

Tissington, Thorp Station & Tissington Gates

Walk Information

Walk Area:	Tissington	OS Map:	Explorer OL24
Distance:	3.5 miles		White Peak Area
Start Point:	Tissington Trail, Tissington		1:25000
Map Ref:	SK 177 521		
Post Code	N/A		

General Information

Parking:	Pay And Display
Tea Shops:	One
Duration:	1 Hours 50 Minutes

Altitude Data

Start:	754 ft (230m)
Minimum	603 ft (184m)
Maximum	777 ft (237m)

Altitude Profile



Tissington Trail

A relatively easy walk starting at Tissington station then south along the Tissington Trail to the village Thorp the gateway to Dovedale. The outbound part of the route is pretty well flat along the Tissington Trail, the return section passes through a varied landscape with a couple of road sections that need care, all this is finished off with a stroll down "The Avenue" back into Tissington. Tissington it's self is famed for it's wells and well dressings, so please bare in mind that during the Derbyshire Well Dressing season (usually early June for the Tissington well dressings), or on a

date when "The Tissington Hunt" is present both the car park and village become exceptionally busy. Tissington also has an excellent Tea room that is well worth a visit, plus a beautiful Jacobean Hall.

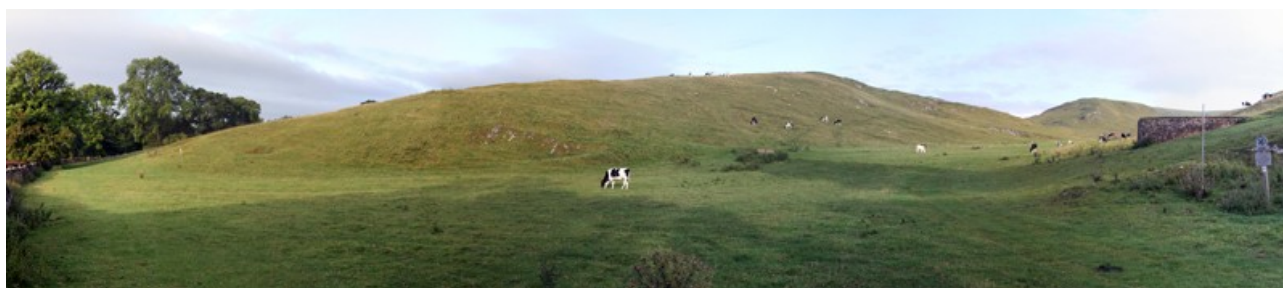
Getting There:

From Ashboune (south) travel north along the A515 for around three and a quarter miles, passing through the village of Fenny Bently. Shortly after passing the Blue Bell public house on the left turn right through a set of gate sign posted Tissington then drive down "The Avenue" into Tissington.

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From the north Approach along the A515, around five and a half miles or so after the junction with the A5012 at Newhaven look for signs to the left for Tissington, ignore the first turn (Rakes lane) and take the next signed turn between the large stone gate posts (approx' half a mile further on). Drive through the gates from the A515 and along the tree lined approach to Tissington Hall, exiting the Avenue via a cattle grid into the outskirts of the village. Follow the road for a short distance into village ignoring the left turn left to Tissington Hall, continue ahead past the village pond looking for the entrance to the Tissington Trail car park on the right a hundred yards or so beyond the pond. There are also bus services between Ashbourne and Buxton that stop in Tissington. Time tables for the bus services 42 and 442 are available from the Derby Bus Info website.

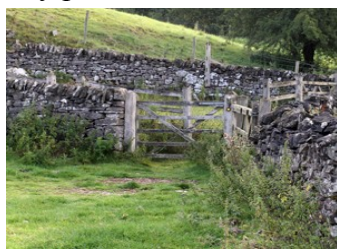
Although I have mentioned this above it is worth reiterating; the Tissington trail car park (the only one in Tissington) does become really busy, and at times fills to capacity, especially during Bank Holiday periods, the Well Dressings or when the Hunt is present.



Thorp Pasture As Seen From The Walk.

The Walk:

From the car park at Tissington station follow the trail south-west (past the tea shop and toilet block and through the gates) for a distance of just over a mile and a quarter to Thorp Station passing over the A515, then through Fenny Bently Cutting along the way. At Thorp Station turn right and leave the trail, walk past the former station buildings and up the tramaced drive to the road Junction. At the junction there is a pavement alongside the road on the left, as this is the main road from Tissington to Thorp walk along the pavement to the Dog & Partridge Inn clearly visible at the road junction ahead. On the approach to the junction there is a large free car park that could be used as an alternate start point for this walk. Cross the main Ashbourne to Dovedale road at the junction, being mindful of traffic during peak tourist periods, then follow the road down the side of the Dog and Partridge and up the hill. From the brow of the hill the village of Thorp can be seen in the trees to the left, and at the bottom of the hill ahead the "Peveril of the Peak Hotel" which marks the half way point of this walk.



The Awkward Gate

On reaching the entrance to the hotel, look for the signposted footpath on the right near the blue hotel name board, pass through the squeeze stile and walk across the paddock to a stile between two trees directly ahead. Pass into a second paddock and follow the path to a sign posted ladder stile in the drystone wall ahead. Please stick closely to the footpath on this section as it is next to a rifle-range, having crossed the wall onto Thorp Pasture take the path to the right

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signposted Tissington. Keeping the wall to your right follow the path along the edge of the pasture until you arrive at a gate marked with both a yellow way marker arrow and a disk with a ram's head. This gate represents the greatest challenge of the walk; how to get it open! Not being well kept the catch is somewhat stiff, I resorted to climbing on the gate and leaning over to get it open. I hope you have an easier time with it! Once through this awkward gate; close it behind you and follow the path ahead to a small better kept gate, keep following the obvious path with the fence line to your right until you reach the squeeze stile exit in the corner of the pasture beneath a hawthorn.

