

EREWASH VALLEY TRAIL

Sandiacre - Bridge No 12

Bridge No.12 is a classic canal hump back bridge installed as an 'accommodation' bridge to link areas of land cut off by construction of the canal. This bridge is situated in a particularly beautiful spot overlooking Stoney Clouds within a pastoral landscape but only a stones throw from Sandiacre, Stapleford and Bramcote.

The bridge has long been a cross roads with the canal towpath and path links across the valley connecting communities in Nottingham and Derbyshire. This unspoilt area has signs of ancient agricultural methods with clear signs of ridge and furrow grassland on the fields opposite the canal towpath

The towpath at this point is not only on the Erewash Valley Trail but is also part of the Sustrans Route 67 so linking with the National Cycleway Network and more locally the Nutbrook Trail which provides access to the delightful countryside around Shipley.

At this point we are about 4 1/2 miles from Trent Lock and 7 miles from Langley Mill.



The Erewash Valley Trail connects to the National Cycle Network, co-ordinated by the charity Sustrans. To find more routes to walk and cycle near you visit www.sustrans.org.uk

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Local points of interest

1 Stoney Clouds

Looking across the valley towards the M1 you will spot a large hill which is an outcrop of bunter sandstone called Stoney Clouds. The name dates back to the Saxons with "cloud" developed from "clud" the Saxon word for hill. This escarpment can be seen clearly when heading south on the M1 towards junction 25 and forms part of a geological feature which includes the stone features at Bramcote and Dunshill near Locko Park. In the past the site is said to have been on the "Monks Way" or "Portway" linking Abbeys at Dale and Lenton. Springs at the foot of the escarpment were believed to have had healing qualities and may have been used by the Romans.



Today the site offers great views of the valley providing a refuge for wildlife and an amenity for people. The site becomes very busy after snowfalls with an area of the site known as "Cardboard Hill" used for sledging.

2 Stanton Gate Local Nature Reserve

A very short distance from the trail northward lies the Stanton Gate Local Nature Reserve. The site has a mosaic of habitats with small areas of willow woodland, tall herb vegetation and an interesting area of short seasonal vegetation which supports plants like Kidney Vetch, Blue Fleabane and Fairy Flax which are normally found in limestone rich areas.



3 Nutbrook Trail and Shipley Country Park

The Nutbrook Trail is a 10 mile traffic free path for walkers and cyclists between Long Eaton and Heanor. This scenic trail connects with the Sustrans cycling network, the Trent Valley Way and of course the Erewash Valley Trail providing another high quality link into the local countryside.



The Nutbrook Trail also connects with Shipley Country Park and with its 650 acres of attractive landscape to Green Flag standard it is certainly worth a visit. See Derbyshire County Council website for details of the Nutbrook Trail and Shipley Country Park.



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Welcome to the Erewash Valley Trail which takes in over 30 miles of beautiful waterway and countryside landscape on the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire borders. The route is available for walking and cycling and offers good access to the fantastic wildlife and heritage features which make this area so interesting.

The partners shown below work together to enhance the biodiversity, amenity and healthy living opportunities in the valley and recognising the unique character of the area, this partnership created the Trail in 2010. Substantial financial support from the 6C's Green Infrastructure Fund as well as partner contributions, have enabled work to improve habitats and access in the valley and promote the opportunities it offers.

The map above gives an overview of the Trail and the map to the right shows the trail as it passes through this area along with local items of interest. A more detailed guide is available at www.erewashvalleytrail.co.uk or through any of the partners.

For more information see www.erewashvalleytrail.co.uk or call Broxtowe Borough Council on 0115 9177777 or Erewash Borough Council on 0845 9072244.