

How to get there From Leicester take the A607 Melton road, through Syston, East Goscote. Pass Rearsby and in approx. 2 miles turn left on the minor road signposted to Brooksby Agricultural College. Follow this road for approx 1 mile to Hoby. ([SatNav – Hoby Main Street LE14 3DT](#))

Car parking Street parking only. The road is quite wide near the church.

Public transport [Service 128 \(hourly\) Leicester to Melton to Hoby or service 100 Leicester to Melton for Gaddesby.](#) See <http://traveline.info/> or phone 0871 200 22 33

Map [Ordnance Survey Explorer 246 Loughborough](#)

Route Mainly fields, some farm tracks and some road. There is one steep(ish) climb out of Frisby to the main road but no other difficulties.

Refreshment Pubs at Hoby, Gaddesby and Frisby. The Bell, at Frisby, serves excellent food at moderate prices.

Items of interest Churches in Gaddesby, Brooksby and Rotherby. The River Wreake winds very prettily by Hoby and Brooksby. Rotherby village has pretty houses, an interesting church, the city greenhouses, but no public facilities. The city greenhouses are sometimes open to the public. Brooksby Agricultural College gardens are sometimes open to the public.

The walk *From Hoby you can turn right along Back Lane, opposite the church or continue past the church to reach the Blue Bell Inn. The footpath on your right just before you reach the pub takes you down a metalled track beside the village hall, between walls of houses to reach Back lane, where you turn left and then right.*

From Back Lane, Hoby, turn right when you reach the row of brick cottages and walk steeply downhill on the fenced-off path. Cross the footbridge over the stream and go diagonally left across the big field to meet the river in the corner of the field. - A good spot for kingfishers!

Turn left and walk with the river on your right. Cross various now useless bridges. (This is the site of an old mill.) Swing right and cross the long, arched footbridge spanning the river by the old weir.

Keep in the same direction, aiming for the left of the houses of Rotherby, visible in the distance. Cross the footbridge. Go through the railway handgates and cross the line carefully. Continue in the same direction, close to the hedge on your right. In the top corner of the field cross the hedge and turn left. (Rotherby village is now behind you.)

Keep the hedge on your left for two fields. In the third field continue in the same direction, parallel with the hedge over to your right. Cross the stile (mind your head on the finger post!) by the road sign 'To Frisby 1 mile'.

Cross into the field on the opposite side of the road and walk close to the hedge on your right for three fields. The road moves away to the right but the footpath keeps in the same direction across pasture fields with interesting humps and hollows. Frisby church spire comes into view. Go through a small rectangular field. Move slightly left towards the spinney, cross the stile and move slightly right to find the crossing directly 'under' the church spire! Follow the gravel drive to emerge on Water Lane, Frisby, near the old village cross. The Bell Inn lies opposite you.

(Frisby church, with its Norman tower, and the pretty village green lie to your left, along Church Lane. The village is worth a little detour. Several houses have 18th century dates. There is a general store and post office. The pub serves food.)

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From Frisby pass the Bell Inn over to your left and walk along Rotherby Lane passing the old cross stump on your right. At the derestriction sign, turn left to cross the stile and go uphill close to the hedge on your left. (Look back to see Frisby with its fine church spire.) The hill flattens out and you meet the main A607 Melton-Leicester road, near the remains of a second old cross stump.

Continue in the same direction on the other side of the road. In front of you lie the bands of low hills which you cross to reach Gaddesby. Go downhill at first, keeping parallel with a hedge over to your right. Pass close to a pond on your right and make for the jutting out corner of a field ahead. Continue with the hedge on your left. The next crossing is near a big tree. Move slightly right to cross the footbridge.

Go uphill over ridge and furrow pasture to the top right corner of the field and then downhill close to the hedge on your right. Cross the footbridge in the bottom right corner of the field and continue uphill to the top corner. Enter a big open field, with the sheds of Coles Lodge ahead, over to your left, and a small brick barn over to your right. Keep in the same direction, over the crest of the hill going between Coles Lodge and the brick barn. Cross the drive and go straight across the field and through the gap (near the large tree at the right of the line of trees in the hedge ahead). Continue downhill in the open field. The roof of Harborough Farm comes into view over to your left, in the valley below. Go through the waymarked gate, near a clump of trees and pond to the right of Harborough Farm.

Cross the valley, moving slightly right to the good footbridge. Move very slightly right to the next stile, half way along the hedge ahead. Continue moving slightly right to the far right corner of the next field, passing Rose Cottage, the imposing brick house in the trees, on your right.

Meet the road and turn right into Gaddesby.

If you wish to explore the very pretty village of Gaddesby, with its lovely church and hall and fine old brick houses and visit the pub you need to turn left and make a half mile detour and return refreshed to this point to continue the walk. (The Cheney Arms pub stands on the corner of Main Street and Rearsby Road.)

Take the Rotherby Lane which leads from Gaddesby village and continue in the same direction (due north) to reach Carlton Lodge Farm (half a mile).

