



Fenny Bentley (3.9 miles, 6.2 km)

At A Glance

- Distance: 3.9 miles
- Time: 1-2 hours
- Grade: Easy
- Terrain: Country lanes, trails and field paths
- Accessibility: Uneven ground, steps, stiles and gates
- Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL24

This wonderful short walk takes you along the peaceful, traffic-free Tissington Trail with beautiful views on all sides of rolling Derbyshire hills, before heading across fields into the village of Fenny Bentley. From there the route crosses open countryside to return to the Tissington Trail and back to the park. There is a pub en route for refreshments if needed.

1. Leave the park by the main exit and carefully cross the road to join the lane immediately opposite (Spend Lane), signposted for Thorpe, Dovedale and Ilam. Take care walking along this lane as there are a few short sections with no pavement, but it is usually quiet.



2. After approx 500 metres look out for a large railway bridge across the road. Immediately before the bridge go through a small wooden gate on the right and take the path that twists up a set of steps and joins the Tissington Trail. Turn right on the Tissington Trail and walk along this peaceful, tree-lined former railway track for approx 1.2 miles (2km).

3. Soon after a brick bridge over the trail, look out for a crossroads of paths. Take the path on the right, signposted to Fenny Bentley. Go through a small wooden gate leading into a field and follow the clear path downhill towards trees.



4. At the bottom of the field you will find a narrow bridge across a small stream. Cross the bridge and walk diagonally right across the field ahead, heading uphill toward a prominent tree on the horizon.

5. On reaching the top of the field, go through a gate to the right of the tree, and walk straight on across the next field, keeping to the left of a hedge. At the edge of the field, go through a double gate and continue straight on.

6. The path eventually meets up with a hedge, which runs to your left. Walk alongside the hedge down towards a gate, with farm buildings beyond. Go through the gate and follow the narrow path, keeping a fence to your right, before going through a further gate to emerge on to a lane (Ashes Lane).

7. If you want to explore the village of Fenny Bentley, turn left on Ashes Lane. If you're in need a break, follow Ashes Lane down to the main road and turn right, where you'll find the Coach & Horses pub.



8. To continue the walk, cross straight over Ashes Lane and go through a squeeze stile immediately opposite. Walk straight on through a field with a fence to your left. Where the fence ends halfway along the field, turn 90 degrees right and walk directly across the field towards a further squeeze stile in the hedge.

9. Go through the squeeze stile and over a little boardwalk bridge across a small stream. Walk slightly diagonally right across the field ahead, towards a house. Follow the well-marked path that passes immediately in front of the house, which leads through the garden and emerges into another field through a gate beside a shed.



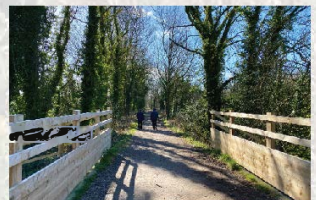
10. Walk diagonally right across the next field, heading just to the left of a farm visible in the trees ahead (Ashes Farm). Go through a wooden gate in the fence to the left of the farm buildings, and then follow the clear path diagonally right across the field ahead, marked by wooden poles.



