

How to get there (SatNav – LE17 5HF) South west of Leicester. Can be reached from the A426 Lutterworth road. Turn off at Dunton Bassett.

Car parking Roadside only.

Public transport Service X44 (hourly) Leicester to Lutterworth See <http://traveline.info/> or phone 0871 200 22 33

Map Ordnance Survey Explorer 233 Leicester and Hinckley.

Route Gently up and down. Easy walking with good views.

Refreshment Queens Arms and White Horse pubs at Leire. The Plough and Harrow at Frolesworth.

Items of interest Frolesworth almshouses, founded in 1725 with ten later ones added in 1760 by Baron John Smith, a high flying local boy who remembered his birth place village in a generous and practical way. The church has very interesting monuments and some 15th century glass.

The walk From Leire church walk down the road past the Queens Arms pub on your left.

Turn left into Back Lane. Pass Wales Orchard on your ten and continue on the metalled track, keeping in the same direction. (Ignore the right turn. Pass Hoke Court and houses on your left.) Keep on along the green lane and go straight ahead, over the neck of the field (the old disused railway track) and straight up the next field over the brow. Cross the double stile in the top corner of the field and continue in the same direction.

Cross the next stile in the corner of the field, beside a telegraph pole. Move gradually left towards Hillcrest Farm on the hill. Turn right and walk along the road towards Frolesworth for a mile.

Go straight over the crossroads, passing the old almshouses on the corner and the Plough and Harrow pub on your right, to reach Frolesworth church.

Pass Frolesworth church on your left and continue along the road towards Sharnford. Turn left opposite White Cottage. Follow a track between houses.

Continue in this direction (south) towards Claybrooke Mill. (In the first field walk close to the hedge on your left. Pass the rough remains of an old pond on your left and then continue slightly downhill, across the open field (usually ploughed) moving gradually away from the hedge on your left. Aim for Frolesworth Hill Farm, beside trees on the hill. Cross the waymarked footbridges and continue uphill to reach the farm drive, to the left of the farmhouse.

Pause to admire the views from this high point.

Continue downhill in the same direction, making for a cluster of trees in the dip of the valley. The footbridge is near the bottom right corner of the field. Cross the bridge and turn sharp right to walk to the corner of a small paddock. Pass close to the spinney on your left and continue with the hedge on your left until you reach the Frolesworth Lane (the road to Claybrooke Magna).

Turn left and walk along the Frolesworth road for half a mile. At the T-junction cross the road and continue in the same direction over the centre of the first field. Go through a gap in the projecting corner of the field and continue in the same direction through the centre of the second field to reach the house on the road ahead.

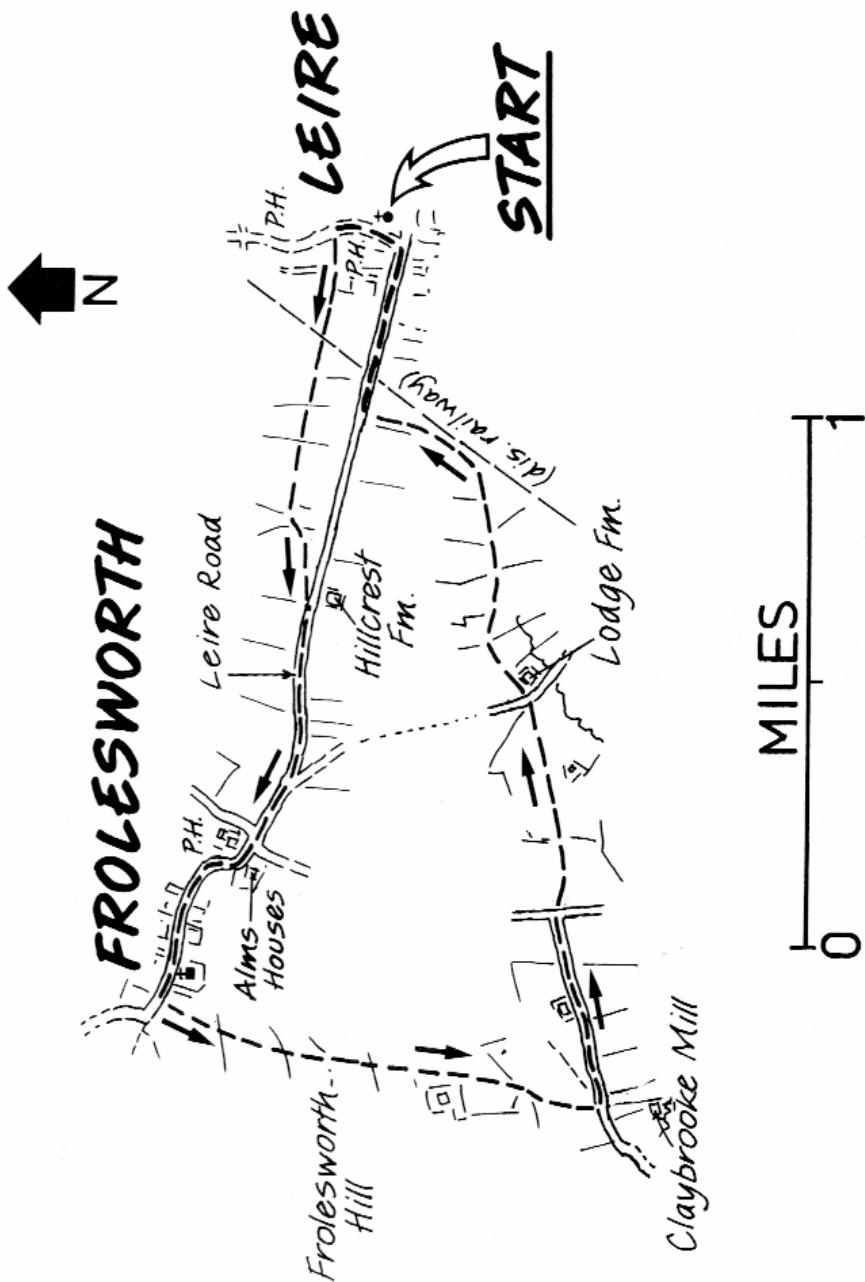
At the road cross to the footpath to the left of the house opposite. Cross the (very awkward) fence and walk close to the hedge on your right. Cross a second (very awkward) fence on your right. This takes you into the corner of a paddock. Go diagonally right to the next (awkward ladder stile) crossing.



Keep straight on in the next field, close to the hedge on your left. Continue up the hill to meet the line of disused railway. Go through the waymarked gap in the hedge and turn left to walk with it on your left and the railway line down below you on your right. Go through a gap on your left to emerge in the top corner of a field with a children's playground in the bottom right corner. Go down to this area, meet the road and turn right, to reach the church, where the walk began.

Mary Hodgkin.

Our foolproofer says: "Stop to admire the views across Leicester with the Charnwood Forest beyond. The walk gives you the chance to visit several interesting sites."



A walk from **32 Short Circular Walks** based on The Leicestershire Round
Copyright: © Heather MacDermid for Leicestershire Footpaths Association 2000

Leicestershire Footpath Association

Visit our website at <http://leicestershirefootpaths.wordpress.com/>

