

How to get there ([SatNav - LE16 8UJ](#)) A6 south to Kibworth. Turn left at Kibworth and follow signs to Hallaton.

Car parking No public car parks but street parking is not difficult. Use discretion.

Public transport to Hallaton very infrequent (two buses per week!).

Map [Ordnance Survey Explorer 233 Leicester and Hinckley](#)

Route A walk through the wide open spaces of east Leicestershire with good views and two interesting villages. The hills are mainly downhill!

Refreshment Pubs at Hallaton. The Fox Inn stands by the village duck pond. The Bewicke Arms is by the village green. Both pubs serve refreshments. Light refreshments at Fearn Farm by arrangement (tel. 01858 555285).

Items of interest Hallaton, one of Leicestershire's prettiest villages is worth a leisurely stop. The High Street leads past the old conical butter cross. The church (described by Pevsner as one of the most imposing in the county) stands at the far end of village. There is an excellent Norman tympanum, now in the porch, of St Michael and the dragon and much of interest inside and out.

Horninghold has an interesting church with a Norman doorway. Much of the village was created as a model village in the early part of the 20th century. (Note the initials of Thomas Hardcastle who was responsible for the new buildings.) There are many large well-kept houses in beautiful grounds.

The walk From the Fox Inn by the duck pond in Hallaton take the Horninghold Road (North End) and after a few yards past a row of cottages turn left onto a path between modern houses and an older stable block. Go through black iron gates and over a stile. Continue downhill to the bottom left corner of the field. Cross the stile and go over the long-disused Melton Mowbray-Market Harborough railway line. Go straight over the opposite stile and footbridge into a huge field that is usually ploughed (The path should be cleared through standing crops.) Continue straight up through this field, over the brow of the hill and then down, aiming slightly to the left of Horninghold church spire. (The yellow waymarker post is towards the left hand end of a hedge of trees.)

Cross the wooden footbridge and go leftish across a narrow bit of field to cross another footbridge. Go through the next field on an ill-defined path, keeping a little away from the hedge on your left. Aim for a group of metal barns on the north end of the village. Go through a metal gate.

At this point, if you wish to explore the village of Horninghold you need to turn right, but to continue the walk we turn left.

To continue the walk from Horninghold go through the farmyard, past a metal gate and over a stile. Follow a stony track keeping close to the hedge on your left, aiming for a white house (Fearn Farm) on the skyline. Go through a metal gate and continue in the same direction to a double wooden gate onto the road.

Cross the road and walk up the farm road to Fearn Farm.

From Fearn Farm follow the Leicestershire Round signs at the wide gates of the sheep pens opposite the house. Keep close to the hedge on your right for two fields. Cross the double stile and continue in exactly the same direction across the huge ploughed field. (It might help to aim for the spinney near a railway bridge which is ahead at this point.) Cross the footbridge over the stream. Do not cross the railway bridge ahead but swing left, to reach the next (waymarked) bridge. Go over the old railway line and go down the slope. Keep in this direction, but cross the hedge on your right and continue close to it. Cross the stile in the corner of the field.

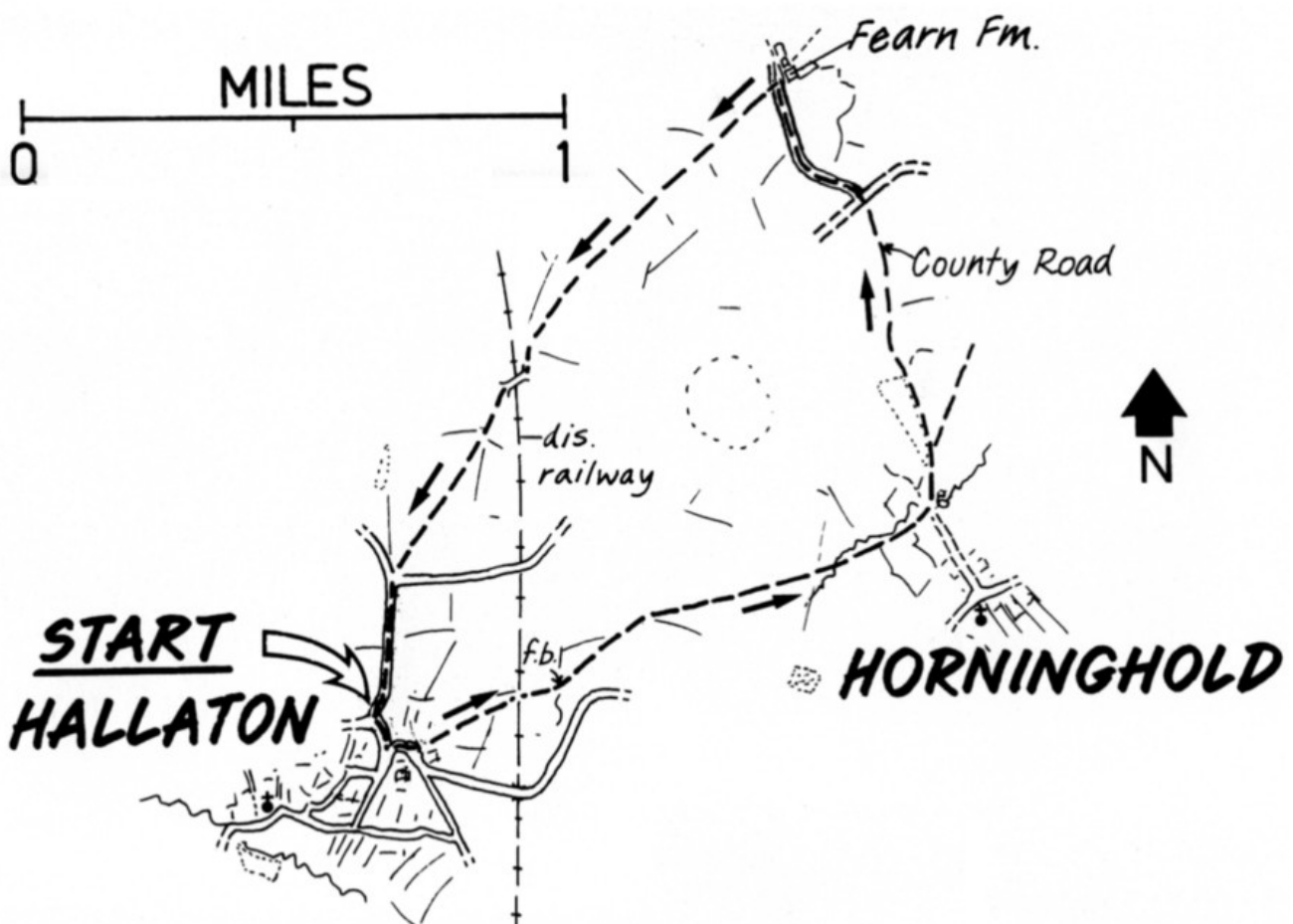


Make for the top right hand corner of the next huge field. There is a footbridge crossing halfway along the ditch in the dip. Meet the Hallaton road at the junction with Allexton Field Road. Follow the signposted road into Hallaton, passing the sports pavilion on your left.

The Fox Inn lies about a third of a mile along the road, by the duck pond.

From the Fox Inn you can wind your way down through the pretty village streets to reach Hallaton church.

Diana Davidson : "Tea half way round at Fearn Farm is my idea of a real treat!."



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