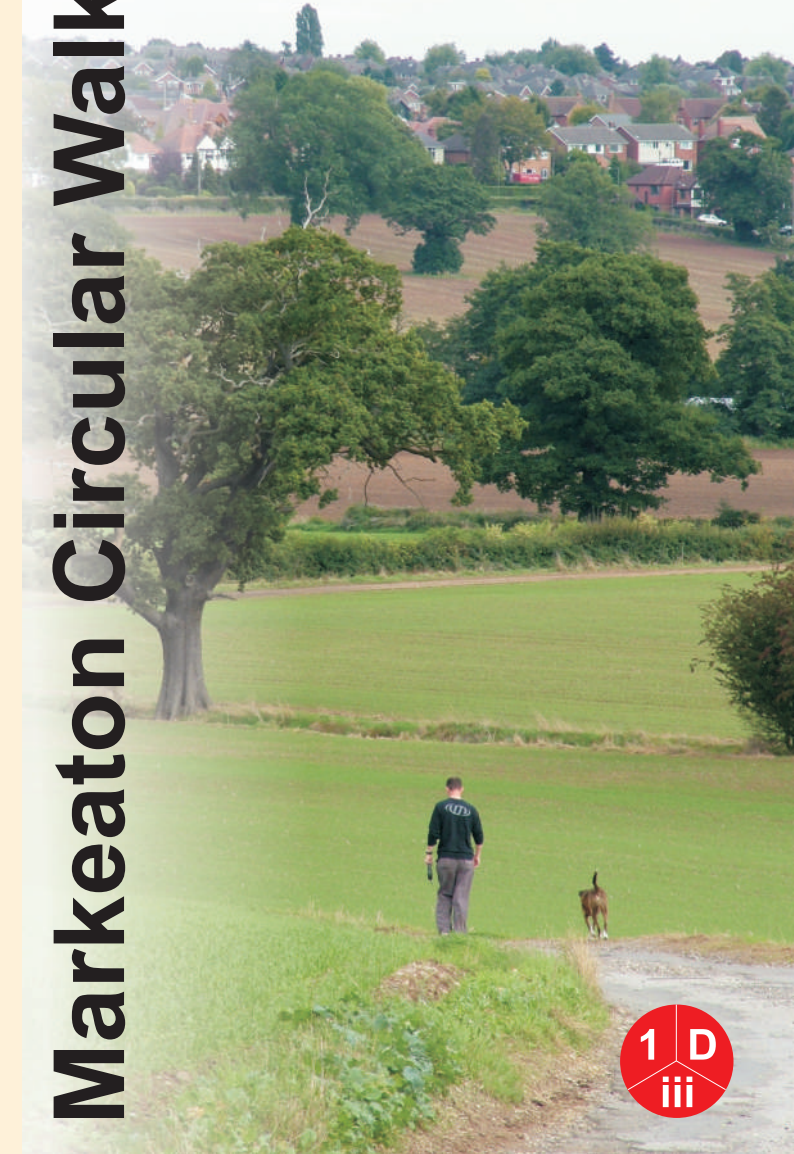
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