

Trail Guide:



A half to full day drive back in time – Villages, countryside and history

The 'Wow' Factor

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

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

Step back in time in the beautiful village of Winster

Romanticise in Haddon Hall and learn about a ghostly prophecy!

Shop till you drop at the Peak Factory Shopping Outlet

Leave Matlock on the A6, heading towards Darley Dale, you will pass the **Red House Stables Working Carriage Museum** on the left hand side, 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 feature films. For further information and opening times, please call 01629 733583.

After the Red House Carriage Museum you come into **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 and it's still in use today, situated next door to the Whitworth Hotel. There is also a lovely park and children's play area behind the centre.

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.

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 need to take a left turn before the Whitworth Hotel heading towards Darley Bridge, then back to the A6 to continue your journey.

From Darley Dale take the B5057 to **Darley Bridge** which passes over the scenic **River Derwent**. You will then pass through **Wensley** a pretty village set in woodland and limestone uplands which was once a lead mining community.

The next location is **Winster**, a beautiful and charming village that makes you feel you've stepped back in time, with its wide main street and little alleyways that run from it. It was once an important lead mining centre and market town, and many of its properties date back to the 18th century. You will notice the **Market House**, which is a late 17th or early 18th century market house and the only brick building in the village. It was the National Trust's first acquisition in the Peak District. For further information and opening times, please call 01335 350503.

Believe it or not, Winster once had over 20 public houses, as the local miners thought beer was a good cure for lead poisoning! The parish church of St John the Baptist has a unique two-aisled nave, added in 1833. The tower of the church dates back to 1721. Roads and trackways also played a large part in Winster's development. One of the most important was the Portway, a prehistoric trade route that passes close to the village. Salt routes from Cheshire also pass nearby and the eighteenth-century turnpike road from Nottingham to Newhaven went through the village. The last mine closed in 1938. Winster Wakes every summer are well worth visiting. On leaving Winster you will come to a crossroads, turn **right** onto the **B5056**.

Along the **B5056**, you will pass a right turn which takes you up to **Stanton in Peak**, which, if you have time for a quick detour, is a very picturesque village set on a steep hillside. It has several 17th and 18th century properties, and many little alleyways throughout the village. On your way into the village you will also see Stanton Hall, owned by the Thornhill family for several generations.

As you meet the **A6** you have the option of **turning left** to go to **Haddon Hall**, home of Lord and Lady Edward Manners, which has belonged to their family since 1567. It is a Medieval fortified manor house, overlooking the River Wye. There has been a building here since Norman times and Haddon is mentioned in the Domesday book. It is thought that Prince Arthur, son of Henry VII, visited Sir Henry Vernon at the hall in 1541, and whilst walking nearby he encountered a ghostly vision of a lady in white who advised that his marriage to his foreign bride would be short lived. On his return to the hall he was told that his Spanish bride had arrived in England. A few months later Arthur died, bringing the ghostly prophecy true!

Haddon Hall has a restaurant and gift shop. For opening times and further information, please call 01629 812855.

Returning back on the **A6**, the next village that you come to is **Rowsley** where Caudwell's Mill and several craft workshops are located, powered by the river Wye. It is a Grade II listed building and has been run as a family business for over 100 years. Another main attraction in Rowsley is the **Peak Village Outlet Shopping Village**, perfect for the shopaholic with over 26 factory outlets, a restaurant and coffee shop. For more information please call 01629 735326.

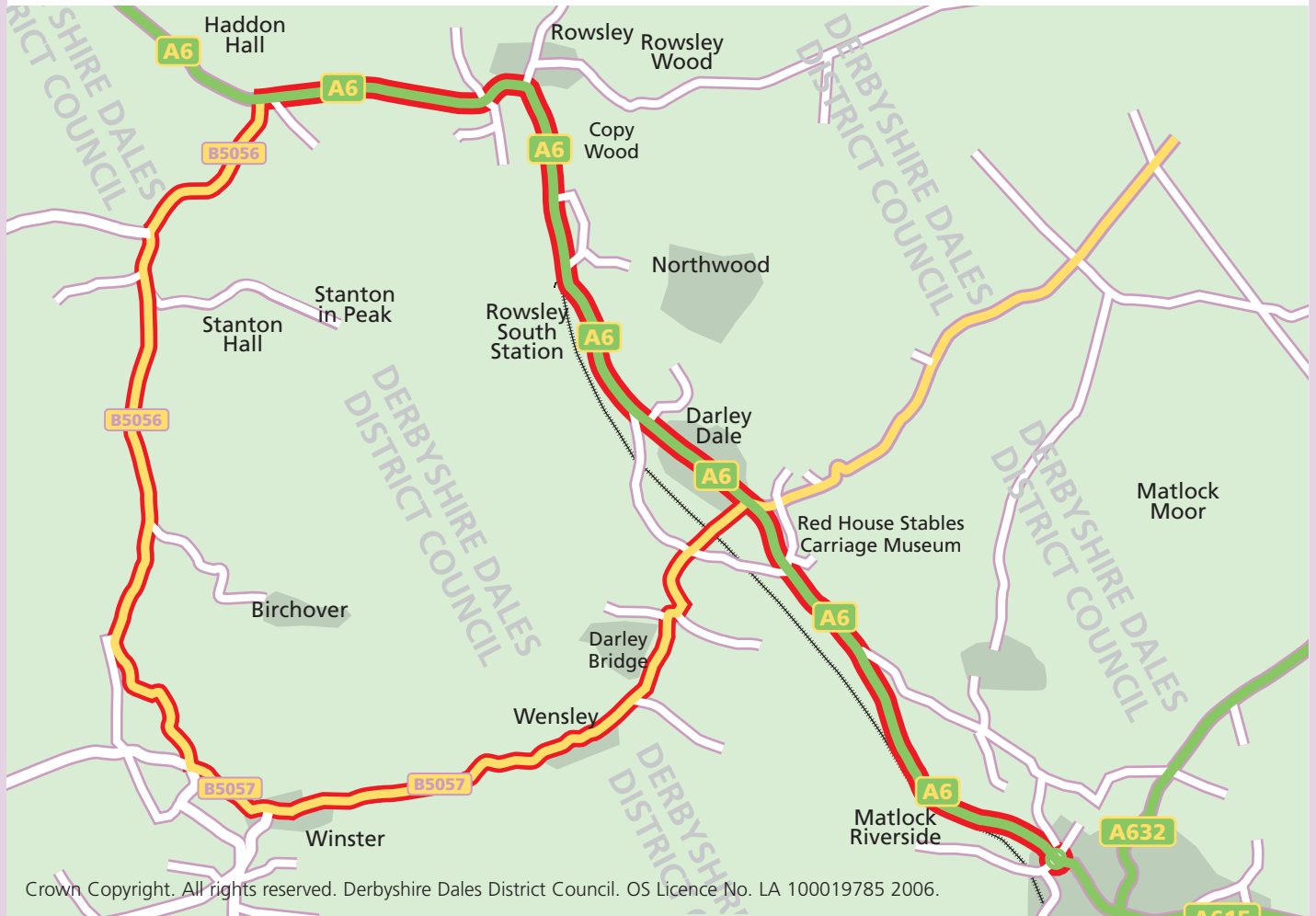
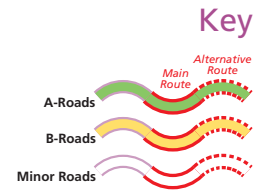
On your way back towards Darley Dale, you will pass **Peak Rail's Rowsley South Station** on the right hand side. Stay on the A6 which will take you back to Matlock.

Matlock Trail No. 18

Drive Back in Time



25km
16miles



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