

How to get there A50 north from Leicester. ([SatNav – Main Street LE67 9UW](#))

Car parking in Markfield on the main street. There is a Pay and Display car park in Bradgate Park, for those wishing to start from Newtown Linford.

Public transport [Arriva 29A from St. Margaret's towards Coalville](#). See <http://traveline.info/> or phone 0871 200 22 33

Map [Ordnance Survey Explorer 233 Leicester](#)

Route Hilly, wooded countryside. Well waymarked paths. Lovely views of Charnwood at all seasons. Mileage 3 miles.

Refreshment The pub and cafes in Newtown Linford serve excellent food. Shops and various pubs in Markfield.

Items of interest Markfield has an interesting mixture of buildings. It is a gateway to the Forest. The Altar Rocks were donated to the public. Newtown Linford is a charming village with thatched cottages.

The walk From the top of Main Street, Markfield, take the right hand fork, past the No Entry sign. Turn right along the Leicester Road and turn left at the footpath sign near the bus shelter. Follow the metalled subway under the A50 dual carriageway. Turn left and then immediately right, to walk along the sloping bank close to the hedgerow beside the main A50 road, on your right. Just before the Reduce Speed Now sign, fork left and go down the short slope with a hedge on your left. Cross the stile and go down to the right hand corner of the field.

Cross a double stile with a slate bridge over the stream. The next field is a large one. Pass the left corner of Cover Cloud wood and continue with the hedge on your right in the next field. Cross the stile on your right and go over the concrete bridge and stile. Turn left to continue in the same direction, with the hedge now on your left.

Tangle Trees farmhouse is ahead. Move right to reach the stile to the right of the house. Go over the stile and cross the drive. Keep the hedge on your right. Pass the house and outbuildings on your left and continue in the same direction to pass John's Lee Wood on your left.

When this track bears to the left, after about 500 yards, aim for the stile in the hedge straight ahead across the field corner. In the next field the hedge is on your left. Cross the stiles and the footbridge and continue in the same direction across the open field. Keep in the same direction, close to the hedge on your right in the first field (cross the footbridge) and on your left in the second.

In the open field continue downhill towards the road. At the road (Markfield Lane) turn left to the road junction, where we turn left. (Bradgate Park entrance lies three quarters of a mile along the road to your right, through the pretty village of Newtown Linford.)

From the Newtown Linford junction with Markfield Lane, turn left and walk along Main Street. Turn left opposite the Johnsciffe Hotel and follow the footpath sign past cottages on your left. Cross the stile and move slightly left as you cross the field, with the tree-lined brook over to your left. Cross the little stone bridge and the waymarked fence and go straight across the next field to the gap in the hedge and continue in the third, small field, to the waymarked fence in the far left corner. Cross the footbridge and turn left along a track signposted to Markfield.

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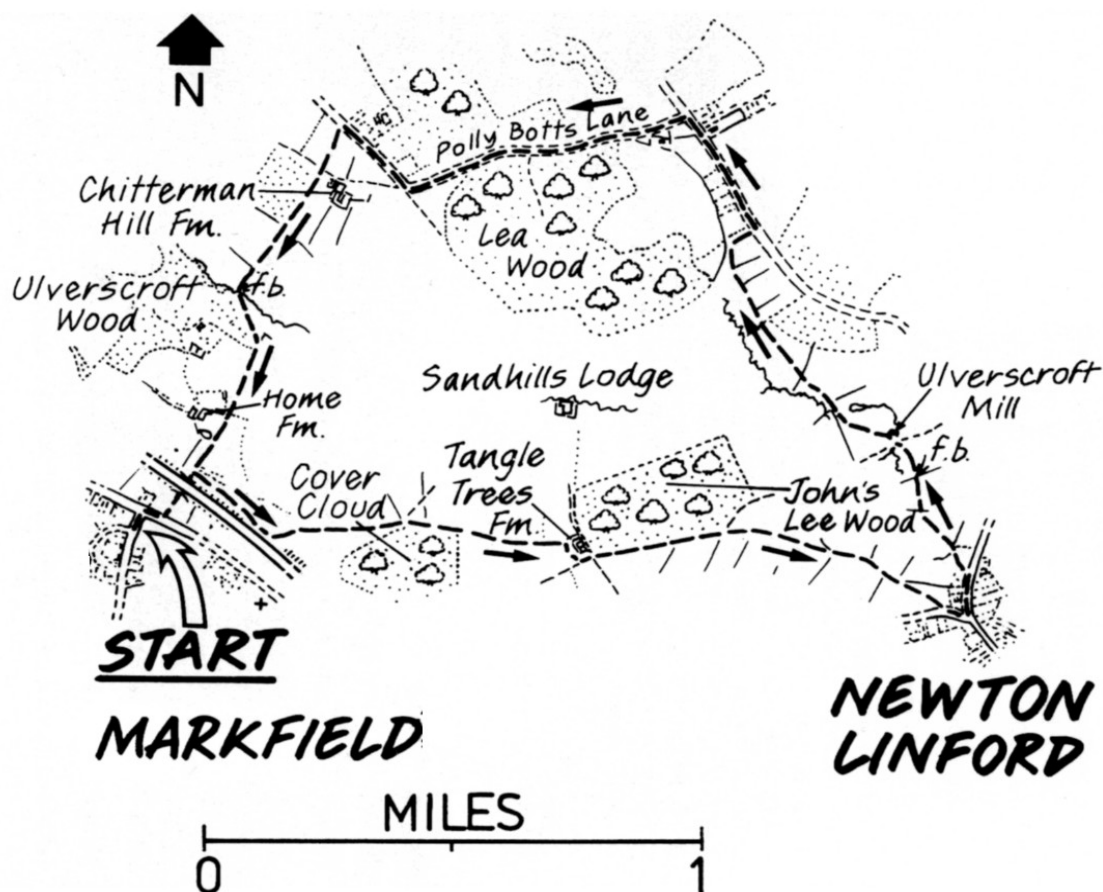


Pass on your right the ruined Ulverscroft Mill and turn immediately right to go up the steep bank close to the ruins on your right. Cross the fence and follow the signs to Ulverscroft, going diagonally left. Cross the footbridge over the stream and go over the farm track. Do not swing left but keep the hedge and stream on your left. Cross one footplank and then make your way diagonally right uphill to reach the waymarked stile.

In the next, narrow, field make your way up to the far right top corner. Join a green hedged lane and swing right to go uphill to meet the Ulverscroft Lane. Turn left and walk along the road for about a quarter of a mile and then turn left again to walk along Polly Botts Lane. This quiet country road rises steadily between Lea Wood and Stoneywell Wood and eventually bends right to reach the lovely old houses of Lea Cottage and Stoneywell. Here there is a welcome seat with fine views over the Chitterman Hills.

Cross the waymarked stile on your left, opposite the seat and go downhill close to a drystone wall on your right. Keep in the same direction, crossing the rather awkward stiles. Cross the drive to Chitterman Hills farm and continue with a hedge on your left. As you approach the bottom of the field move slightly right to cross the fence to the right of the farm gate. Continue along the narrow hedged path and cross the pretty bridge over the delightful brook. The path curves left between barbed wire fences and climbs the hill beside Ulverscroft Wood. It continues as a hedged track and meets the bank of the A50 road. Swing right, up the bank and then go under the tunnel of the road to meet the Leicester Road, Markfield, where the walk began.

Bill Ibbs. "In such beautiful countryside, urban areas seem a million miles away."



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