

Along the route

Going west, away from town.

Starting at the Toucan crossing on Boythorpe Road follow the trail on shared paths towards West Bars roundabout, cross Wheatbridge Road and Chatsworth Road using cycle paths and the Toucan crossings. The old Brampton Brewery stood on the site of Matalan. Near Lidl the route goes under an archway which is worth a second look. At this point a railway line used to serve the gasworks. Look out for the holes in the wall where chains used to be pulled across the road when a train crossed.

Follow the route around the Mecca car park and then turn left past the gasholders, keep them on your left. The gasholders are now redundant and not used. At the end of the traffic free path there now follows the only on road section of the route along Chester Street and Ashgate Valley Road. Take care when crossing Ashgate Road. After crossing Ashgate Road bear left twice to avoid going up hill and go along Ashgate Valley Road.

Near the end of Ashgate Valley Road the route once again goes off road and follows the Holme Brook for the rest of the route. The pastoral nature of the trail belies its industrial past. There were once coal mines and clay extraction adjacent to the trail along this section. A tramway used to run from Ashgate Road to the colliery.

After passing the grounds of Brockwell school and crossing Purbeck Avenue the Holmebrook is crossed on a very narrow bridge. After crossing another road the route skirts playing fields. The housing estate here was built in the 1960's to house families coming from London to the relocated Accountant Generals Division on West Bars.

At times the trail is very narrow so please be courteous to pedestrians. Go under the road underpass and just keep going!

Eventually the route turns right over an bridge and you arrive at the lake. The lake is a pleasant place for a picnic or climb the hill to the cafe. It is possible to continue past the park following the trail to Cutthorpe and Linacre Woods.

Further Cycling

Going east from the start of the trail at Boythorpe Road the cycle route goes to the railway station where you can carry on using traffic free paths to Whittington Moor and the Trans Pennine Trail.

It's also easy to get into the town centre or bear right alongside Derby Road (traffic free shared path) to Storforth Lane and eventually to the Avenue site and the 5 Pits Trail.

Chesterfield Cycle Network

Look out for additions to the network, the current Chesterfield Cycle Map is available free of charge from the Visitor Information Centre.

Chesterfield Cycle Campaign

This is one of a series of leaflets produced by the Campaign. Our aim is to improve and increase the provision of facilities for cyclists. We work with both Chesterfield Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council to achieve this. We believe that cycling is a healthy low carbon solution to local transport.

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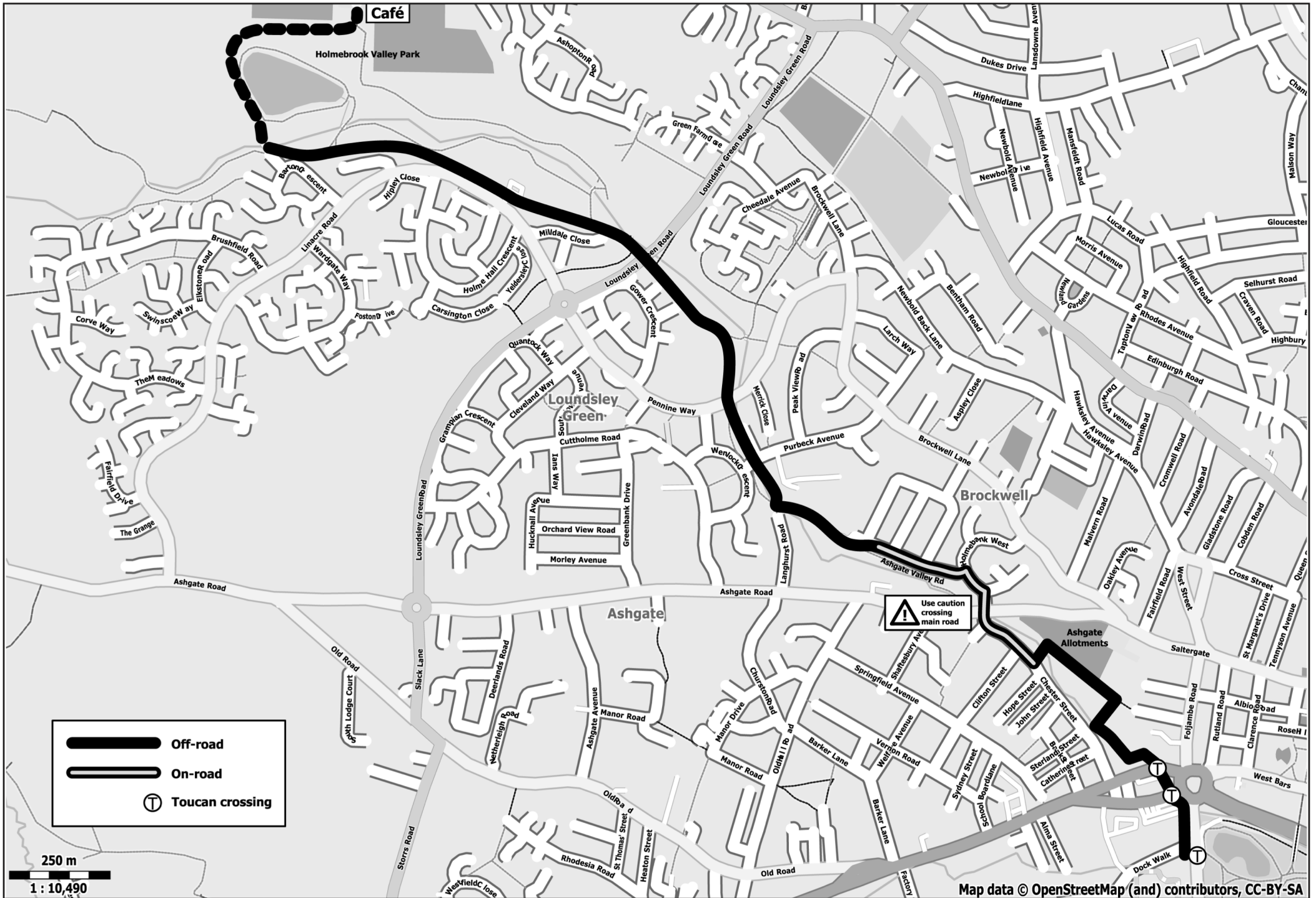
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Holmebrook Valley Trail

Grade:	Easy
Distance:	2 miles
Route Type:	Off road, on quiet roads, crossing of busy roads

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Off-road

On-road

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Toucan crossing

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