Farnsfield Outer Heritage Trail Directions
Loop 1: Hexgreave Estate. Walk distance 3.7 miles
Starting point: Southwell Trail car park, Station Lane, Farnsfield NG22 8LB

Heritage point – Railway History. Site of former Railway Station, Station House and goods shed now private residences

From the car park follow the trail path in an easterly direction until the path drops down to Broomfield Lane. There would have been a bridge carrying the railway over the road at this point. Turn left & walk along the road until you reach the gate at the entrance to the Hexgreave Estate. Go through the pedestrian gate on the right-hand side.

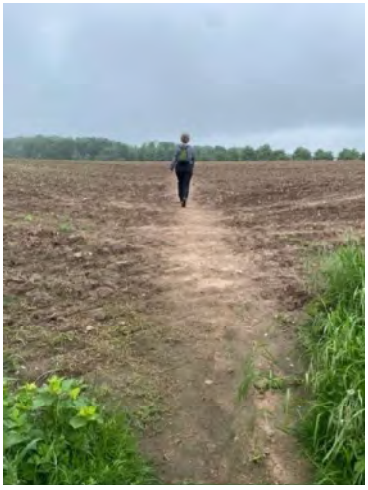
***Heritage point – Hexgreave Hall & Estate**. South Lodge is on the left just beyond the gate.*

*All Hexgreave Estate Heritage points can be found through this **link** apart from Swan Lodge which has an additional link.*

Continue along the road (bridleway) turning right at the Cockett Barn Farm T-junction.

There are 2 options at this point - Option 1. Across the field

A few yards further, on the left-hand side, you will see a gap in the hedge



Follow the path diagonally across the field. The exact route will depend on the time of year. The path may take you directly to the stile or slightly to the south in which case, turn left along the field edge until you reach a stile on the right.

Go over the stile & turn left to continue along the road towards Hexgreave business park

Option 2. Along the bridleway road (wheelchair friendly)
Continue along the road turning left at the second T-junction. Continue along the lime tree avenue towards Hexgreave business park.

Both Routes

Heritage point – Swan Lodge

Just beyond the 10mph sign on the right you will see Swan Lodge with its crenelated gable ends & large chimney stacks

Continuing along the road you will see Hexgreave Hall and the business estate on the right. Refreshments are available at The Old Boiler Room café, the low, green-roofed building in front of the hall on the far side of the car park.

N.B only open until 3.00 pm. Check the website for details: The Old Boiler Room

N.B. The next part of the walk has high stiles and the fields can be very muddy. It is **not suitable for people with mobility issues**. Retrace your steps to the car park.

Or continue from the car park entrance, along the road until you see a footpath sign on the right. Follow the direction of the sign across the grass and go through the gate into the deer park.

Follow the path alongside the fence & go through a second gate at the bottom of the field. Walk through the second field alongside the fence, over a high stile and along the clearly marked path. Go over a second stile & continue until you reach the road. Follow the yellow way markers straight ahead along the road.

Lower Hexgreave Farm is down the roadway on the right-hand side.

When you reach the metal gate, which is usually open, go through the wooden gate on the right-hand side clearly marked with a yellow topped way-marker.

Follow the footpath across the large field. If you turn to look back the way you've come you should get a good view of Lower Hexgreave Farm. Continue along the field path until you reach the intersection with the Southwell Trail and turn right onto the Trail.

A short distance along the Trail you will just be able to see the rear of the Farnsfield Waterworks through the fencing on the left. Completed in 1898, the pumping station provided clean water to the people of Farnsfield, Newark and the villages between. This made a great contribution to the eradication of typhoid fever in the area. The pumping station is still in use today.

Heritage Point - Farnsfield Waterworks and Pumping Station

Continue along the trail in a westerly direction until you reach the intersection with Broomfield Lane.

Heritage Point The old railway line.
There would have been a bridge carrying the railway over the road at this point.

Cross the road and pick up the trail on the other side, retracing your route back to the car park at the top of Station Lane.

End of Loop 1