

# WALK FOUR - BILSTHORPE / FARNSFIELD

**ALLOW 2 HOURS (approx 7 miles)**

Map not to scale - For further detail refer to OS Explorer Map 270 (Sherwood Forest).

**Key: (S) Start, (L) Left, (R) Right, (L-H) Left Hand**

From Southwell Trail, Bilsthorpe car park, off Forest Link, head South along the Trail towards Farnsfield.

*This section of the Trail was a railway serving the Bilsthorpe Colliery and Brickworks. The Trail is wide here near the car park as this was the location of the sidings. The railway served Bilsthorpe Colliery until the line was closed. The colliery opened in 1925 to the east of Kirklington Road beyond the existing Trail and closed in 1997.*

When you come to a fork, turn L. The Trail curves round to the left to meet the Trail from Farnsfield car park towards Southwell, follow this footpath to go L along the Trail and head E to Broomfield Lane.



Turn L along Broomfield Lane, pass South Lodge gatehouse to T junction. Continue straight on over stile onto footpath across field (may have to follow left hand field edge if cropped). Follow alongside hedge in next field and ascend to ridge. Continue downhill to reach and cross A617 (cross with care!), then continue uphill (heading for gap between furthest 2 LH wind turbine towers) to reach the tall hedgerow with row of red roof/brick bungalows at top of field/hill. Turn L at the corner of this tall hedgerow and follow this hedge/field edge to road. At the road turn R towards Bilsthorpe. Just before the junction with Kirklington Road take footpath on L through fields, with hedge on L then across field, to reach the Trail (via under bridge and go up steps on R). Turn L on Trail to return to Bilsthorpe car park.

