Wilson to Melbourne

This is a relatively short but interesting part of the Cloud Trail running on the route of the old Ashby to Derby railway line and typified by a bridges followed by a long straight and open section with good views of the surrounding countryside. The photographs are taken from the bridge at Slade Lane, Wilson (green dot) and finishing at the site of Melbourne railway station (red dot).





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Starting at the steps - above - by the bridge that carries Slade Lane, Wilson and going towards Melbourne, a bridge comes into view. The original railway cutting was quite deep and nature has covered these with a green ‘blanket’.





To the right. It is possible to see the open land of the Donington Park area and the trail runs towards two more bridges and is tree lined.





It was a very sunny day when the photographs were taken and the blazing sun can be seen under the bridge above but immediately after the bridge there is a corridor of trees.





The final bridge before Melbourne and it is followed by a long straight section where the trains would probably reach their top speed.





As can be seen above, views towards Donington Park can be seen to the right. Below, is a reminder that this was once a railway line.





There is a straight sections as the trail nears to the site of the old Melbourne railway station, the brook's path can be seen to the right and below.





Above is the approximate point were the train would have stopped at Melbourne railway station and below is the bridge which carries the road from Melbourne to Castle Donington.

