

WALK ONE - SOUTHWELL / MAYTHORNE

ALLOW 70 MINUTES (approx 4 miles)

Map not to scale - For further detail refer to OS Explorer Maps 270 (Sherwood Forest) and 271 (Newark-on-Trent).

Key: (S) Start, (L) Left, (R) Right

Start at Southwell Trail car park off Station Road, Southwell (just beyond the "Final Whistle" public house).

Opposite the car park a blue plaque sits on one of the former level crossing gate posts, detailing the history of the railway of which the Trail forms a part. Close by is the old station house. Southwell station opened on 1st July 1847 with the final passenger service being in 1959. The "Final Whistle" is a pub with a railway theme and name dedicated to the memory of the railway days.

Follow Southwell Trail ahead for approx 20 minutes until a minor road (Maythorne Lane) is reached.

Immediately before the lane a bridge is crossed. The redundant lane beneath was used to prevent farm vehicles and other passers-by from crossing the tracks. Eventually a level crossing was installed as high loads could not pass under the bridge.

Turn R (be aware of any passing traffic) walk towards Maythorne village, and into open countryside, passing a fire beacon, to the old silk mill.

Evidence of a mill at Maythorne dates back to the 13th century, though detailed history begins in 1786 when a water driven mill was built by Tomas Caunt & Co. Silk thread production began in the 1800s and continued until the outbreak of the Second World War. The army then requisitioned the building to billet men. At that time the mill wheel and machinery were removed. Today the old mill has been developed as apartments.



Old Station House.



Beyond "The Old Silk Mill" (see blue plaque on L) bear L and cross River Greet via metal gate/footbridge at sluice, then onto second gate/footbridge. Bear R and follow meandering river bank path (Robin Hood Way) always keeping the river on your R, ignoring faint path joining from R. Eventually the spires of Southwell Minster can be viewed on your R. Pass by industrial estate before reaching Station Lane at Caudwell's Mill (see blue plaque). Turn R and follow road over bridge, pass children's nursery to return to car park.

