The Meden Trail

Along this section, the route runs alongside the River Meden, using the former track of the old Midland Railway. The Meden valley, rich in resources of water, timber and stone, also provided the humid micro-climate and energy needed for early cotton mills, and became the home of Viyella, exported worldwide from this location in its heyday.

The valley was also thought to be used as a hunting ground for Neanderthal communities living at nearby Creswell Crags during the Ice Age; in 1862 extensions to Pleasley Vale Hall unearthed a large cave with the skeletal remains of wolves, woolly rhinoceros and reindeer.

Part of the route now runs through a Local Nature Reserve, managed by the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

The Teversal and Skegby Trails

At the former Pleasley colliery, now a country park, two established routes run south to link into the legacy of the Victorian railway boom, now an established part of the countryside access network of the Teversal Trails. The route passes through attractive undulating farmland reminiscent of Derbyshire’s hills, alternately running through deep cuttings, and crossing river valleys on steep embankments.

At Teversal, a brief diversion takes in an unspoilt and charming village whose manor house was immortalised as Wragby Hall in DH Lawrence’s Lady Chatterley’s Lover. Located south of the linking section, the Teversal Visitor Centre provides an ideal stop for refreshments.

Sutton in Ashfield is a small industrial town of Saxon origins, although its name probably derives from the Norman de Sutton family. Coal mining supported the local economy between the Middle Ages and the closure of the pits in the late 20th Century.
To Silverhill Trails

Cross road with care

Cross Stoneyford Road with care

Cross Outram Road with care, narrow refuge

Cross Priestsic Road using pedestrian crossing

Cross busy road with care, use drop kerbs to east of refuge

Junction of link route, for Teversal Visitor Centre and Silverhill Trails

Alternative route around reservoir (stepped access)

Cross Stoneyford Road with care

Cross bridge as directed

Cross Batley Lane with care, blind bend

Cross railway line with care

Dismount at top of embankment

Cross carriageway using overpass to west of trail

Link to parking on Outgang Lane over footbridge

Access from Common Lane

Approximate scale: 1:25000