

Points of interest from town to Holmebrook Valley Park

- Starting at the Toucan crossing on Boythorpe Road follow the trail on shared paths crossing Wheatbridge road and Chatsworth Road using the series of Toucan crossings. The old Brampton Brewery stood on the site of Matalan. Near Lidl the route goes under an archway which is worth a second look. At this point a railway line used to serve the gasworks. Look out for the holes in the wall where chains used to be pulled across the road when a train crossed.
- Following the route until you can see the gasholders, keep them on your left. The gasholders are now redundant and not used. There now follows the only on road section of the route along Chester Street and Ashgate Valley Road. Take care when crossing Ashgate Road. After crossing bear left twice to avoid going up hill and go along Ashgate Valley Road.
- At the end of Ashgate Valley Road the route once again goes off road and follows the Holme Brook for the rest of the route. The pastoral nature of the trail belies its industrial past. There were once coal mines and clay extraction adjacent to the trail along this section. A tramway used to run from Ashgate Road to the colliery.
- After passing Brockwell school and crossing Purbeck Avenue the Holmebrook is crossed on a very narrow bridge. After crossing another road the route skirts playing fields. The housing estate here was built in the 1960's to house families coming from London to the relocated Accountant Generals Division on West Bars.
- At times the trail is very narrow so please be courteous to pedestrians. Once in Holmebrook Valley Park look out for the artworks, a large stainless steel wheel and a sphere made of bricks. The lake is a pleasant place for a picnic or climb the hill to the cafe. It is possible to continue past the park following the trail to Cutthorpe and Linacre Woods.

Further Cycling

At Boythorpe Road the Holmebrook Valley Trail meets the Hipper Valley Trail. This is described on another of our leaflets (number 2). Leaflet number 1 describes a circular route using both the Holmebrook and Hipper Valley Trails. It is possible to access the town centre using the bridge from the Queen's Park. Cyclists are advised to dismount on the bridge. From the Queen's Park cycle track the route continues across Park Road past the skate park. After that there is a choice of going straight on which leads into the town centre or turning right and following shared paths towards Derby Road. Here there is another choice to go towards Hasland or carry on along a shared path alongside Derby Road. This eventually leads you to a Toucan crossing giving access to the traffic free Rother Washlands route ending on Storforth Lane.

Chesterfield Cycle Network

Look out for additions to the network. Routes will be colour coded to enable easy navigation. Pick up a cycle map from the Tourist Information Centre.

Chesterfield Cycle Campaign

This is one of a series of leaflets produced by the Campaign. Our aim is to improve and increase the provision of facilities for cyclists. We work with both Chesterfield Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council to achieve this. We believe that cycling is a healthy low carbon solution to local transport.

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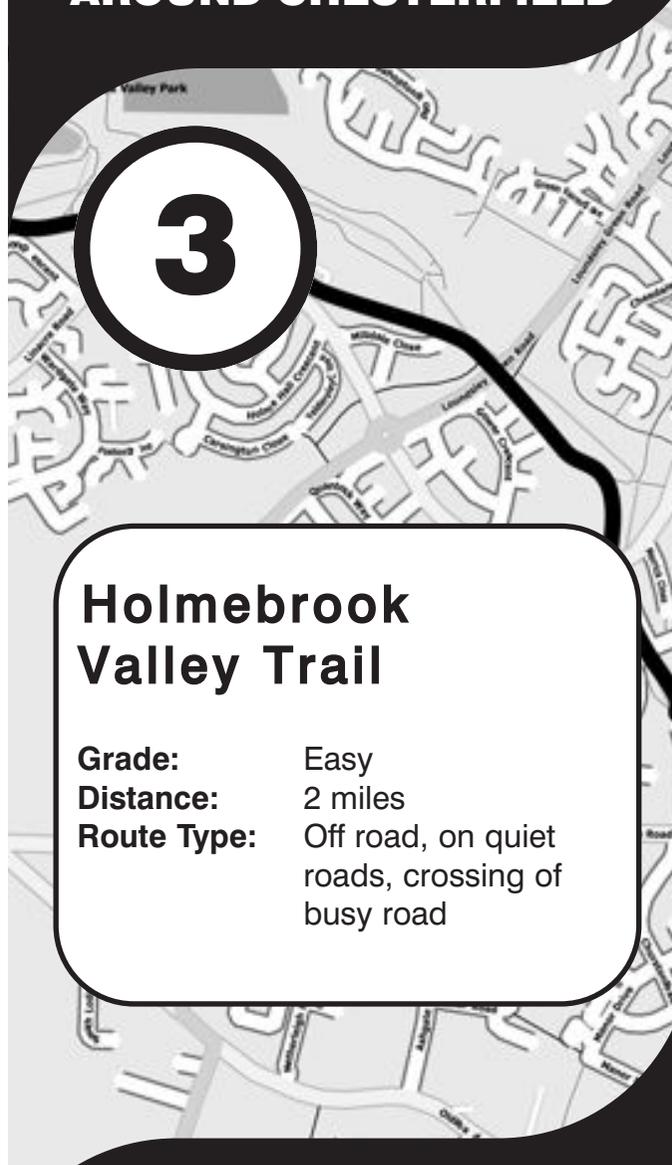
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CYCLE ROUTES AROUND CHESTERFIELD



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Holmebrook Valley Trail

Grade: Easy
Distance: 2 miles
Route Type: Off road, on quiet roads, crossing of busy road

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