Pass Carlton Lodge Farm on your right and turn left onto the Midshires Way bridlepath. This starts as a green lane which finishes just before the wood on your left and then becomes a well-defined track which bears right. Follow the track with the hedge on your left. When it turns right towards the farm, walk straight on, through the gate, with the hedge on the left to reach a handgate.

The main A607 road and the village of Rotherby with its tall slim church tower lies ahead. In the distance on a clear day you can see Ragdale Hall.

Carry on in the same direction. At the end of the field join a farm track which leads through the farm buildings and past a nursery. Meet the A607 Leicester-Melton road.

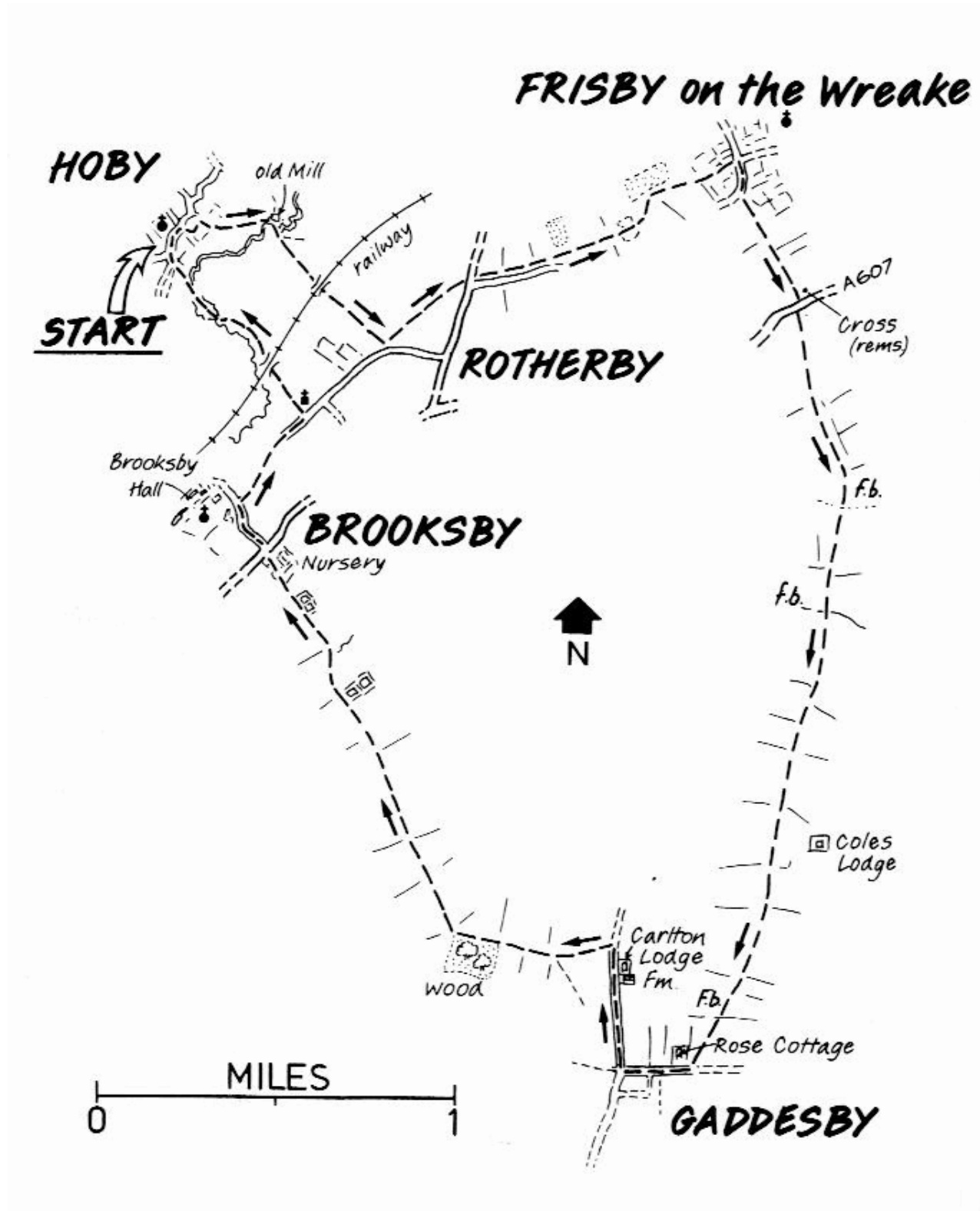
Cross this main road carefully, using the central refuge. Continue in the same direction down the lane signposted to Brooksby Agricultural College. The college stands in grounds on your left, where the parish church is open to visitors and well worth a visit.

Turn right along the gated road signposted to Rotherby. Turn left when you reach Rotherby church and follow the footpath with the church wall on your right. Keep in this direction to go downhill to cross the railway. TAKE CARE. FAST TRAINS PASS FREQUENTLY.

Now walk close to the River Wreake on your left and cross the brick, hump-backed bridge. Turn right immediately and go through the little gate which leads you onto the cobbled path in front of The Waterhouse.

When the stream bends right keep straight ahead to go uphill to the waymarked stile onto the road. Turn right and walk carefully along the road to reach Hoby church where the walk began.





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