

How to get there A47 towards Uppingham through Houghton on the Hill. Turn left to Tilton and follow the B6047 to Twyford and Thorpe Satchville ([SatNav – Bakers Lane LE14 2DE](#))

Car parking Street parking only. Try Bakers Lane where the verge is quite wide beyond the houses.

Public transport Service 113 (hourly) Melton Mowbray to Oakham. See <http://traveline.info/> or phone 0871 200 22 33

Map Explorer 246 Loughborough Melton Mowbray and Syston

Route Quiet road, track, pasture. The route between Burrough on the Hill village and Thorpe Satchville is usually ploughed. There are some quite steep inclines. (This is hilly countryside!) We follow part of the Dalby Hills Permissive Path to encircle Burrough Hill.

Refreshment Pubs in Thorpe Satchville and Burrough on the Hill.

Items of interest Burrough Hill Iron Age encampment. Land open to the public and owned and leased by the LCC. The notice board gives the historical information. 700' above sea level deserted in early part of Roman occupation. Whit games were held here in the 16th century and horse races in the late 19th century. The toposcope indicates places within view from this high point.

The walk From Thorpe Satchville crossroads follow Bakers Lane for about a mile. At the cross roads of paths, where Bakers Lane goes sharp left, turn off right, through a gateway and down the steep track of Salters Hill. The route to Burrough Hill can be seen ahead of you extending as a well marked track up to the ramparts above the steep escarpment of the Iron Age hill fort. Follow the track down to the Melton Lane. Cross this road carefully and continue along the field road up to Burrough Hill. The track bends right in the top corner of the field to cross through two hand gates.

Follow the track which takes you up past the Iron Age hill camp on your left. (The toposcope stands high up on the ramparts. To see it you can choose whether to go left up the steep hill or continue in more sedate fashion along the main track, going gradually uphill and then swinging left to enter the hill fort by the main entrance gap in the ramparts. It is worth the walk across the wide open spaces to reach the toposcope and look around you, but our walk continues from this entrance. From the toposcope make your way to the trig, point by the main entrance and go through the gap in the ramparts.)

The main track to the car park lies ahead. The information board stands in the fenced enclosure and the car park with picnic tables and toilets lies further along the track. (If you go there return to this point.) From the information board we turn away from the track and walk in the open pasture field with the ramparts and trig, point on our left and a hedge over to our right. Follow the waymarked route (of the Dalby Hills Permissive Path) parallel with the ramparts and gradually downhill through a gorse narrow way.

When the path forks go left towards the farm gate half way up the hill. Look for a stile to the left of this gate, a little higher up the hill. Cross this and follow a little path through the wood (open to the public).

Fork right to descend a steep little bit of path and continue through the very pretty mixed woodland. Go through a good handgate at the end of the wood. Continue along the contour of the hill with ramparts high up on your left. Pass the sandy rabbit bank edge and go gradually downhill, swinging right to rejoin the Leicestershire Round path by the gates you met earlier.

Go through the two gates and follow the edge of the field on a good track, retracing your earlier steps to reach the clump of hawthorns which encircle a pond. This is your marker for your route to Burrough on the Hill village. Turn left. (This path should be marked and cleared as it is an old County Road, once visible as a good track, but for many years the path has not been reinstated, as it ought to be. Help mark the path with *your footsteps in a good single file track!* We hope the route will eventually be waymarked.)

Pass the hawthorn-edged pond on your right. Cross the huge ploughed field, aiming for two huge isolated trees ahead. The gap to cross is to the left of the trees. You are now in line with Burrough on the Hill church spire. As you approach the hedge ahead move slightly left and go through the wide gap between two large ash trees.

Continue towards the spire, parallel with a conifer plantation uphill over to your left. Go through a farm gate and cross the nettle patch, jumping the ditch if it is wet. In the next field turn left and go through the gap into the corner of a big field. Burrough on the Hill village can be seen diagonally up right. Go up across the field to reach a hedged lane, to the left of the church spire. Go uphill on a good grassy track between hedges. Meet the road and turn right into Burrough on the Hill. (Beware of traffic!)

