

How to get there Bruntingthorpe ([SatNav – LE17 5QH](#)) is due south of Leicester. It can be reached via Countesthorpe or from the A50 (5199) via Arnesby and Shearsby.

Car parking No public car parks but there are some quite wide roads, for roadside parking. The road near Apple Tree House is a possibility. The road which comes from Shearsby has wide grass verges.

Public transport Virtually none! There may be a bus on a Wednesday!

Map [Ordnance Survey Explorer 233 Leicester and Hinckley](#)

Route Bruntingthorpe to Peatling Magna 2 miles, beside the stream. Peatling Magna to Willoughby Waterleys 1 and a half miles on headland paths in flat arable country. Willoughby to Peatling 2 miles through well waymarked pasture fields. Peatling to Bruntingthorpe 1 and a quarter miles over interesting little fields.

Refreshment The General Elliott pub at Willoughby Waterleys does not serve food during the week. The Shires pub, Peatling Parva and The Joiners Arms pub, Bruntingthorpe, both serve excellent food and drink. (B and B is available at The Manor House, Bruntingthorpe.)

Items of interest In Peatling Parva on the path which leads from opposite the church to the back of the hall you can see llamas in the field. All the villages have lovely buildings.

The walk *From Bruntingthorpe (where the little church is tucked away at the end of Church Walk) pass the garage and the Joiners Arms on your left and follow the main street towards Peatling Magna. Turn left at the footpath sign by the last house (Apple Tree). Cross the field moving to your right, away from the house. Cross the fence by an ash tree about 40 yards from the field corner. Continue in the same direction. Cross into the third field close to a hedge on your right.*

Keep this hedge on your right but move gradually down to a (well-hidden) gate near the stream. Do not cross the footbridge on your left but keep straight on. You will be following this stream, keeping it on your left nearly all the way into Peatling Magna. Peatling church spire will come into sight, slightly right, ahead of you.

Move to the far left point of the last field, crossing the cartbridge to emerge at the crossroad junction. Follow the road uphill into Peatling Magna. The church lies in the field over to your right. (The Cock Inn lies ahead.)

Turn left at Postal Cottage, opposite the old Post Office (now called Hollow Tree Farm). The footpath goes along the drive between the house and the garage.

Follow the drive into the open field and cross to the right hand corner. Follow the hedge on your right for three fields, where you meet the old boundary hedged track (Mere Road).

Turn right for 100 yards along the Mere and at the gate turn left, into the field corner. Keep the hedge on your right all the way to Willoughby Waterleys going gradually downhill to cross the stream, and then up to the village. When the houses come into view you need to cross the stile in the hedge on your right (by the little cemetery). Follow the drive from the cemetery and swing right at the lane which leads round into the churchyard. Pass the church on your left.

From Willoughby Waterleys church turn left.....

From Willoughby Waterleys church turn left to walk through the village, passing The General Elliott pub on your right. At the first road junction (to Peatling Magna) turn left and then immediately right at the footpath sign. Keep close to the hedge, passing an old hall on your right. Continue through the gap in the hedge (double stile), bearing slightly diagonally left across a large field (sometimes divided temporarily into two).

Go over the next stile to the right of four ash trees. Continue straight across the next field, passing Willoughby Lodge farm on your right (a triple stile) and then follow waymarks for five further fields, eventually crossing Mere Road (now a mere track).

Continue to follow the waymarks, moving diagonally right for the next two fields, passing Stresa Glebe Farm over to your left. Then go diagonally left for 2 fields, passing a windpump on your right. Peatling Parva church tower appears ahead of you.

Pass the church on your left and meet the road. The Shires pub and the delightful village green of Peatling Parva are along the road to your right. The footpath sign to Bruntingthorpe is almost opposite the church.

