



Walk 9 *Gedling* The Gedling

Length - 4 miles (6 km). Allow 2 hours.

Terrain - Uphill initially and downhill later. Two stiles, otherwise easy walking. There is a small amount of road walking

Route - From the village centre walk past The Cross Keys and turn right up Padleys Lane. Turn left down a path after house no.15 leading to Lambley Lane. Walk up the Lane to the top at Stockhill Farm. Turn right here and then left at a gate after 200 yds. Follow this track for ½ mile to meet a road (Spring Lane).

Turn left down a track after 20 yds, sign-posted Gedling. The track soon becomes a path which you follow all the way to the outskirts of Gedling. Walk down the road to a path leading to another road, and follow the next path between hedges. At the end of this path turn right, taking you past a school to Yew Tree Lane.

Turn left down the road and under a bridge. Turn right into Willow Park, an ideal picnic spot. Walk across the field over the Ouse Dyke and out of the Park onto Jessops Lane. Turn left and left again at the top of the hill. It is then a short way to All Hallows church, which is well worth a visit (open on Wednesdays). Continue from the church porch to the road and past the old Fountain to the Miners Memorial. Cross the Main Road to the war memorial, turn right and follow the road round to the left, and in a short distance you arrive at **The Gedling Inn**, previously 'The Chesterfield Arms'.

From here continue along Main Road to Tennyson Avenue. Walk down here to the end and turn right on a path that crosses the Ouse Dyke again to meet a road. At the end of this road turn right to a bus stop opposite the Inn For A Penny where you can catch a bus back to Burton Joyce.

Information - At the top of Lambley Lane is the site of an Iron Age hill fort, 'burh-ton', a fortified settlement in Old English. Little can be seen of the remains, which are on private land, but some of the depressions that can be seen through a gateway are bomb craters that were the result of German bombers attacking Colwick Yard in World War II.

Gedling Parish Church has the second highest spire in the county, a total of 181 ft. There are some interesting gravestones in the churchyard, notably those of two Nottinghamshire and England cricketers, and that of John Flinders who was a soldier for 62 years. The village name is probably derived from the ancient family settlement of the "Ceadlings". The Fountain was erected in 1874 by the Countess of Carnarvon as a supply of fresh water and was built over a spring. The Miner's Memorial commemorates the men who died whilst working at the colliery during its life from 1899 to 1991. The Memorial Hall opposite the Fountain was erected in 1924 to commemorate men from the village who lost their lives in the Great War. The Chesterfield Arms (relating to the Earl of Chesterfield) is the only remaining pub from times when there were four in the village.