

How to get there Woodhouse Eaves ([SatNav – Main Street LE12 8RZ](#)) is on the B591 road and well signposted from Quorn, Rothley and Anstey.

Car parking There is a public car park in the centre of Woodhouse Eaves on Main Street next to the village hall. This walk could also be started at either Upper or Lower Beacon car parks. (Pay and display machines and notice boards with clearly displayed locking up times.) All three car parks have public conveniences.

Public transport [Service 123 \(hourly\) Leicester to Loughborough](#). See <http://traveline.info/>

Map [Ordnance Survey Explorer 246 Loughborough](#)

Route One of the highlights of the Leicestershire Round! Easy tracks in a popular area of Charnwood. There are many possible routes over Broombriggs and Beacon Hill, all well used and well waymarked (but not with the distinctive Leicestershire Round waymarks.) You can choose whichever suits your style and the time available.

Refreshments available in Woodhouse Eaves. Ice cream vans usually parked at the Beacon car parks.

Items of interest Woodhouse Eaves has a church built on a rock. The windmill which stood on Windmill Hill was destroyed in the 1940s. Only the base now remains.

Broombriggs Farm was given to the County Council in 1970. The farm trail notice boards give interesting information about farming, and the views from the top are magnificent

Beacon Hill was bought for the public in 1946. It was formerly owned by the Beaumanor Estate.

The walk *From Maplewell Road, Woodhouse Eaves, take the wide grassy path beside house number 100. Turn left through the bridle gate and then immediately right to walk on the well used path, close to the hedge on your right. Pass, over to your left, the wooded knoll of Round Stye spinney, and walk towards Long Stye spinney, the wood which goes up the hill ahead to your left. When you reach the foot of Long Stye spinney turn left and follow the farm trail, going steeply uphill, close to the stone wall of Long Stye wood on your right. The view from the top is worth the climb! You can look back to Windmill Hill and beyond to Quorn and the Soar Valley. Go through the little triangular walled enclosure into the picnic site field, where you have views over the other side of the hill, eastwards over to Copt Oak and Ulverscroft.*

At the end of Long Stye spinney keep in the same direction and cross the stile, beyond the farm gates. Move towards the wall over to your left, but do not cross it. (Beyond the field wall lies the farm of Upper Broombriggs). Go uphill to the little clump of trees, (a walled enclosure of holly and beech, beside a way marked seat), in the top left corner of the field. Cross the stile and continue gradually uphill close to the enclosure wall on your left. You are now at the top of Broombriggs Hill, 200 metres above sea level, with Broombriggs House down to your right. Keep close to the fenced off bracken and gorse and make a big semicircular sweep around Broombriggs House, going gradually downhill with the plantation wall on your left. Continue on the wide fenced-off grass sward and meet the wide, walled drive from Broombriggs House.

Continue down the drive to meet Beacon Road (B591). (Woodhouse Eaves lies to your right.) Cross carefully and keep in the same direction, through the belt of woodland. Meet the main track up to Beacon Hill. Turn left and walk uphill to the highest point.

At the top of Beacon Hill pass the white trig, point and the toposcope over to your right. Continue on the main track. It circles the highest point and then descends gradually down to the Lower Beacon car park.

