

## M - Summerley Colliery

The walk runs down the fields to a line of fencing along which runs the route of the former branch line that served the collieries in the area. To the right is the site of the former Summerley Colliery. The colliery was sunk in 1871 to work the Silkstone, or Blackshale, Seam to provide coke for Sheffield.

## N - Nature Reserve

Walk along the boardwalk and enjoy the natural surroundings which are managed by the Three Valleys Project. As you walk along the boardwalk you will see a pond on your left. This is managed as a nature pond and in spring you might see newts, frogs and toads.

To the right of the pond, if you look carefully, you will see the arch-topped brick remnants of the old mineral railway line. As charcoal and coke production has been a long tradition in the area, it is possible there has been some sort of oven here since medieval times, but especially during the Industrial Revolution.

As you follow the track back to the start you are walking along the old mineral railway line that served Unstone Mine.



## Easy to follow circular routes



See the map inside and follow these waymarkers.

Full walk distance including the Unstone Line is 4 miles (6.5km). Allow 2 hours.  
Frith Wood and Summerley Walk is 3.25 miles (5.3km). Allow 1.5 hours.

Waymarkers are fixed at changes of direction. Make sure you use good footwear. Mud, stiles and steep slopes can make this walk difficult for some people.

## Travel information

Parking available at: Unstone Community Centre, Church Lane and Shireoaks Road, Dronfield. Why not use public transport and help the environment? For bus and rail services call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 (national rate call), Type Talk on 18001 0871 200 22 33. For more details on public transport in Derbyshire log on to [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport/public\\_transport](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport/public_transport)

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Countryside Walks in Derbyshire No. 4  
With links from Dronfield, Apperknowle  
and Coal Aston