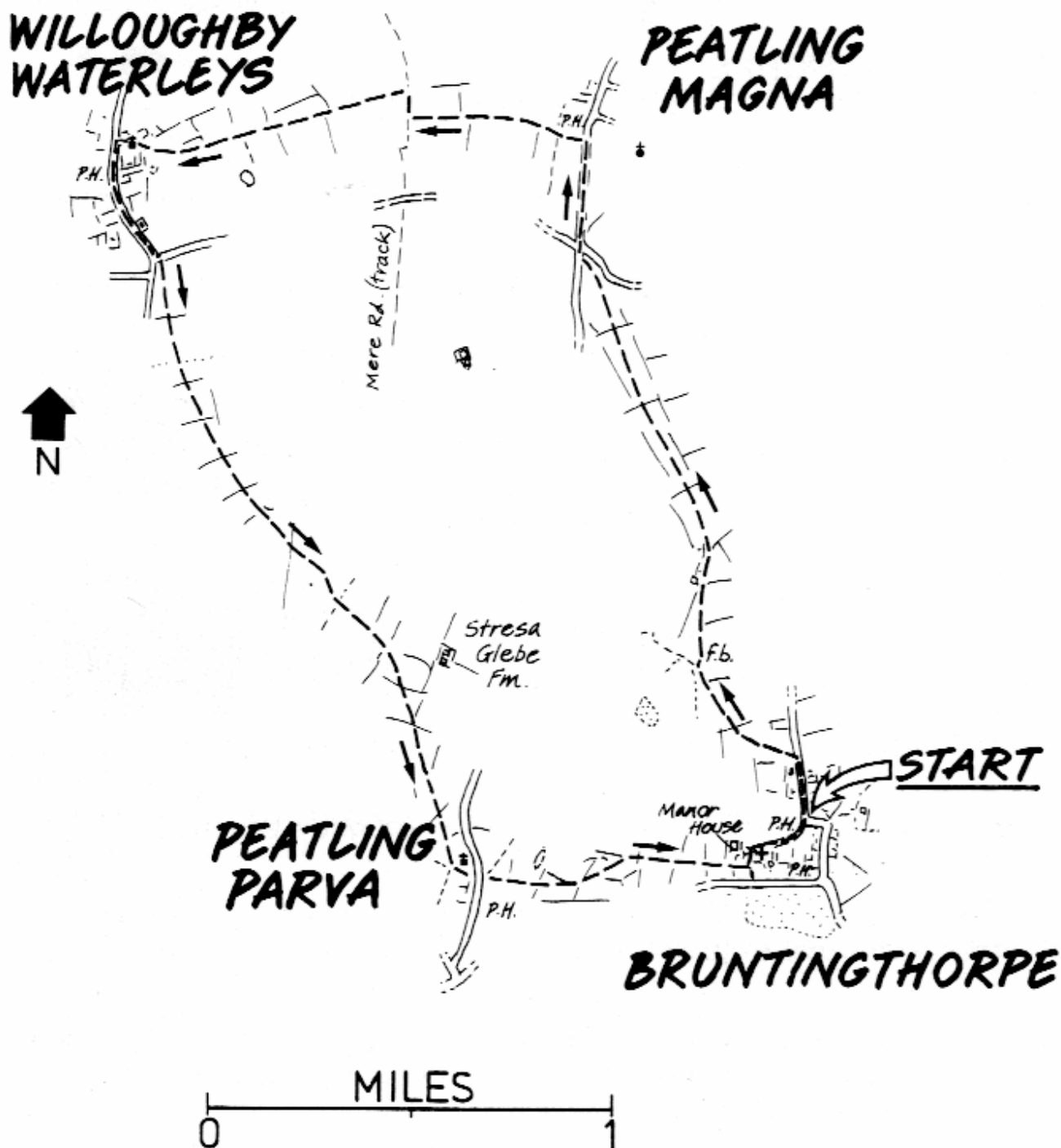
From Peatling Parva church cross the road to the footpath almost opposite, signposted between fences, then take the right hand fork, to Bruntingthorpe. Cross the stream and go through an orchard of saplings, across another plank and up the steep bank. Bear left of the large tree ahead and take a moment to look back at the view of the village behind you.

Walk diagonally left for two fields and then diagonally right for one field. Turn right immediately alongside the hedge and fence. Pass through a small farmyard with the Manor House on your left and then turn right onto the driveway. At the junction with the road take the footpath on your left towards Bruntingthorpe church and continue through the churchyard. Follow the tarmac strip path and continue along the lane (Church Walk). Pass The Joiners Arms pub on your left.

Meet the main street of Bruntingthorpe, where the walk began.

Margaret Chandler.

Our foolproofer says: "A good number of stiles on this walk! This is typical south Leicestershire countryside. Easy to follow waymarks."



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