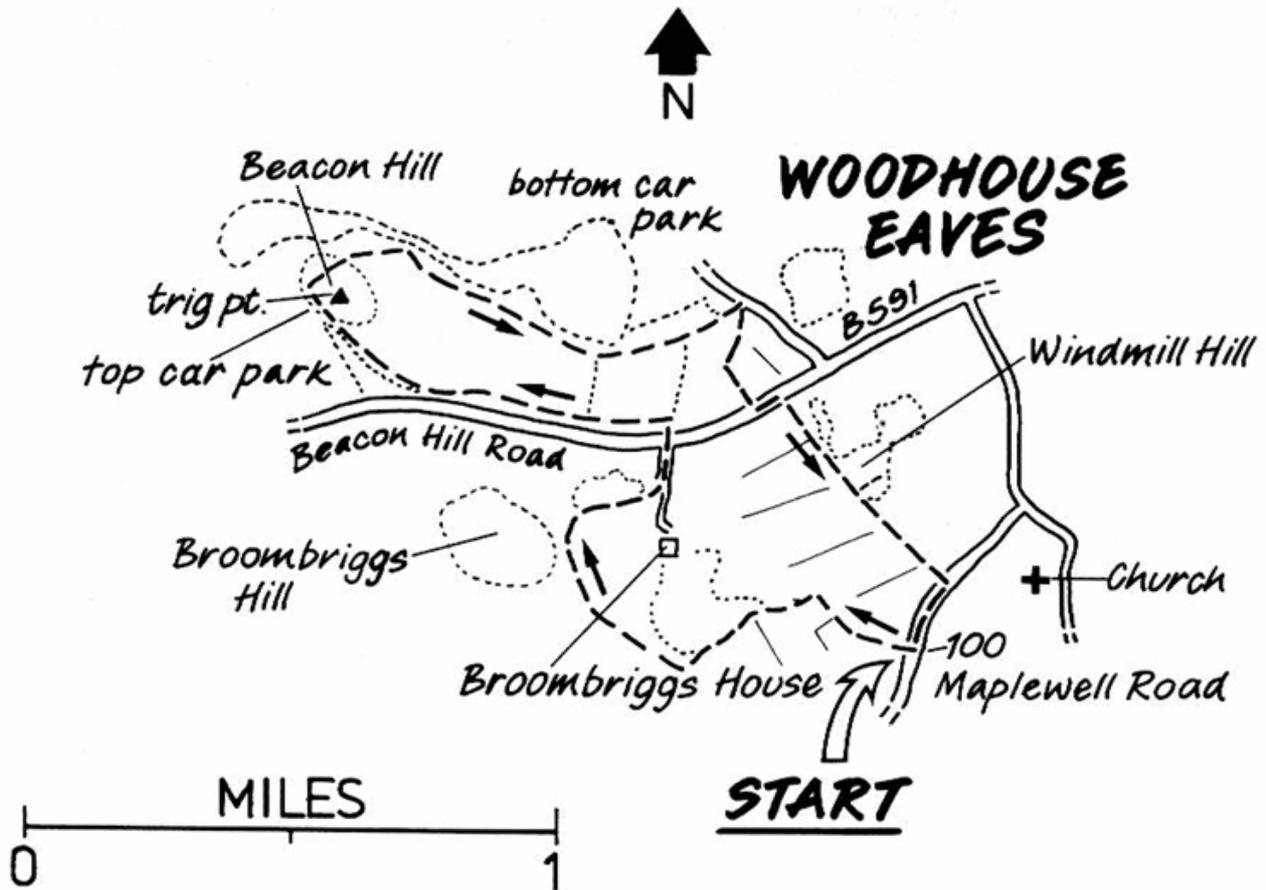
Just before you reach the car park turn right on the waymarked path which crosses an open grassy area. Look for an unmarked path on your left, between trees. This leads you out onto Beacon Hill Road, a little lower than where you first crossed it. Turn left and cross the road by the Broombriggs Farm Trail sign.

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Go through the car park and follow the hard track which leads through a handgate to a small wooded area. (Here you can if you wish turn left and climb Windmill Hill, to see the base of the old mill. The path swings round and brings you back to the main track a little further on.)

Follow the track to meet Maplewell Road. Turn left to reach the centre of Woodhouse Eaves.

David and Valerie Joyce: "Binoculars and a pocket identification book would be useful for those who are bird, tree and flower enthusiasts. Broombriggs Farm Trail has a number of useful information boards. You can pause to read Board 5 on Land Quality and Use, Board 6 on Grasses and Board 8 on Hay and Silage."

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