

**How to get there** Leave Leicester on the A47 west towards Hinckley. Turn right along the B582 signposted to Desford and Newbold Verdon and Barlestone. Turn right after Barlestone and follow A447 to Nailstone ([SatNav – CV13 0QE](#)).

**Car parking** Roadside only

**Public transport** [Service 153 \(hourly\) from Leicester](#) See <http://traveline.info/> or phone 0871 20022 33

**Map** [Explorer 233 Leicester and Hinckley](#)

**Route** This is former mining country, now part of the National Forest. The reclaimed spoil heaps are newly planted with trees. There are attractive views from the higher ground.

**Refreshment** Pub in Nailstone. Several pubs in Barlestone.

**Items of interest** Churches in Nailstone and Barlestone. In Nailstone church there is a monument to Thomas Corbett, a gentleman who was Sergeant of the Pantry to four Tudor monarchs. He fathered 19 children by his first wife and a couple more by his second. (Spare a thought for the first Mrs Corbett as you pass by!)

**The walk** *Pass Nailstone church on your left and walk along Church Road until it bends left. Turn right when you pass Manor Cottage. Keep close to the hedge on your left. Pass the electricity transformer. When the hedge ends keep in the same direction, across the open field, to meet a hedge on your right. Pass the field corner and cross the waymarked stile. The isolated house ahead is Crown Farm, our next goal. Follow the waymarked path with the hedge on your right, aiming for the right of the building. In the next field, walk with the hedge on your left. Bear right across a small field corner to emerge on the Bagworth road opposite a gate below the Crown farmhouse. Cross the road, go through the gate and continue beside a hedge on your left.*

*Go downhill to cross the stream and then turn left to the field corner and right to go uphill, still in the same field, beside the hedge on your left.*

*Continue close to the hedge on the left on a good track, until you join the road. Turn left and walk along the road into Bagworth.*

Pass the 30 mph sign and the Woodland Trust plaque and then turn right, through a metal gate. At the corner bear right at the waymark post and walk slightly uphill to a stile about halfway along the hedge in front of you. Cross the stile and keep in the same direction parallel with the hedge on your left walking gradually downhill. Pass the new forest plantation on your right, making for the fence gap ahead. In the next field walk close to the left hand hedge, passing a stile on your left.

Near the end of the field move right to cross a stile on the right of an adjoining hedge. Turn left and walk with the hedge on your left to a stile near the corner of the field. Cross onto the Bagworth road.

Turn right along the road and cross the first stile on your left, through a small field to cross the stile ahead. Turn right towards a pylon, keeping in the same direction over two stiles. Pass the protruding corner of the hedge in the next field and walk with the hedge on your right to the farm.

