

Group Leader: S Hargreaves

U3A Name: Ravenshead

U3A Interest Group: Hikers

Walk Name: River Hamps Staffs

Distance: 5.2 miles (8.35 km) approx 3 ½ hrs

Terrain Type: Open countryside - lime stone gorge - disused railway

Meeting Time: 9.30 prompt Sherwood Ranger for car sharing

Standard: Moderate

Walk Leader: Steve Hargreaves

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Hyperlink to view the Map and Elevation of this walk.

<https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/osmaps/route/1027820/Hamps-Valley-Staffs>

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- Start from Weag's Bridge Grid SK 099 542 Post code ST13 7TP the walk follows part of the Manifold Trail Ascending Mere Hill before descending to River Hamps and the Manifold Way
- Head south from car park taking the left hand track towards Beeston Tor Farm
- The Limestone caves of Beeston Tor - Saxon coins and jewellery have been discovered in the caves.
- At the farm buildings take the Footpath to rt signed Throwley continue climbing steadily to swing gate when through keep to rt hand footpath keep close to wall on rt at top of hill pass through gate and bear rt to top of Mole Hill.
- Bear left across open countryside heading south towards wooded area near Throwley Hall. Trn rt onto the lane walking away from Throwley Hall towards cattle grid
- At cattle grid take footpath finger post over stile to rt keep to edge of field to second stile. Descend through scrub to the base of the valley to Lee House Farm cross footbridge over River Hamps turn right and join the Manifold Way Cycle Route and footpath past Lee House Tea Rooms.
- Continue north along Manifold Way until eventually reaching the Manifold Trail at beginning of walk.
- Retrace route to Weag's Bridge car park to end the walk.