

Win Hill

Mostly. Starts the same as several other walks
Downhill from Blackberry and turn right into
Victoria Road

Go right along to the end and left down a
footpath (marked). On your right admire the
allotment, full of
amazing fruit and veg.



Say "Hi" to David if he is working there.

2 things to be aware of as you head down the
path

A) in the left hand
garden you might
meet Magic the
black Labrador who is very bouncy and noisy
but (to us anyway) very friendly



B) at the end is the road up to the mill; cars
travel along this so exit with great care. Even
though the Mill drivers themselves are very careful the exit onto the road
is abrupt and a car travelling very sedately could be awkward.



Turn right up the road and then left by the enormous
conker trees. If you are walking in the autumn and
you have children with you; you could be some time
here.

Left again in a few metres following the Touchstone
Trail guide post down to the river, and.. The ducks
are usually hungry so make
sure you are adequately
prepared



The stepping stones will be
in some sort of (disrepair);
could be a bit of a scramble
unless they have been
redone - they get washed
away by flood water



regularly however it doesn't usually take long for the
appropriate authority to mend them again.

On the bridge you must stop and admire the FIRE touchstone.



Then it's across the field aiming towards Win Hill



At this point it's good to stop and ponder one of life's great countryside mysteries .. "Why do farmers always put the gate in the muddiest part of the field?"

Go past the barn, and through another gate; usually even muddier than the first.



Then angle left up the slippery muddy slope

At the top you will join the old railway track up to the dams



You go straight on up towards Win Hill *This first part of the walk I photographed in the summer; we finally got to climb the hill when weather conditions were rather different.*



At the top of the small hill go straight over the road and follow the path round the back of the house; keep going up until you emerge by another house onto a track; there should be a sign pointing right to Win Hill





(unless it's blown down). It's a pleasant gentle upwards stroll now for several hundred metres.

Eventually you will reach this gate; it's a good place to stop, catch breath and look back over the valley; in the winter

the meanders of the river Derwent seem to stand out more clearly



This is picture X -see next page



Just through the gate, the signpost directs you left but most cut the corner by going straight up



to join with the main, well cut out, main track coming in from the left



Keep on till you meet the signpost to Aston, turn left here - if you are

chattering away and miss this, don't worry, eventually you will reach the trees and a good, if rather steep, path left up to the summit - at the



next wall follow it right straight up the hill (bit tough going); follow the wall round right at the top corner and then the collapsed wall left. (At the top of this picture you can see the trees you will reach if you miss the sign to Aston). Keep going and

you soon reach the main path heading right.



Soon the summit is in view, and when you finally reach the top take some time exulting in the magnificent views N S E and W



.....

You can return backtracking; we continued on the main broad path which heads towards Aston (between Bamford and Hope) and then had a bit of a zig zag scramble down leftish towards the gate seen in the picture labelled with an X



The mist lifted for us and we did get some more scenery



