

How to get there Gaddesby is midway between Leicester and Melton Mowbray. Leave the Leicester-Melton road at Rearsby, following signs to Gaddesby. ([SatNav - Main Street LE7 4WG](#))

Car parking Park on Gaddesby, Main Street or, if you have permission, on the Cheney Arms car park.

Public transport [Service 100 Leicester to Melton for Gaddesby or Ashby Folville](#). See <http://traveline.info/> or phone 0871 200 22 33

Map [Ordnance Survey Explorer 246 Loughborough](#)

Route This is a very easy walk, mostly pasture, all paths well used and clearly defined on the ground.

Refreshment Cheney Arms pub at Gaddesby and Carrington Arms at Ashby Folville

Items of interest In Gaddesby visit the church to see the Colonel Cheney monument. Note the date stones on Harewell cottages, Harewell House and, less obvious, Morton House.

In Barsby we pass a small building known as Tower House or Godson's Folly, which resembles a church and stands on Church Lane. It may never have been consecrated as a church and is now simply a dwelling. More date stones to inspect, much older this time: 1701 in brick on The Cottage, 1691 next door at Stoneleigh and opposite, 1701.

The walk From the Cheney Arms, Gaddesby, towards Rearsby and then turn right into Chapel Lane, passing Cross Street on your right. Take the signposted footpath along a track towards Firs Farm and after just ten yards turn right over a stile into a narrow field. Bear left after a second stile and plank bridge. Turn right and follow the hedge on your right. Turn right after another stile into a tree nursery and continue to the road. Take Pasture Lane opposite and, immediately after the last house, turn right over a stile onto the Leicestershire Round. Follow this field edge path along the back of houses to two stiles crossing a drive which leads to Hall Farm.

Move diagonally left, going downhill to cross the corner of the field. Aim for the clump of tall trees on the horizon. Cross the footbridge and go over the stile on your left in the corner of the next field. Continue in the same direction, uphill, making for the left side of the clump of trees. These trees actually border the stream, on a sharp meander below the hill.

Continue down to the bottom left corner of the field. The well waymarked route now follows the valley, past the disused windmill base of Mill Farm and the stream over to your right.

Keep in this direction, crossing the fenced-off Midshires Way bridle-track and make for the stile in the corner of the field, near the stream, slightly to your right. Cross the open field and meet a hedge on your right. Keep in the same direction, and then move slightly left to pass a sewage works which is over to your right. Continue moving left uphill to reach the far left corner of the big field, near Pool House on the lovely tree-lined road from Ashby Folville to Great Dalby.

Cross this road and move slightly right in the field, away from the hedge on your left. A line of houses lies ahead, with Ashby Folville church tower over to the right of them, in the trees. Cross the stile half way along the line of houses and emerge on Highfield End, by a steep flight of brick steps.

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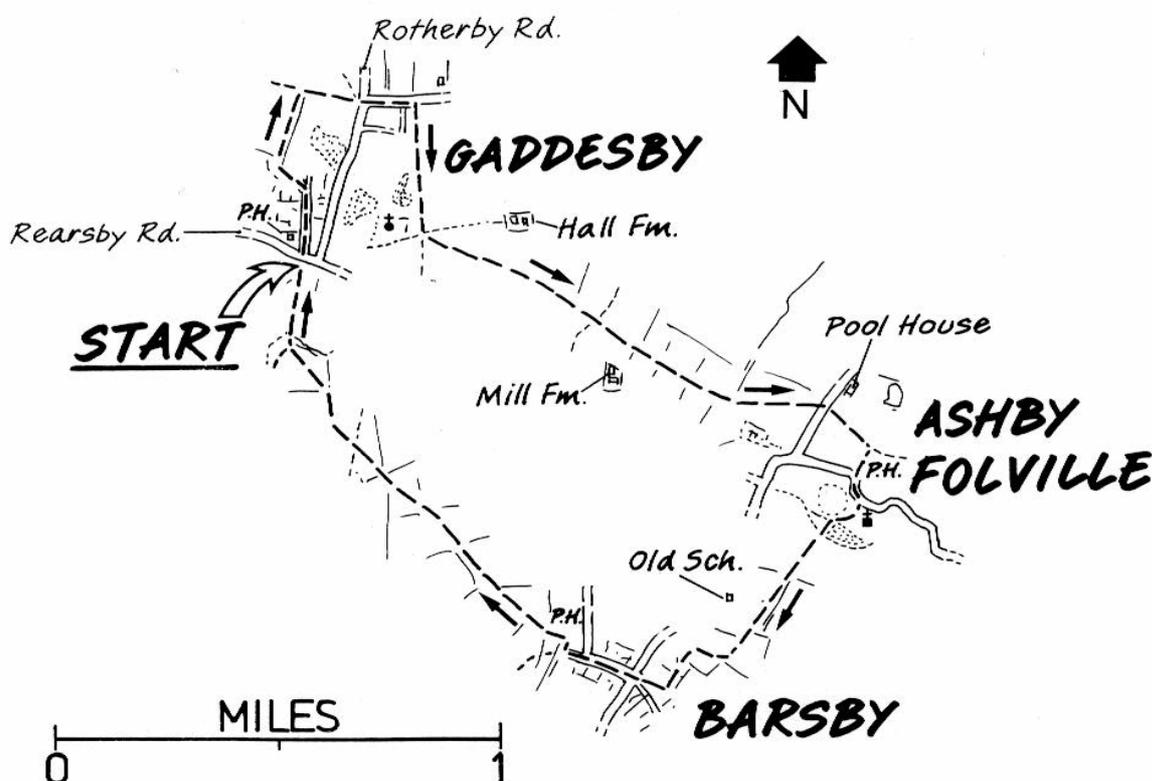


Turn right and go down Highfield End, Ashby Folville. Bear left along the road in front of The Carrington Arms and village hall, both overlooking the village cricket field. Turn right into Church Lane and right again onto a footpath in front of Brook Cottage. Cross two bridges, a small paddock and the Manor House drive. Continue in the same direction through parkland pasture, with stiles 5 or 10 yards from the fence on your left.

The isolated house over to your right was formerly a school serving Ashby Folville and Barsby, being convenient for neither village! The hedge steps in close on your left and you pass through a narrow field. In the next, much bigger, field the path crosses to the centre of the far hedge. Leave the field by a handgate onto a hedge-lined path.

Enter Barsby by a small, brick towered building (Godson's Folly). Turn right through the village and follow Main Street. When the main street of Barsby turns right, take The Lane at the left of the now boarded up, (1999) King William public house. Turn right onto a footpath track then cross the stile into fields. Bear slightly right, looking for a pond by the hedge and a well hidden stile just beyond.

As you climb the stile, note the fine view of Gaddesby church, much better from here than in the village it serves. Bear left across this field and after another stile, head for the far left corner. Continue across two more fields with poorly defined stiles, using as a sight-line the farm complex with the poplar trees. Turn right after the ditch crossing and follow the field edge to a clump of trees. Cross into the next field and turn half left across the field towards the double gabled house. Cross the footbridge and follow the track back to the Cheney Arms, Gaddesby, where the walk began.



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