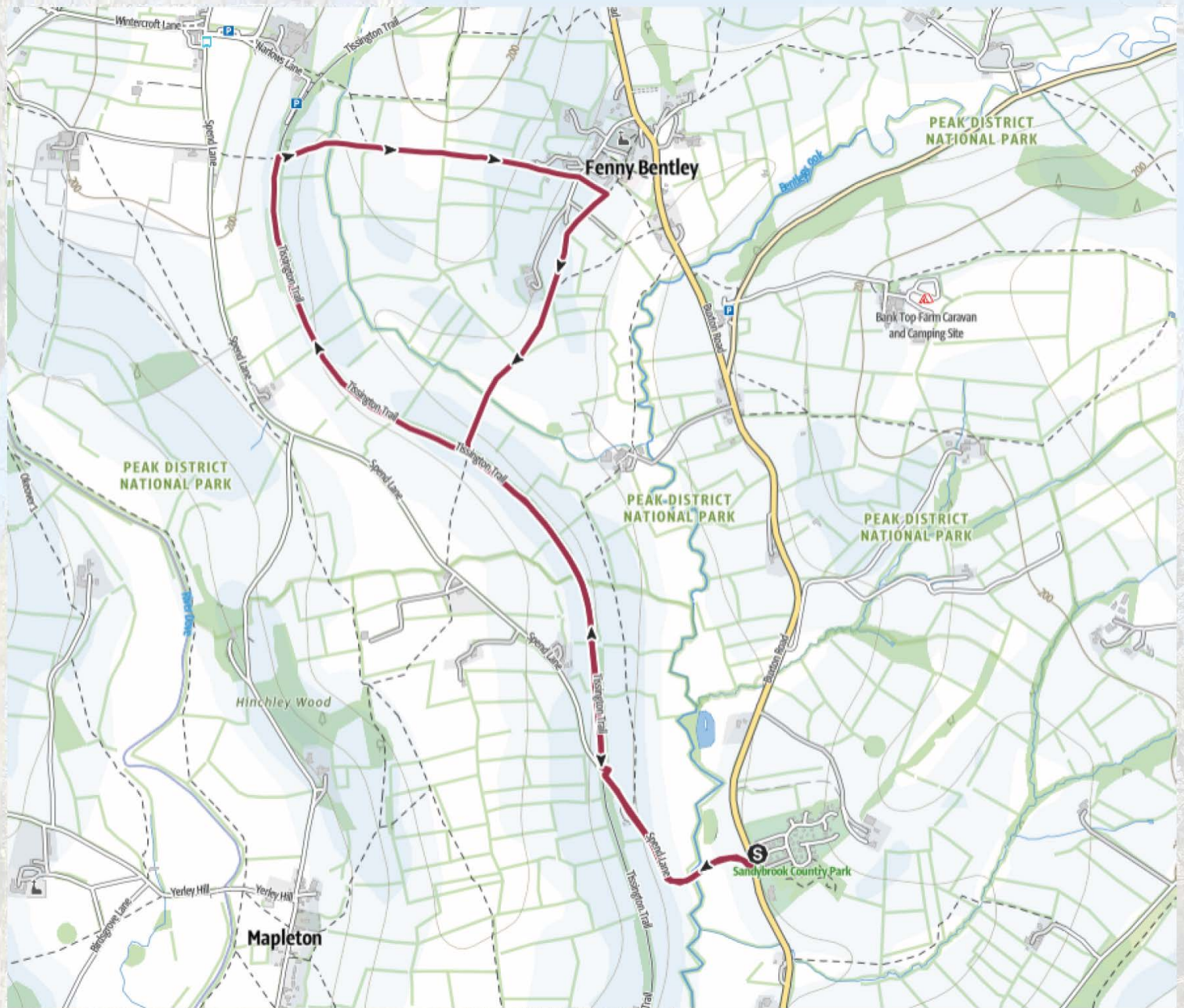
11. In the corner of the field, go through a small wooden gate and walk straight on through the next field, keeping a hedge to your left. The path takes you down to a small bridge across a stream.

12. Cross the small bridge and walk straight on through the next field, heading slightly uphill towards a wooden kissing gate. Go through the gate and follow the path uphill to rejoin the Tissington Trail. Turn left.

13. Follow the quiet trail for approx 0.6 miles (1km) through beautiful countryside. Upon reaching the bridge at which you joined the Tissington Trail at point 2, retrace your steps and take the path on the left down to the gate and back on to Spend Lane.



14. Turn left on Spend Lane and walk along the road to return to Landal Sandybrook ahead of you.



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Along the way...

The Tissington Trail

The Tissington Trail is a traffic-free trail that runs for 13 miles from Parsley Hay in the north to Ashbourne in the south. It follows the route of the former railway line between Buxton and Ashbourne, opened in 1899, operated by the London and North Western Railway. The railway was closed in the 1960s and the track is now a trail for walkers, horse-riders and cyclists.

Fenny Bentley

The little village of Fenny Bentley was recorded as a settlement in the Domesday book of 1086, when it was known as 'Benedlege'. The pretty church of St Edmund's dates back to 1240 and is well worth exploring. It contains a curious monument to village resident Sir Thomas Beresford (d. 1473) and his 21 children, in which all the figures are depicted with shrouds over their heads.

