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	Tourist Information
	Access point
	Parking
	Picnic area
	Public house
	Public footpath
	Public Right of Way
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	Southwell Heritage Trail
	Southwell Trail LNR
	Public bridleway

In addition to the rights of way shown on the map, all of the Southwell Trail is a public bridleway.

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The Southwell Trail is 'noisy, dirty, unreliable and costly'. Or at least it was - when the area was part of Midland Railway's vision to run trains from Southwell to Mansfield and beyond.

This grand vision was part of the golden age of steam, when ambitious railwaymen thought that they could create an entire railway from Southwell to Derbyshire. Their vision was never realised. The Southwell section was opened in 1848 - and promptly closed in 1849 due to a lack of profit. Following the discovery of coal around Mansfield in the early 1900s, the line was re-opened to provide a link to Blidworth and Bilsthorpe Collieries.

The line finally closed in 1965 when the last train departed, never to return. Little did the railwaymen know that their dream route would continue to be used. The abandoned line grew wild with shrubs, trees and flowers all appearing where once the land was bare. Useless as a railway, the line had become a prime corridor for wildlife, a valuable refuge within a disappearing countryside.

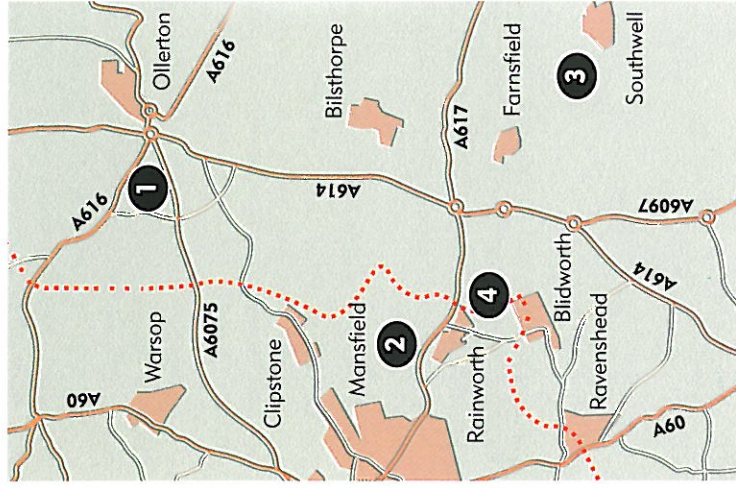
Today, the Southwell Trail is a Local Nature Reserve. Not only a valuable route for wildlife, it is a peaceful gateway to the area once covered by historic Sherwood Forest. It is a route you are welcome to visit, to explore and find out more about the countryside on your doorstep.

where to find

Southwell Trail Local Nature Reserve (LNR)

Southwell Trail LNR is owned and managed by Nottinghamshire County Council.

When visiting, please respect other site users and the wildlife of this special area. Follow the Countryside Code at all times.



- 1** Cocklode & Rotary Woods
- 2** Rainworth Water
- 3** Southwell Trail
- 4** Tippings Wood

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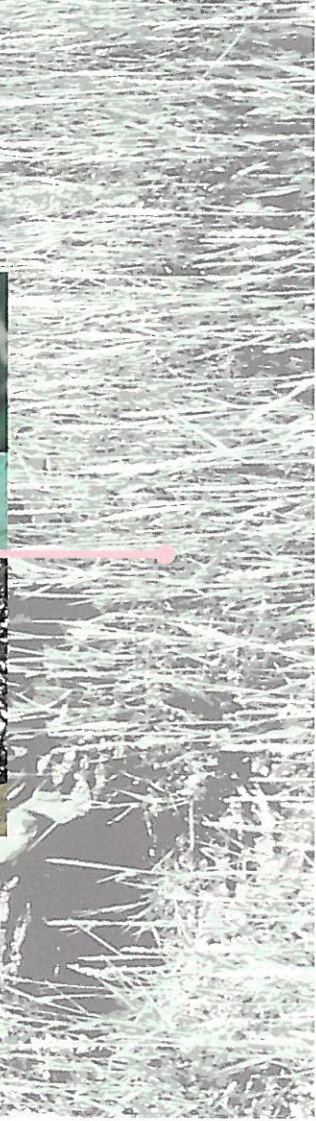
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A first class route for wildlife



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