



Distance*

3.5 km
2.25 ml

Allow

1½ hrs

Peter Fidler - A Pioneer among pioneers



* excluding stop 9

1.5 miles



Directions to...

1. Peter Fidler car park

From Chesterfield follow the A632 to Bolsover. At the mini roundabout, at the bottom of Bolsover Hill, turn right and drive up to the Peter Fidler/ Stockley Trail car park.

Grid reference: SK 461706
(OS Landranger 120 Mansfield & Worksop)

2. Peter Fidler Cairn

Follow the track downhill and turn left, through a gate, into the Peter Fidler reserve. Listen to track 2 at the stone cairn ahead.

3. Dragonflies with distant ancestors

Return to and continue along the main path. Where the path turns sharply right turn left onto a set of steps that heads down to a pond. Listen to track 3 halfway down the steps.

4. Carr Vale view

Return to the main track and follow it gently down hill. Turn left after passing through a squeeze stile and left again after a further 50 metres. Listen to track 4 at the pair of wooden benches overlooking the wetland area.

5. Bolsover Castle, the Model Village and the Viaduct

Follow the main track uphill and listen to track 5 on the 90-degree left hand bend that has terrific views of Bolsover Castle.

6. Reedbed Hide

Head downhill and turn right besides the sculpture, which depicts nature emerging from an industrial landscape. At the metal field gate turn right and enter Carr Vale nature reserve.

After crossing a bridge over a brook turn left. 200 metres along this path on your right is a path that leads down to a wooden screen; your prompt to listen to track 6.

7. The Mound

Return to the main path and turn right. Where the path forks turn right and head uphill to the viewing mound. This is stop 7.

8. The Stockley Trail

Rejoin the main path and turn right. Soon you will pass a third hide, lapwing lookout; feel free to stop here for a while. After exiting Carr Vale nature reserve follow this path alongside the water and then left over the 'millenium' bridge. Listen to track 8 at the crossroads of paths, after passing through a squeeze stile.

9. Stockley Ponds

If you are feeling energetic you can extend your walk along the Stockley Trail to the Stockley Ponds where you can listen to a ninth track.

This easy access Trail runs for 1 ¾ miles to your right and can be used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. On the way you will pass the site of Palterton and Sutton station, which was demolished in 1934.

Alternatively, turn left and return to the Peter Fidler reserve. At the sculpture we passed earlier turn right and you will soon arrive back at the car park.

Return to Peter Fidler car park

Return back along the Stockley Trail all the way back to the car park.

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