

This is essentially a straight forward level A-Z route from Errwood Hall car park (SK17 6GJ - SK 012 748 – Elev: 300m) to Derbyshire Bridge car park, as depicted by the red dots. It is an interesting route and although open to traffic and a main route (one way traffic), it is relatively quiet. This road is unnamed although it is a Derbyshire County Council adopted highway.

There are some vehicular access restrictions posted on Sundays and Bank Holidays between 11.00 and 16.00, essentially from the causeway through to Derbyshire Bridge. NB: If you arrive at Errwood Hall car park before 11.00, volunteer rangers are posted and always allow cars to leave via the causeway.

Local knowledge: There are two interesting parallel route options. So close to the main route it is impossible to accurately depict them on the A4 OS map. One starts at the car park and the second option starts as the first option ends.

In season, if the road route is adopted, Pied Flycatchers will be seen at multiple nesting boxes on your left. For the first route option, leave the back of the car park at the new *vehicular access barrier* and follow the track uphill. At the crossroad, take the left turn along the heavily wooded track until you arrive back at the road. Spotted Flycatchers have been seen on this route in season. I have not personally seen them though a *reliable* source I trust suggests they are there.

The end of that first option is at a locked vehicular access gate with three steps down to the road on your left. About thirty metres ahead, a pedestrian gate is seen on the left. That gate leads to the second route option (Riverside route – see Route 5) and emerges later back at the road. NB: At the end of this route you have a short and steep climb back to the road.

You will emerge close to the Packhorse Bridge and Goyt's Clough Quarry etc.

Continue on the road to Derbyshire Bridge.

Distance (return): 7.6km (GPS)

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