

**How to get there** From Leicester take the A47 then the B582/585. Follow signs from the A447. Sutton Cheney (SatNav – CV13 0AG) or you can start at Market Bosworth Country Park (SatNav – CV13 0LP

**Car parking** Only roadside parking in Sutton Cheney. A big public car park in the arboretum park on the Cadeby lane as you enter Market Bosworth. Toilets in Bosworth Park near the rangers' hut.

**Public transport** See <http://traveline.info> or phone 0871 20022 33

**Map** Ordnance Survey Explorer 233 Leicester and Hinckley plus a tiny bit on Explorer 232 Nuneaton and Tamworth

**Route:** Level open country with woods and lakes.

**Refreshment:** Pubs at Sutton Cheney, tea rooms and pubs at Market Bosworth.

**Items of interest:** The village of Sutton Cheney has two Georgian coaching inns.



The Hercules Revived which is named after the prizewinning horse Hercules owned by the Dixie family of Market Bosworth and The Royal Arms.

The Church of St James, Sutton Cheney dates originally from the early 13th century. Richard III reputedly heard his last Mass in the church the night before the Battle of Bosworth Field. The church is consequently known as "the Battlefield Church" and contains a plaque in remembrance of him. The village has been designated as a conservation area.

Market Bosworth would make a good stopping point as it has shops, pubs, tea rooms, toilets, a market and a reasonable bus service. The town centre has many historic buildings. In the corner of the Market Place are two cottages, known as the Rose and Thistle Cottages, named to confirm the link of the Dixie family to England and Scotland. The funeral cortège for the reburial of Richard III passed through the town and is commemorated with a floor plaque in front of the war memorial in the town square. Market Bosworth Country Park is enroute. Market Bosworth is served by the heritage Battlefield Line Railway and runs at weekends from Shackerstone, via Market Bosworth station to Shenton.

**The walk: The route to Market Bosworth is signposted as The Leicestershire Round.** Starting from near the Church and The Hercules Revived.



From Sutton Cheney pass the church on your left and the Hercules pub on your right. Walk along the road to reach the Royal Arms pub.

Turn left and go through the car park to access the footpath. Continue straight ahead across the (usually ploughed) field. Go through the gap and turn sharp right. Walk with the hedge on your right to the end of the field and go through the gap. Follow the footpath diagonally across the field to the field corner.

Keep close to the hedge on your left to reach the bridge over the stream. Go through a narrow 'neck' between the Duckery and Spring Wood.



Now walk uphill with Spring Wood on your right, to the isolated mock-Tudor farmhouse at the edge of the wood.

Cross the lane and continue straight ahead through the clearing in the woods to join the avenue of trees which leads to Bosworth Park (1 mile) past Looking Glass Pond and Oak Ring wood on your left.

Go through the hand gate at the end of the avenue into Market Bosworth Park and arboretum.



Aim for the gravel path ahead which leads you past the lake which is beyond the bank on your right and then beside the edge of the park on your left, aiming straight for Bosworth Hall and stables. (The car park can be seen diagonally over to your right.)

At the road turn left onto Rectory Lane to do a tour of the pretty village of Market Bosworth.



At the T junction of Rectory Lane and Button Lane turn right, this leads you to the market square where you can enjoy exploring interesting shops and a refreshment stop.



From the market square of Market Bosworth turn right down Main Street, past the Dixie Arms and turn right again in front of The Red Lion to return to Bosworth Park to continue the walk.



Having crossed the road head through the park towards the pond. A weather station is on your left.

Turn left along the path around the pond keeping the pond on your right. Pass an old boat house on your right and take a cinder path on your left through a strip of wood.



On a bend in the path at approx. 200metres turn right towards a yellow post.

Carry straight on to the next yellow post with a wood on your right and a thicket to your left.

Cross the pasture field. This takes you into the corner of a field. Walk close to the hedge on your left towards a barn. (There are fine views of Cadeby through a gap in the hedge.) Follow the footpath keeping the hedge on your left and the barn on your right. Go through the kissing gate. Walk straight on, slightly downhill, to the corner of the field. Go through the gate and cross the footbridge. Cross the field going slightly uphill and slightly diagonally left to the yellow marker post at the entrance to the farmyard of Brick Kiln Farm.

Carry straight on through the farmyard keeping the farmhouse to your left and go through the gate onto the lane. Continue for approximately 200metres and take the footpath on your right. Follow the footpath through the field towards the large house with conifer hedging.

At the brow of the field, you should see the marker post in the dip ahead at this marker continue on the footpath slightly left to the next marker. Continue straight on to the cross-track in the middle of the field and turn left through the gate to retrace your steps through the Royal Arms carpark to the road and turn right to go back to the start.

