

5 Continue along lane until a gate is reached. Go through gate keeping hedge on right to cross footbridge over Stanley Brook. Carry straight on, go through a gate and along track to Morley Lane.



Turn right (take care as there are no pavements) to travel over the disused railway. After the last bungalow on the right (Whitehouse Farm) go up the small flight of steps on the right and through the squeeze stile. Turn left to keep alongside the hedge,

over the stile and then diagonally to right hand side of the metal gate. Go through the squeeze stile, turn left onto the track and through to Morley Lane as it winds past Stanley Farm. This is an area known as "The Klondike".

*(If you continue straight on along the road you come to the White Hart and the centre of Stanley Village)*

6 Just after a Methodist Church on the right, turn left to follow footpath which runs behind the old Stanley Hall. Continue all the way over two fields with the hedge on left. Climb stile to travel over old railway line and then head diagonally right to stile in hedge and a footbridge. Continue on to follow path uphill. Towards top of field, bear slightly left to find stile which rejoins the route which you should recognise. Cross the stile and head to pylon keeping hedge on right.

7 At stile either:-

i) Climb stile and cross field to return back to Bagot Street and Community Centre

or

ii) Cross stile and walk diagonally right through middle of field along footpath (in line with church tower in the distance) to visit White Hart PH. From pub turn left along Station Road to Community Centre.

## WALK TYPE:

Undulating countryside with gentle climbs and several stiles.

## DISTANCE:

5 miles

## TIME:

Allow 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-3 hours

## BUSES:

Traveline 0870 608 2 608

## RECOMMENDED OS MAP:

Explorer 259 Derby (1:25 000)

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE**



- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

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# The Miner's Walk



## Country Walks In and around Erewash



**Start: The Community Centre, Station Road, West Hallam.**

**1** From West Hallam Community Centre turn left, cross road and take first right into Bagot Street. Where road bends sharp right take path signposted Stanley. Follow surfaced path to second stile. Cross stile and walk to pylon. Cross stile keeping hedge on left, over next stile making diagonally right up field towards tall ash tree. Cross stile and turn right.

*The path here affords splendid views of Cat and Fiddle Windmill and Stanley Village to the SW and S, with Stanley Common to the N*

**2** With the hedge on your right follow the track all the way to Common Lane. Turn right and follow the lane (beware of traffic as there are no pavements) towards the village and take the path left to Morley (opposite the second entrance to The Crescent). Follow the path and go through pedestrian gate heading right of barn. Cross two more fields until you reach a footbridge. Cross the bridge, straight on up the bank and over a farm track and stile. Bear slightly left to the corner of Little Wood and cross the footbridge. Head diagonally right uphill to a stile in the field corner. Cross stile and keeping hedge on right proceed to metal gate and a ditch crossing. Over ditch make uphill towards church spire.



On reaching left corner of fenced enclosure continue on and after 50 metres into wood (opposite enclosure gate). Descend wooded valley bearing right to cross stream and ascend valley.

*This wooded valley known as "The Gripps" is an ancient woodland site with a wealth of wildflowers and provides an important habitat for many other interesting species of wildlife.*

**3** Make your way uphill towards church spire. On reaching brow of hill look for squeeze stile in stone wall. Continue diagonally to skirt the church yard. Turn left keeping church wall on left to reach kissing gate and church drive.

*St Matthew's Church, Morley, shows both Saxon and Norman features of interest. It is best known for its magnificent stained glass windows from the Abbey Refectory at Dale, acquired by Sir Henry Sacheverell in 1539.*

**4** Follow church drive down to the monument and then down steps to the public road. Turn left and at sharp bend in road follow Church Lane (signed "no through road").

*The two fish ponds visible to the right of the lane have developed from Marl Pits worked on the site in earlier times.*