

Distance: 5 miles. Care needed when crossing roads.
Difficulty: Moderate, country, undulating, stiles.
Park: The Old Yew Tree and surrounding streets.
Start: Old Yew Tree Inn, South Wingfield, (OS ref. 374 551)

Home of many of the rebels and starting point for their march, following previous protest at low wages, Luddite attacks and rick burning, and reform, support for the Hampden Club.

1. *Start the walk outside the Yew Tree.* Opposite, in the row of houses, was the home of William Turner, stonemason and former soldier in the French Wars. An active member of the Hampden Club, he attended planning meetings for the rising in Nottingham with Thomas Bacon from Pentrich. Turner was executed, November 1817 in Derby.



Photograph by Emily Gentle

2. *Turn right. After 20m cross the road to a footpath.* The three story building to the right was the Horse and Groom public house in 1817, later, The Manor Hotel, starring in TV drama series 'Peak Practice'.

3. *Follow the path, which winds behind the houses passing an allotment, to cross a stile. Cross the field diagonally left to go over a bridge. Continue ahead, keeping the hedge to the left. After 200m cross a gated stile into a narrow field. The narrow field leads into a square field. Continue and pass through another gated stile, with a clear view of the next stile.* To the left, diagonally across the field, is a tumbled down stonewall. This was erected using stone from Hunt's Barn, the starting point of the march.

4. *Return to the stile 50m right of the site of "Hunt's Barn". Follow the footpath through the gated stile, cross the field, keeping left of the electric power line pole, then turn right, to follow the stonewall which gives way to a hedge. 50m on pass through the hedge via a stone stile on the left. Cross the next field and stile, reaching a stonewall on the left. Follow this. Cross the stone stile into the next field. Go up the field with wall to the right and farm to the left. Cross into a lane, turn left, meeting the B5035 in 100m.* This is the direction taken by the rebels as they went to collect men and weapons. At Mr Hardwick's house, they took arms, then to Mr Tomlinson's. When they asked for

his gun he said 'it was sent to be repaired', refusing to join them. He said Brandreth leveled a gun at him, making him produce the gun and go with them. Later George Weightman allowed him to return home, saving George from the gallows.

5. *Cross the road to Park Lane.* The marchers split into two groups to cover the scattered houses more quickly. One led by George Weightman and Edward Turner towards Coalburn Hill, the other followed the route we are taking.

6. *At Park Lane, pass the bungalow on the right, through a stile, follow the bridle path between two stone walls. 500m past Park Farm on the left, cross Coalburn Brook. Follow the track to the left hand gate over the stile, follow the track to the right. 100 m keep to the right hand track.*

7. *7.5m ahead are two gates. Take the right gate. Follow the footpath for 400m to a gate and stile. Cross into the bridleway.* Here, the parish boundary, the rebels led by Jeremiah Brandreth and William Turner continued towards Fritchley , crossing Thorpe Hill collecting weapons and men, before rejoining the others.

8. *Turn left on the bridleway, for 150m reaching a gated stile on the left, cross this, cross the field, go right to a gate. 20m turn left, follow the stonewall to another gate. Turn right, follow the trackway, cross Coalburn Brook.*

9. *Beyond the bridge turn right to a gated stile and field. Follow the footpath diagonally, through the gate, and trees, a ruined house on your right, follow the path, reaching a gate before houses.* Pass a ruined house, which would have been standing in 1817. Over the fireplace are Wingfield Flagstones, quarried locally by men like Isaac Ludlam and William Turner.

10. *The path goes across a lawn. Keep left of the greenhouse onto a drive.* On the left is Park Mill, formerly a cotton mill. At the rear are two iron columns, the remains of gas production necessary for cotton processing.

11. *Turn right onto Park Lane, past Coalburn Farm, follow the road 250 m. On the right a high stonewall. Behind this is Coalburn Quarry (private land.) There are two entrances to the quarry; up steps from the road and a wide track further along the road. Here*



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worked Isaac Ludlam and William Turner (both executed), Edward Turner (transported), Joseph Turner and Abraham James, pikes were hidden here in preparation of the march.

12. *Walk down the road, under the railway line, to the bridge over the river Amber.* Across the bridge is Weir Mill Farm. Here, guns were taken from Mr Marriott.



13. *Return under the railway line, turn right down the gated tarmac driveway towards the house. Just before a gate turn left, cross Coalburn Brook over the bridge. Follow this path 500m to a gate. Ahead is Wingfield Manor, unused and derelict by 1817.*

Through the gate, after 5m, turn diagonally right to another stile. Over the stile turn left onto a trackway. To your right is a Georgian house,

home in 1817 of Colonel Wingfield Halton, Justice of the Peace. Wingfield Halton was hated by many as four local men lay in Derby Goal to be hung for burning his hayricks. All pleading their innocence to the end. William Turner was accused, of proposing to 'draw out the badger'; to light straw outside of the Colonel's house and shoot him as he came to investigate. This plan was not implemented.



Colonel Halton was a member of the grand jury at the trial of the revolutionaries in Derby. October 1817.

14. *Follow the track 200m to the road, B5035, turn right, the Old Yew Tree on your right, to the end of the walk.*