

The Pentrich Revolution Bicentenary

Walk 24

- On 9th June 1817, over 300 men set out for Nottingham from villages on the Derbyshire-Nottinghamshire border.

- They thought they were part of a 'general rising' to bring down an unjust and oppressive government. Motivated by poverty and hunger, all efforts to gain a hearing suppressed, and having no vote, many saw an armed revolt as the only alternative.

- Unbeknown to them, the Government 'agent provocateur', William J Oliver had encouraged the armed revolt. Rebel leaders had already been arrested and only a handful would take up arms in Huddersfield and Nottingham. The Derbyshire men were to be used as an 'example' to others.

- Ambushed by troops, the marchers fled and many were arrested. At their trial in Derby, three - Brandreth, Ludlam and Turner - were sentenced to death. They were to be hanged then beheaded. Fourteen were transported to penal colonies in Australia, others imprisoned. Their families were evicted and homes destroyed.

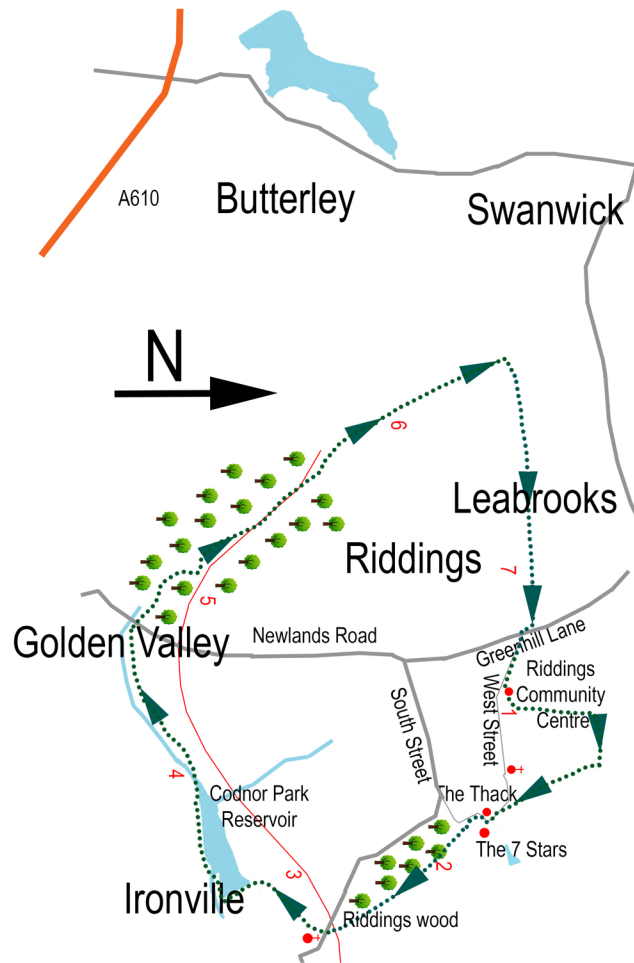
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| 1. Nottingham, England. | 10. Heanor, England. |
| 2. South Wingfield, England. | 11. Langley Mill, England. |
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| 6. Alfreton, England. | 15. Derby, England. |
| 7. Swanwick, England. | 16. Sydney, Australia |
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| 9. Codnor, England. | 18. Kiama, Australia |
| 19. The full route of the march, England. | |
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Riddings. England



The Seven Stars

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