

“Froghall”

Sunday 1st April

Led By Martin Jones

Walk
No 1



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Start/Finish Froghall Wharf (free) Car Park (toilets available)

Grid Reference SK 0267 4767

9.00 a.m. start from Biddulph Car Park or 9.45 a.m. from Froghall

Length: 7 miles , Undulating

This is a walk with a few steep ascents/descents (some with steps) up to the point where we stop for lunch. Thereafter the walk is along a pretty canal towpath back to Froghall. There are about a dozen stiles and some mud.

We walk from the heritage site with its lime kilns and canal basin past old tramways down a valley which is one of the largest Sites of Special Scientific Interest in Staffordshire. The walk goes through undulating woodland with streams and footbridges and climbs to a ridge with excellent views over the valley before going through Foxt. Then we carry on to Ipstones where we will stop in the grounds of the Memorial Hall, which has a few benches, for a break. Next we cross country past Odda and Belmont Halls before dropping down the 'Devil's Staircase' into Consall Forge. We will stop for lunch near the Black Lion pub. The walk finishes with a gentle stroll alongside the Caldon canal and steam railway.

The route is ANTICLOCKWISE from the start point at the Froghall Car Park