Once again follow the well worn path across the field until you exit out onto a tarmaced road/track, follow the road to the left and take the signposted path to the right after a few meters. If you get as far as the house ahead on the left you have missed the footpath. Once off the road follow the path across the field to a gated squeeze stile, then continue on in the same direction across several more fields, each accessed and exited by gated squeeze stiles. Eventually you come to a wire fence with a wooden stile, then a track that leads down to the road. Do not follow the track, go through another gated squeeze stile, across this final field, and another (you guessed it) gated squeeze stile, This final area is a camping site, walk across the site to the entrance drive way. Exit onto the road and take the footpath directly opposite into a field. Walk across the field to the end of the tree line on the opposite side, pass through a stile then left beside wash brook onto the road. Turn right and walk along the road until it reaches the A515 in less than a quarter of a mile. On the opposite side of the road are Tissington Gates and the entrance to The Avenue, a tree lined drive down into the village of Tissington.

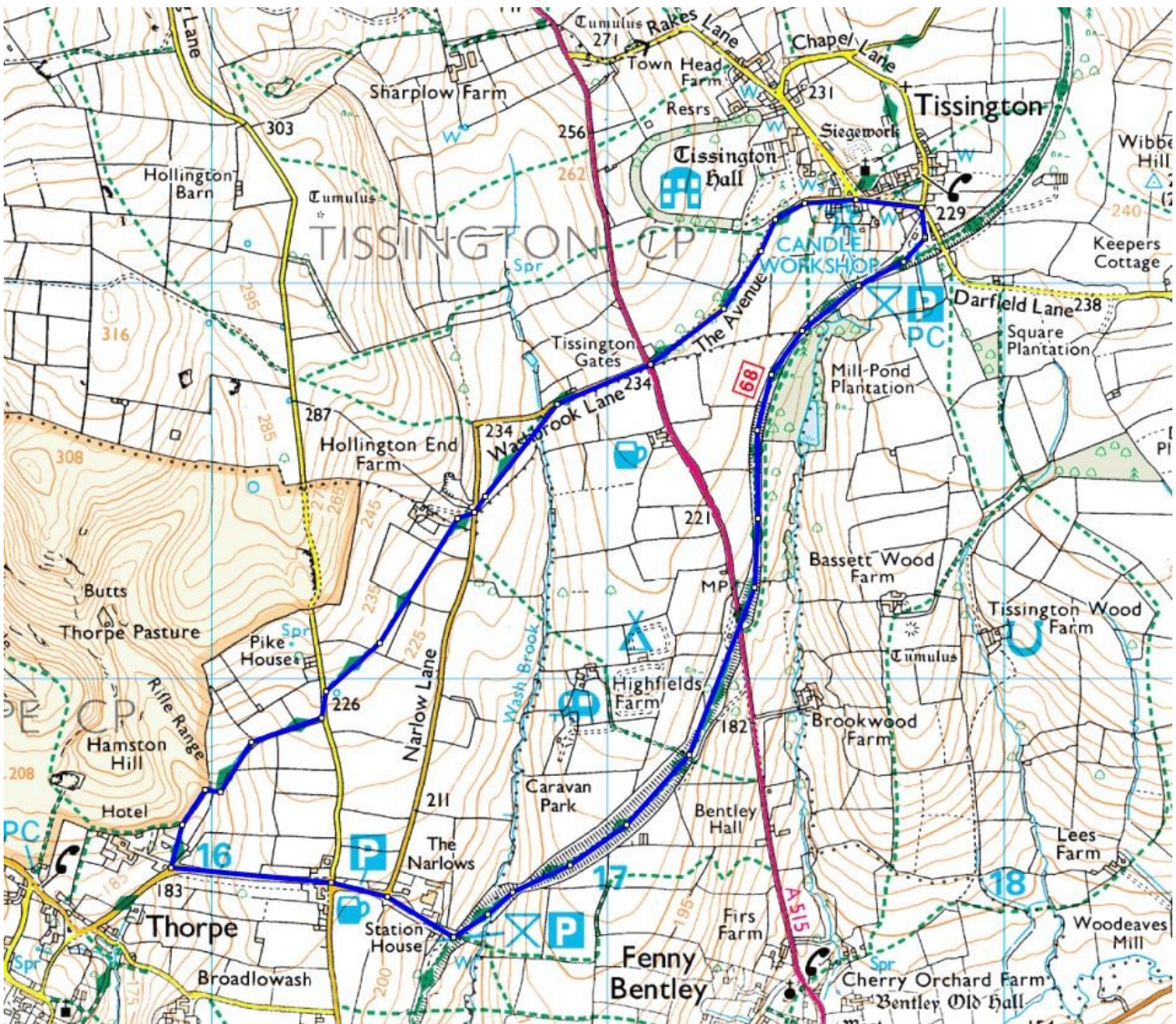


Tissington Tea Rooms

Please take care crossing this road as it is the main road between Ashbourne and Buxton, and the traffic moves quite fast. From here it is only half a mile back to Tissington Station and the end of the walk. Pass through Tissington gates and walk the length of the tree lined avenue until it reaches the outskirts of the village. On entering the village look out for Yew tree Well on the right, as you near the junction in the middle of the village, Tissington Hall and the tea rooms are on the road to the left. To return to the station continue forward past the pond, and Town well on the left until the entrance to the car park appears on the right. Turn right into the car park to complete the walk.

Map of walk with route overlay on following page.

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