

**How to get there** From Leicester take the A607 towards Melton. Turn right in Rearsby on B674 through Gaddesby to Ashby Folville ([SatNav – Folville Street LE14 2TE](#))

**Car parking** Ashby Folville pub car park is for customers only. You need to check when the gates will be closed. There is plenty of space on Highfield End (the dead-end road next to the pub) but be considerate of other users. There is some space near the Church but the little road is busy.

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

**Map** [Ordnance Survey Explorer 246 Loughborough](#)

**Route** This lovely walk starts at the pretty village of Ashby Folville near a good pub. It begins with an easy section of the Leicestershire Round through interesting countryside to the village of Thorpe Satchville. The return route is on a bridleway and easy to follow footpaths, with great views. Some fields will be sown with crops, but the route is likely to be quite easy to follow in spite of the crops, since they are well signed and well used. There are no difficult stiles to cross.

**Refreshment** Two pubs on route. The Carrington Arms in Ashby Folville is a very popular pub, serving good beer and food. The Fox Inn at Thorpe Satchville now provides a warm welcome for walkers.

**Items of interest** Beautiful Leicestershire! Hills and fields, a pleasant meandering stream (Gaddesby Brook), two pretty villages and a lovely church in Ashby Folville. The map shows some old fish ponds next to the Manor House, and the whole village of Ashby Folville has a feeling of still being part of a Manor, with its long tree-lined drive heading towards the pub, and impressive wide "tile topped" brick wall round the Manor, and dramatically big houses. We pass the lovely Church and the converted stables which must have been part of Folville Manor at some time. Major Smith-Carrington leads walks round the village from time to time. The V.S.C.C Vintage car meetings are held at The Carrington Arms on the second Tuesday in the month, when you can expect cars to the value of several million pounds to be parked in the car park, in the road, and in an adjacent field. Last time we went, there was a newly built Bugatti in the car park on which a cool £250,000 had just been spent.

**The walk** *From Ashby Folville church make your way (west) to the Carrington Arms pub. Turn right up Highfield End for 200m. Turn right at the Leicestershire Round signpost. Walk slightly uphill close to the hedge of the white house on your left and keep in the same direction. Follow the groove down the middle of the field to a big tree. (Ashby Folville is now over to your right, in its woodland setting.) Keep in the same direction across the big open fields, with the tree-lined stream over to your right. Pass close to the waymarked telegraph pole in the middle of the field and continue to the huge electricity pylon ahead. Pass an isolated house over to your right (Markham House) and make your way up to the far left corner of this open field. The houses of Thorpe Satchville come into view on the hill ahead. Continue in the same direction, across the little corner of one field and into the corner of a very large field, bordered ahead by the hedge of the tree-lined railway line. Keep moving diagonally left to cross under the tall arched brick bridge of the dismantled railway. (From the high ground of this field you get fine views.)*

*Continue across the little corner of the field and continue steeply uphill to Thorpe Satchville, moving gradually away from the hedge on your left. (The hall is in parkland beyond this hedge.) Pass close to big farm barns on your left and cross the waymarked stile in the top corner of the field. The little bell tower of Thorpe Satchville church comes into view. Swing left around the ha ha wall of the large house and garden on your left and turn left across the stile into the churchyard.*

*Pass the little church of St Michael and meet Church Road. Turn right to meet the main A6047 Melton-Market Harborough Road, opposite Bakers Lane, Thorpe Satchville. Here we leave the Leicestershire Round.*

