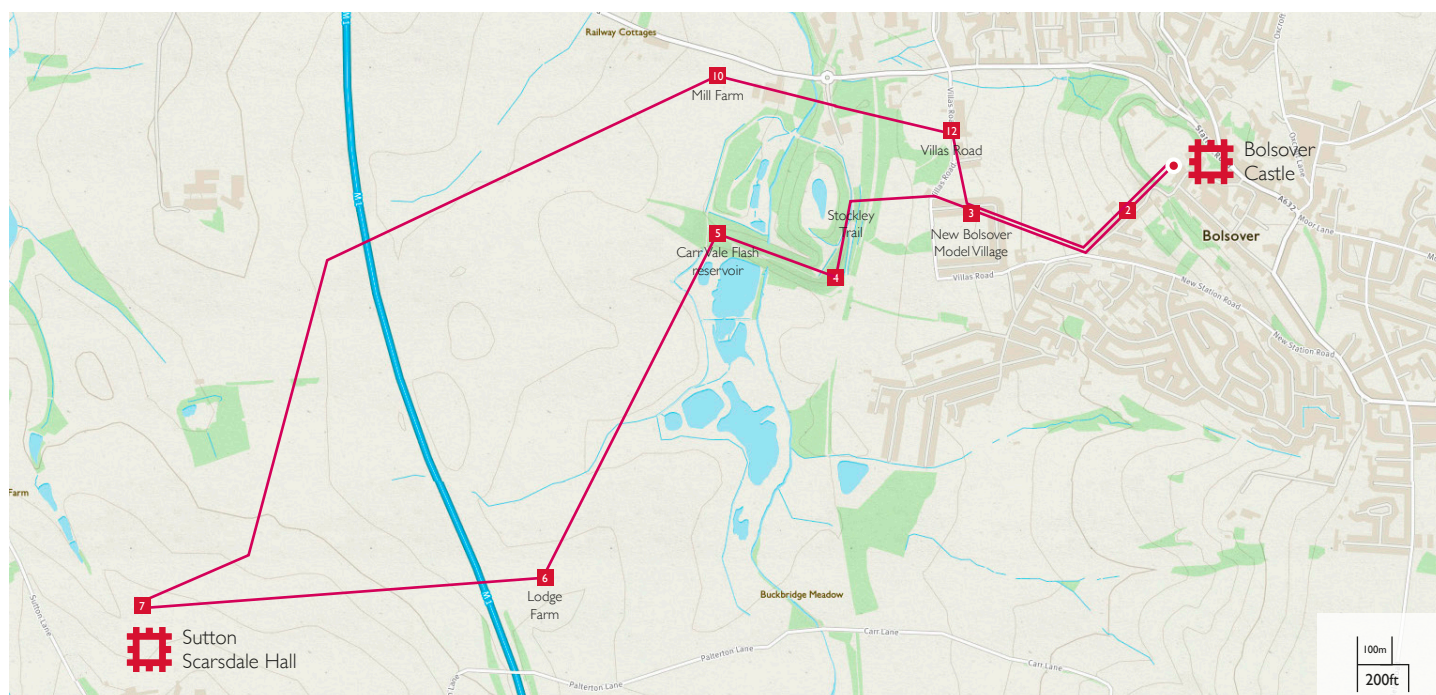


Bolsover Castle and Sutton Scarsdale Hall circular route

Derbyshire



ENGLISH HERITAGE



Map: Ordnance Survey

Note: this map is intended as a guide only. We would always advise you to use these guides in conjunction with the OS maps referenced below. Please check the opening times of properties at www.english-heritage.org.uk before setting off. Please also remember to plan ahead for facilities, including parking, toilets and refreshments.

Need to know

- **OS reference:** OS Explorer map 120
- **Distance:** 7 miles/11.2km (six hours, visiting the properties) Difficulty: 2/5
- **Terrain:** A moderate walk through mainly open country and grazing pasture with some steep sections
- **Access:** This walk is not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs with limited access at the properties.
- **Dog walkers:** This is a dog-friendly walk
- **Stay:** East Lodge, Hardwick Old Hall; www.english-heritage.org.uk/cottages
- **Sat nav:** Starts/ends Bolsover Castle, Castle Street, Bolsover, S44 6PR (01246 822844) via Sutton Scarsdale Hall (Hall Drive, Sutton Scarsdale, S44 5UR)
- **Grid reference:** Bolsover Castle (SK471707) via Sutton Scarsdale Hall circular route, Derbyshire

Directions

- 1 The trail starts (and ends) with a visit to Bolsover Castle, passing Sutton Scarsdale Hall (open for exterior viewing only) en route. Other historic remains in Sutton Scarsdale include Grade II-listed garden walls and a stable block, along with St Mary church and the Old Priory, which are adjacent to the Hall.
- 2 From Bolsover Castle, head right down Castle Lane. As the road curves left, follow the footpath to the right. You'll come out at an open field with Bolsover Castle above on your right. Turn left down the hill and follow the path to the bottom of the field.
- 3 Continue straight through two stiles, passing New Bolsover Model Village on your left. Turn left at Villas Road and follow it until the road takes a sharp left up hill. Continue straight on a rough track here and follow it sharp right until you reach the Stockley Trail.
- 4 Follow this trail, running parallel to the River Doe Lea, to an intersection of paths. Turn right here.
- 5 Cross the Millennium Bridge, skirting Carr Vale Flash reservoir, and head towards the stile opposite.
- 6 The next section follows footpaths across the fields to the ruins of Lodge Farm on the right. Turn left towards Palterton Lane.
- 7 Cross the M1 motorway bridge and walk up the lane, turning right at the footpath sign. Follow the track through the former estate of Sutton Scarsdale Hall. Follow the path to visit the property — there's a postbox and a brown sign pointing the way. This marks the halfway point of the trail.
- 8 When you're ready to head back, retrace your steps to the path. Follow the track behind the hall and take the second farm road on your left. Head diagonally across two fields back towards the M1.
- 9 Pass through the kissing gate and turn left, walking parallel to the motorway. Continue to the farm tunnel and turn right under the M1.
- 10 From here, cross several fields and head diagonally right towards Mill Farm. Cross the final stile on the right to enter the Peter Fiddler nature reserve.
- 11 Follow the track left, crossing back over the River Doe Lea, then turn left out of the reserve and walk along Riverside Way back to the roundabout with the A632. Turn right here and stay on the right hand side of the road until a crossroads. Turn right down Villas Road, enter the field on your left and follow the footpath back towards Bolsover Castle.
- 12 Castle Lane leads back to the castle.