As you enter Burrough on the Hill village pass the church graveyard and turn right to go through a gate towards the church. Bear left and cross the stile by a wall. Walk diagonally left to cross a stile in the left hand corner of the field. Continue diagonally left past the corner of a garden and cross the stile to the right of a bungalow.

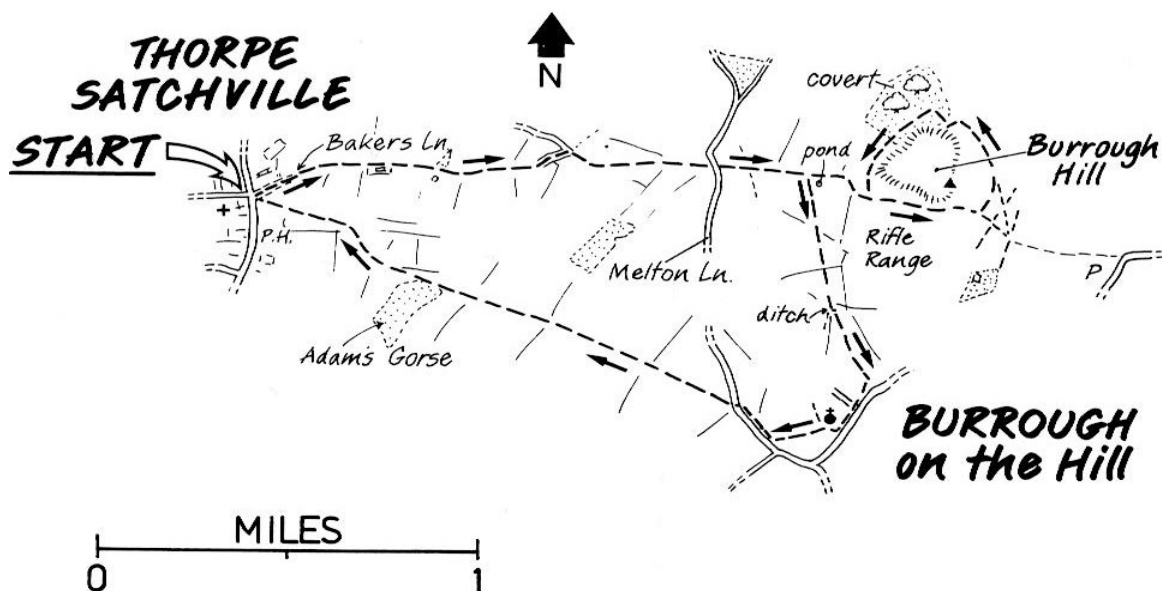
Meet the road and turn right. When the road swings right, look for an opening on the left into the corner of a field. Walk along a track, close to the hedge on your right. When the track bends left, continue straight on. Just before the corner of the field, turn right, through a gap and then immediately left to cross a wooden bridge and through another gap, to walk with the hedge on your left.

At the end of the field pass through a gap to the right of the corner. Cross a plank footbridge and walk up the field bearing slightly left. Cross the stile and continue slightly right, from Adams Gorse wood.

Cross a stile, plank bridge and stile and walk up the field towards the hedge on your right. Go over the brow of the hill and aim for the bottom right corner of the field. Cross a plank bridge and stile and walk uphill bearing diagonally right towards the hedge on your right.

At the top of the hill go over the double stile in the hedge on your right. Turn left to walk with the hedge on your left. Ignore the metal gate and cross the stile in the corner. In the next field bear diagonally right to a stile halfway along the hedge in front of you. Cross the stile and continue diagonally right towards Thorpe Satchville village hall and the main road through the village, where the walk began.

Steve Westby "These instructions are wonderfully clear and the walk is delightful, especially the circuit of Burrough Hill BUT the bit from Burrough on the Hill village to Thorpe Satchville needs a health warning: not to be undertaken lightly in bad weather!"



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