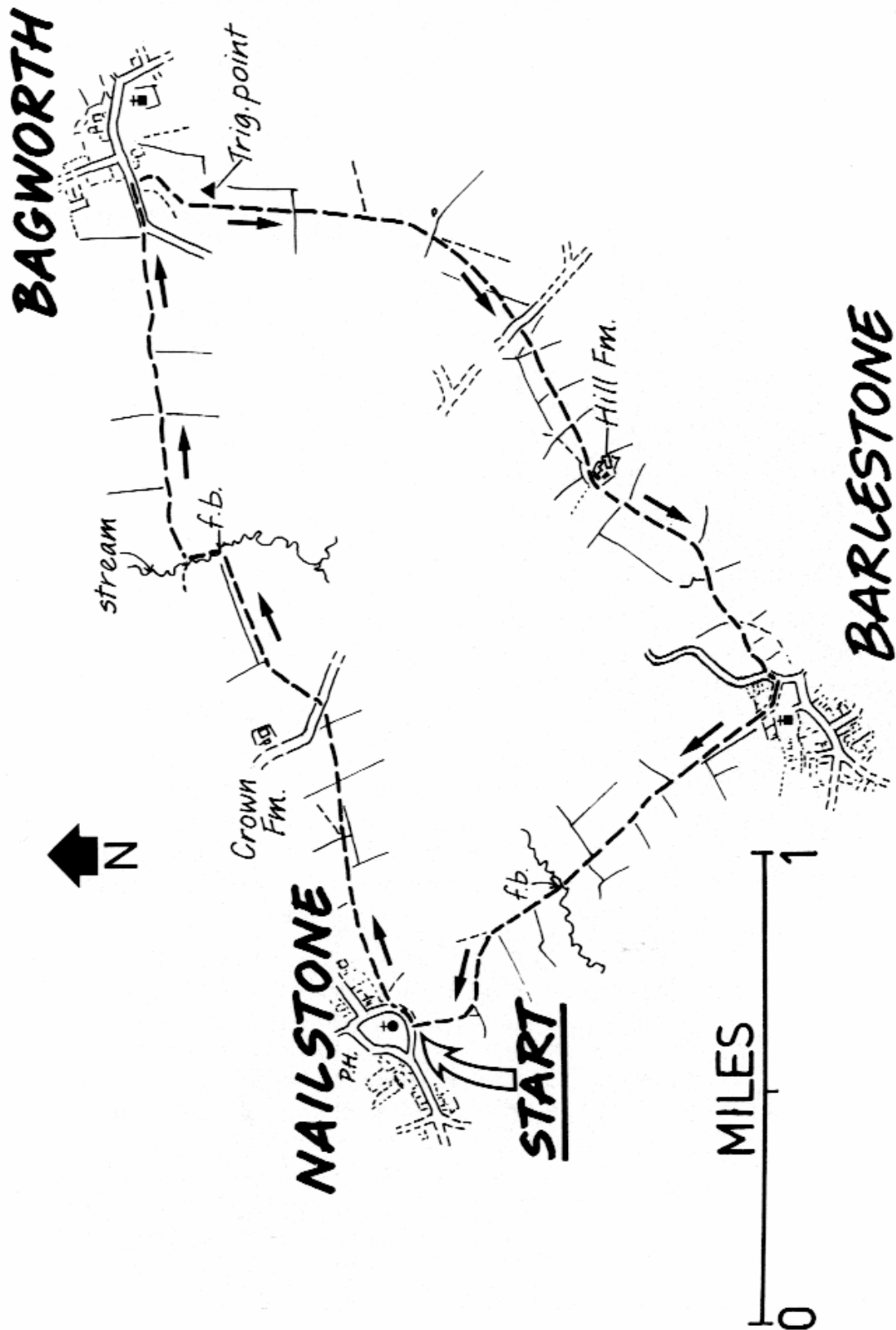
Cross the stile into a small copse to another stile, then pass through the farmyard with a large shed on your right. Cross the stile and walk with the hedge on your right over two fields. In the corner of the second field there are two stiles. Cross the one on the right and follow the green lane which leads to a road in Barlestone.

At the road turn left then right into Washpit Lane. Pass St Giles Close and follow the lane past the church. At Church Farm cross the stile ahead of you, ignoring a stile on your right. Walk down the field parallel with the hedge on your right, aiming for the church spire in the distance. At the end of the field cross the stile at the right of the metal gate and walk with the hedge on your left. Cross the stile and walk with the same hedge on your right. The field slopes down to a stile in the corner. On the far side move slightly left to cross the railed footbridge then walk with the hedge on your right for two fields. Then cross the stile and move left, ignoring the stile on your right. Go uphill to cross the stile in the hedge ahead (about 100 yards from the field corner). Walk towards the hedge on the left over a mound to cross a stile in the protruding corner of the next field. Continue with the hedge on your right aiming for the church.

Cross the stile to the right of a bungalow and go up the jitty to Nailstone church.

Steve Westby. *Our foolproofer says: "Gone are the scars of Bagworth's mining history."*





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