Route Information



Hucknall - Annesley loop

Route Summary

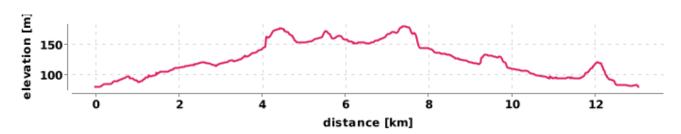
Total Distance **13.06** km (**8.11** mi)

Elevation **80** m at lowest point

180 m at highest point

Total Ascent **208** m

Elevation Profile



Route Card

SK 534 494

#	OS Grid Ref	Dist from start	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation

53° 2' 22" N

1° 12' 14" W

80 m

0 km

Titchfield Street Bus Stop

Dist to next: 4.32 km, Ascent to next: 94 m

2 **SK 512 518 4.32** km 53° 3' 41" N 1° 14' 10" W **174** m

Diadem Hill (~75m SW)

Where Byron initially met Mary Ann Chaworth.

Dist to next: 0.2 km, Ascent to next: 1 m

3 **SK 511 520 4.52** km 53° 3' 46" N 1° 14' 18" W **175** m

Annesley Castle (Site of)

An early 13th century motte and bailey castle in Annesley Park. The motte is 120 feet wide, but now stands only 6 feet high and is covered by trees. The bailey was defended by a bank and moat, but only traces of this are now

visible.

Dist to next: 0.5 km, Ascent to next: -22 m

4 **SK 507 519 5.02** km 53° 3' 44" N 1° 14' 38" W **153** m

Dog and Bear Lane

Dist to next: 0.54 km, Ascent to next: 19 m

5 **SK 504 524** 5.56 km 53° 3' 59" N 1° 14' 53" W **172** m

Annesley Hall

Grade II Mid-13th century home of the Annesley family, passing to the Chaworth family when Alice, heiress to the Manor of Annesley, married George Chaworth, third son of Sir Thomas Chaworth of Wiverton, in the 15th century. The Chaworth family were to possess the estate for the next 350 years. It was significantly enlarged and improved by Patrick Chaworth, 3rd Viscount Chaworth, in the 17th century when damage to his family seat at Wiverton obliged him to move to Annesley.

The Chaworth family had owned the estate since the reign of Henry VI when George Chaworth, third son of Sir Thomas Chaworth, Knight of Wiverton, married Alice de Annesley in circa 1442. The first lord of the Annesley manor to take their name from the estate was Ralph Britto de Annesley, who died sometime between 1156 and 1161.

Dist to next: 0.06 km, Ascent to next: -5 m

6 **SK 504 524 5.62** km 53° 4' 0" N 1° 14' 55" W **167** m

Annesley Hall (pt2)

Mary Chaworth, who lived at the Hall, was the boyhood lover of the poet Lord Byron, who lived at nearby Newstead Abbey. The uncle of Byron had killed William Chaworth in a duel at the Star and Garter tavern in Pall Mall, London after a meeting of the "Nottinghamshire Club" that met there every month. Mary Chaworth eventually married John Musters of Colwick Hall in 1805. Their teenage son, Charles Musters, sailed as a Volunteer 1st Class aboard HMS Beagle with Charles Darwin, but died of malaria in South America on 19 May 1832. The Chaworth-Musters family became one of the most powerful families in Nottinghamshire. John Chaworth-Musters was appointed High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire for 1864–65. Structural alterations to the hall took place in the 18th and 19th centuries, including the addition of a service wing c.1880.

Annesley Lodge, the former gatehouse to the hall, is also grade II listed.

Dist to next: **0.24** km, Ascent to next: **-2** m

7 **SK 503 523 5.86** km 53° 3' 58" N 1° 15' 1" W **165** m

Annesley Old Church

The disused church building remains are Grade I listed (also scheduled as an ancient monument). Constructed by

the Annesley family in 1356, replaced a Norman building on the same site. After the Annesley estate had passed by marriage to the Chaworths, Patrick Chaworth, 3rd Viscount Chaworth, in 1686 built the flight of steps leading up to the church and arranged for a carving of his coat of arms, or Achievement, to be fixed in the church. As the village of Annesley developed into a mining community a new church on a site nearer to the growing colliery community was built (consecrated in 1874). Occasional services, especially Harvest Festivals, continued to be held in the old church until 1942. Eventually, the building deteriorated and Viscount Chaworth's achievement was moved to the new church. When the Annesley estate was sold in 1973 the buildings fell into a state of total disrepair and were sold by the Church Commissioners to Ashfield District Council for a nominal £1.

Dist to next: 0.19 km, Ascent to next: -8 m

8 **SK 503 525 6.04** km 53° 4' 3" N 1° 15' 1" W **158** m

Annesley Hall Ice House

Restored/Moved away from the hall when the A608 was expanded. During the winter, ice would be cut from the frozen lakes in Annesley Park and packed into the ice house stacked between layers of straw. The insulation of the straw, bricks and earth packed above it would keep the ice frozen. It is believed that ice could be preserved in an ice house like this for up to three years.

Dist to next: 2.71 km, Ascent to next: -32 m

9 **SK 522 529 8.76** km 53° 4' 17" N 1° 13' 19" W **126** m

The Pit Micropub

Open 12-11pm on weekends.

Dist to next: **4.3** km, Ascent to next: **-45** m

10 **SK 533 494 13.06** km 53° 2' 23" N 1° 12' 18" W **80** m