

Trail Guide:



A Drive into History - Country villages, farm and film

The 'Wow' Factor

Admire the dominant ruins of Ribber Castle

Experience farm life at Matlock Park Farm

Visit the home of Sir Joseph Whitworth, inventor of the 'Whitworth screw'

Learn about original horse drawn vehicles at the Red House Carriage Museum

Leave Matlock on the **A615** towards **Alfreton**, and after a short while you will notice some dramatic ruins on the skyline - these are the remains of **Ribber Castle**, built in 1862 by John Smedley, famed for his celebrated Hydro at Matlock which treated over 2000 patients a week in its heyday.

Next is **Tansley**, a picturesque village with an attractive church - Holy Trinity was built in 1839/40. From locally quarried stone.

Following Tansley you will come to Matlock Garden Waterlife and Pet Centre on the left hand side, which is well worth a visit. There is a nice restaurant and coffee shop inside if you need some refreshments!

You will soon find yourself in beautiful countryside and once you have taken the **second left** off the **B6014**, you will really appreciate the scenery. When you reach the **A632** junction **turn left** and then immediately take the **first right**. You will shortly come into a woodland area, with **Bottom Moor Wood** on the left and a picturesque picnic site on the

Trail Key:



Walking



Car



Bus



Cycling



Scenic



Historic



Time



Distance

This trail is one of 44 exciting trails to explore in the Peak District & Derbyshire.

right. If you feel like a walk, the path through Bottom Moor Wood links up with the popular **Cuckoostone Walk**. A leaflet for this walk is available from Matlock Tourist Information Centre.

Just past Bottom Moor Wood is a turning on the left called **Jaggers Lane**, which is home to **Matlock Farm Park**, set in 600 acres of land. This is a great venue, especially for children, as they get to experience hands-on farming life. For more information and opening times, please call 01246 590200.

On leaving the farm turn **left** heading towards **Darley Dale**, which was home to Sir Joseph Whitworth, manufacturer of machine tools and the Whitworth screw. He lived at Stancliffe Hall and was responsible for developing much of the village. After his death in 1890 Lady Whitworth set up The Joseph Whitworth Centre for the village. It's still in use today, situated next door to the Whitworth Hotel which will be on your right hand side. There is also a lovely park and children's play area behind the centre.

Darley Dale's ancient parish church of St Helens, dating back to the 12th century, contains monuments to Sir John de Darley who was Lord of the Manor over 600 years ago. In the churchyard is an impressive yew

tree believed to be over 100 years old and the thickest in England, which has led to its fame! If you wish to visit the church you will need to take a right hand turn after the Whitworth Hotel, heading towards Darley Bridge, then return to the A6 to continue your journey.

When you have left Darley Dale you will pass the **Red House Stables Working Carriage Museum**, which has one of the finest collections of original horse drawn vehicles and equipment in Britain. You can also meet the horses and ponies who pull the carriages. Much of the equipment displayed has featured in television and many feature films. For further information and opening times, please call 01629 733583.

On the left are the substantial buildings of the former St Elphins School, where Richmal Compton, author of "Just William" was a pupil. It was originally built as a spa.

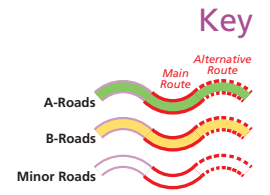
From here, stay on the **A6** which will take you back in to **Matlock**, where your journey ends.

Matlock Trail No. 17

Country Villages, Farm and Film



21 km
13.5 miles



Crown Copyright. All rights reserved. Derbyshire Dales District Council, OS Licence No. LA 100019785 2006.



This trail is one of 44 exciting trails to explore in the Peak District & Derbyshire.

