

Kings Clipstone route 2

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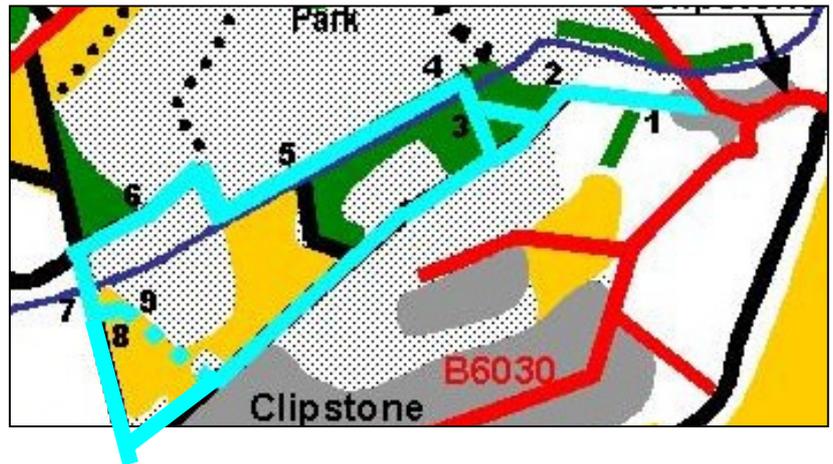
for essential information about your walk

Leisurely (with hill) Distance 5.5 miles (8.8km)



Start On Squires Lane, Kings Clipstone

1. About half way up Squires Lane are Old Barn Cottages, shown above in 1945.



2. Follow Squires Lane to the top and turn left.

Cavendish Lodge and Farm – the photo shows the barn in 1945 when this part of the Welbeck Estate was auctioned off to pay death duties.



The farmyard and barns are private property, there is no right of way.

The path follows the track with the single bar gate across.

3. Turn right into Cavendish Wood and follow the narrow path through the wood.

When you come to the farm tracks carry straight on past the beech wood shown in the photo. The track drops down the hill towards the river.

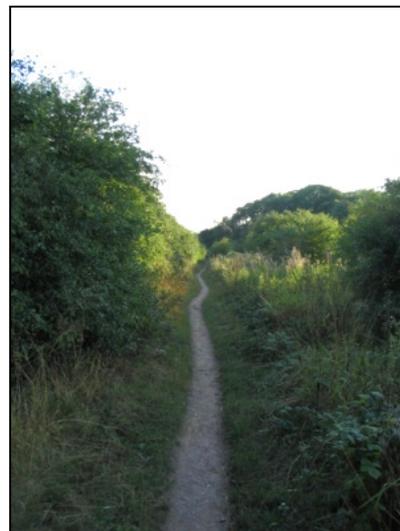


4. At the river turn left between the river and the lakes. The lakes were formed when the land sank due to mining subsidence. Keeping to the track follow the river upstream. Kingfishers can sometimes be seen along this section.

5. At the next bridge you can turn and go up the hill if you don't want to do the full walk. Otherwise carry on following the track. It turns right and goes up the hill.

6. At the top, turn left along the old **Flood Dyke** track. The Flood Dyke snaked along the hill carrying water & sewage from Mansfield. Sluices then allowed it to flood the water meadows on the slopes below. The irrigation system took 20 years to build and involved moving huge amounts of soil to produce the smooth slopes

The photo on the right shows the modern day path.



7. The path you are following is crossed by Packman's Road, turn left down the hill. Buried underneath the concrete on the bridge is the old stone bridge.

8. At the river follow the path round to **the Spa Ponds**, shown in the photo below. At the river end of the first pond is the path seen in the photo to the right. Although this is a well used path along a very attractive part of the river it is *not a right of way*.



Our path continues past

the first pond then turns left along the dam and then right up the hill. The remains of **Beeston Lodge** which is thought to have been the gatehouse of the feudal **pele** are on the top of the hill above the ponds.

9. Follow the path up the hill, with the field on your left until you come to the playing field. At the top of the playing field turn left down Clipstone Drive.



10. The route back is an easy downhill walk along the almost straight lane until you get back to Cavendish Lodge. The '**straight mile**' was the site of early car and motor bike trials. From 1914 to 1920 the field to the right were the site of **Clipstone Army camp**.