

How to get there: Claybrooke Parva (SatNav – LE17 5AF Primary School) is ten miles south west of Leicester. Take the Narborough Road to the A5 then turn south on B577 and follow signs to Claybrooke.

Car parking: There is a small lay-bye near Claybrook school, but this requires care and consideration for school use. Tidy and considerate roadside parking elsewhere, please.

Public transport: See <http://traveline.info/> or phone 0871 200 22 33

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 233 Leicester and Hinckley.

Route: The route takes you initially via the Leicestershire Round and also finishes via the Leicestershire round. It goes through gently undulating countryside for a tranquil walk in the footsteps of the Romans. It goes close to High Cross, the geographical centre of Roman England. It passes through the hedged green track of the old Fosse Way, then across pasture fields to return via Claybrooke Magna. Flat and easy walking with some stiles along the way.

Refreshment: The Pig in Muck pub at Claybrooke Magna.

Items of interest: High Cross, the centre of Roman England, is at the junction of two important Roman Roads, the Fosse Way and Watling Street (now the busy A5). The High Cross monument, erected in 1712, lies just off route and is worth visiting. Claybrooke Parva has a beautiful church (c.1340) in a lovely setting.

Abbreviations in the text: Metal kissing gate – MKG; Foot bridge – FB; Way Marker Post - WMP

The Walk: The walk starts at the school in Claybrooke Parva.



The footpath is to the left of the School.

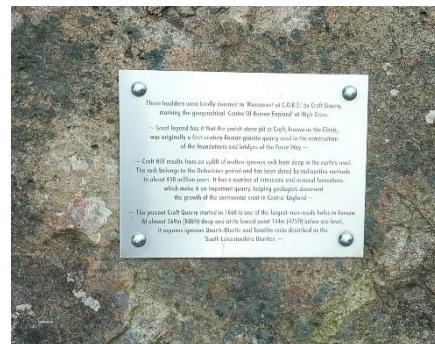
Keeping the school on your right follow the marked footpath.

Pass a house on your left and follow the edge of the field keeping the hedge to your left until you reach a wire fence 100metres from the end of the field and turn Right keeping the fence on your left.

Go downhill to a WMP to cross 2 stiles and the FB. Walk uphill, half left moving slightly away from the hedge over to your left towards MKG.

Go through the gate in the hedge. Follow the path through 2 fields following the WMP's. Go straight on to the next WMP at the gap in the hedge, cross the stile/FB, go straight to the next WMP.

Walk to the corner of the field keeping the hedge on the left. Cross a stile to the road which you go across. Turn left with hedge on your right. Turn right at Bumblebee Lane and immediately right down the track signposted Leicesershire Round and Fosse Way. (*High Cross lies just a little further along Bumblebee Lane.*)



Walk along the track for approximately 1 mile with hedge and fields on both sides. Pass the barrier with hedge on your right and fields on your left. Sharnford Lodge Farm is on the left.

Turn right at the Footpath Sign into the drive to Claybrooke Lodge Farm for about 50 yards and then, at the WMP, go diagonally right, across the field. Go through the gap in the hedge. Continue with the next hedge on your right. Go through the gap in the hedge cross the footbridge. Continue close to the hedge on your right and cross the footbridge ahead.

Follow the Footpath heading for a large tree slightly to the left of Manor Farm buildings leading to Manor Road, Claybrooke Magna, by the Pig in Muck pub.

At the road T junction turn right then immediately left through a barrier, up some steps, through a MKG into a field. Cross the field diagonally to a footbridge in the far-right hand corner. Cross the Footbridge to turn Right and Left to a second footbridge. Cross this and turn Right.

Follow the path to the next bridge/stile, cross stile into a field and turn left keeping the hedge/fence on your left to reach a gate. Go through the gate to a tarmac path with houses on your right to the road and enter the village of Claybrooke Magna. At the road turn right and immediately left into Bell Street.

Towards the end of Bell Street, turn right at the footpath sign by house number 16. On to Holly Tree Walk. Follow the path to Claybrooke Parva. Keep the hedge on your left and follow the well-kept route (part of the Leicestershire Round) over two fields, passing Claybrooke Hall in its beautiful parkland over to your left.

Meet the road opposite Claybrooke rectory. Turn right along the road back to the starting point.

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