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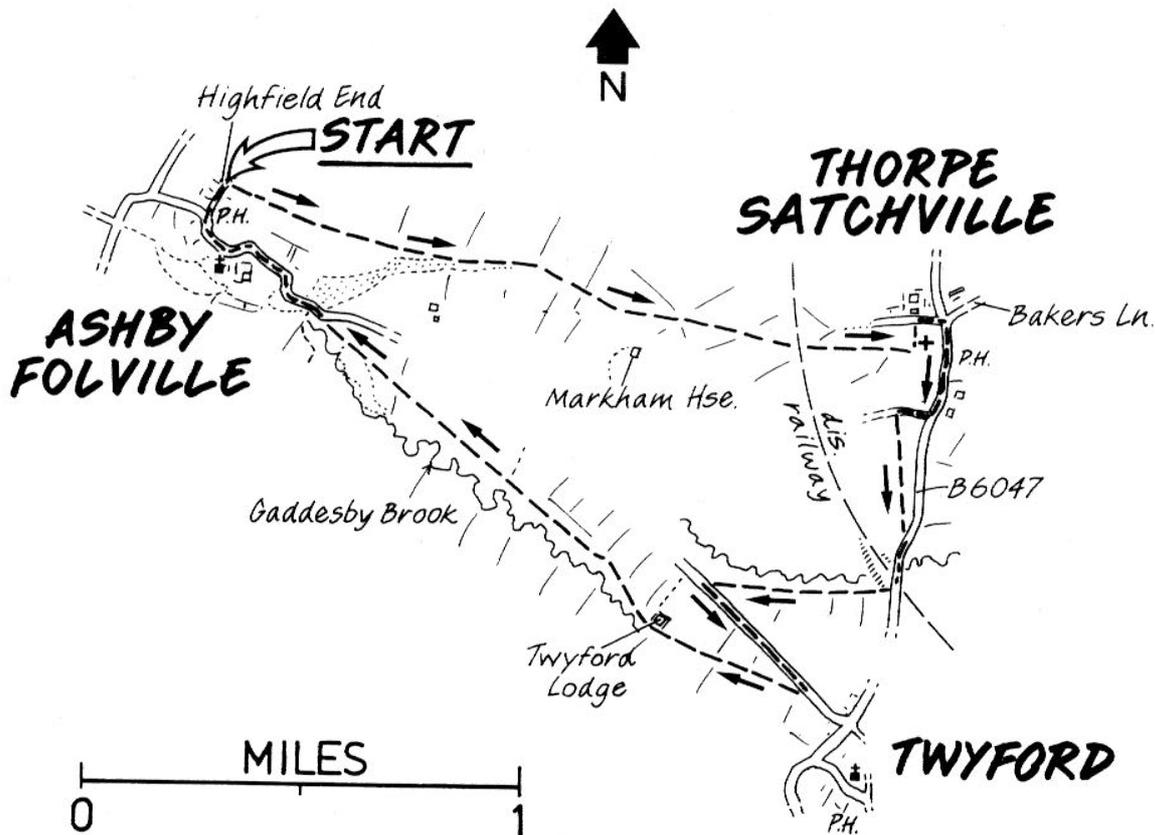


Turn right and follow the road, towards Twyford, passing The Fox pub on your left. At the end of the houses, just before the road bend, turn right, down a lane. Go through the gate with weight restriction signs. After 20 yards turn left where the left hand hedge ends. Head for a gap in the trees with a shed on the right. Go through the gate and follow the waymark sign over the next large field. Admire the views and aim for the bottom left corner where the old railway meets the main road. Cross the stile and turn right, along the road for 20 paces. Turn right at the bridleway sign and almost immediately turn left to go through a gate. Follow the signs ahead through three gates. After the third gate head across the large field keeping close to the hedge on your right to reach the bottom left corner of the field.

Meet the road and turn left for about a quarter of a mile. Just before the houses turn right into a gateway. Cross the stile and turn right again. Walk diagonally to the far corner of the field, passing a large barn and a new building to your right. Cross the next five fields by the waymarked stiles, meeting a stream on your left and passing Twyford Lodge (a large barn, with a partly built farmhouse and a caravan) on your right. Cross the track and the stile near the large hawthorn tree. Make for the field corner.

Follow the left hedge of the field near the meandering brook. Cross the stile and follow the waymark pointing ahead, to the right of a large pylon. From the pylon, make for the waymark post ahead. (The stream meanders left then rejoins the path). Go through the gate to another waymark post on the right of a small wood. Cross the footbridge into a big field where the next waymark can be seen at the far edge of the field. Cross the stile and move slightly right to skirt the edge of the next wood. From the corner of the wood make for the road sign, which shows above the hedge. When close to the road sign follow the hedge left for a short distance. Go through the gate, where our route crosses the Midshires Way and turn right to meet the road. Go left to follow the road back to Ashby Folville church and the pub.

John Cutting: "A really nice circular route on fairly well used paths with good gates/ stiles, well signposted and no problem crops or barbed wire and no nettles or in sight (in August)."



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