

How to get there Woodhouse Eaves is [south of Loughborough](#) (SatNav – Main Street LE12 8RZ)

Car parking Woodhouse Eaves and Quorn have public car parks.

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

Map [Ordnance Survey Explorer 246 Loughborough](#)

Route Easy walking on level tracks (but beware the muddy bit by the old railway bridge!).

Refreshment Numerous pubs in Quorn and in Woodhouse Eaves

Items of interest Interesting and varied buildings in Woodhouse Eaves, including the church built over a cave in the rock and a new round Baptist chapel.

Old Woodhouse has a fine row of old almshouses built by Mrs Perry Herrick for her workers.

From Rabbits Bridge you can walk a little way to have a fine view of Swithland reservoir.

The walk *From the bottom of Maplewell Road cross the road junction and continue along Meadow Road. The road continues as a grass track, to the right of the primary school. After a few yards along the track, cross the stile on your right and go diagonally right on a well walked path to meet a hedge corner. Walk with this hedge on your right to meet the road. Cross straight over the road and follow the headland with the hedge on your left. You are going to continue in this direction for five fields, passing the tall silos of Rushey Fields Farm, uphill to your right, and heading towards Buddon Hill. Cross the two concrete farm tracks and continue close to the hedge on your left.*

(The Great Central railway line lies between you and Buddon Hill. The path, which formerly led straight to the ancient settlement on Buddon Hill, is deflected by the railway and now swings right to meet the railway crossing at Rabbits Bridge.)

At the end of the fifth field move to your right and keep close to the hedge on your left. From the stile in the corner of the next field you need to cross an open field. Pass close to the isolated oak tree and continue towards the railway line, passing a small water treatment building.

Cross the concrete cartbridge and turn right, to walk uphill close to the railway line. Meet the lane and turn left to cross Rabbits Bridge, pausing to wave at steam trains passing below

Leave the bridge by going down the embankment on the left hand side. Pass through a small wooded area over a footbridge and follow the broad grassy track swinging right and then left. Cross the footbridge with cast iron railings. To your right you can catch a glimpse of the grounds of Swithland water works.

Follow the well trodden path along a shady lane and a field (usually cropped). Turn right, over the stile, and walk between a fence on your left and the meandering river on your right.

This section can be very muddy in wet weather.

Cross the stile ahead and join the hard track. At the road Quorn village centre lies to your right but our route continues by turning left. Walk along the road. When the main road swings right do not follow it but continue straight ahead down Buddon Lane, which becomes a grassy track which goes through a spinney. (To avoid the wettest parts of the track make your way up to the higher path through the spinney.)

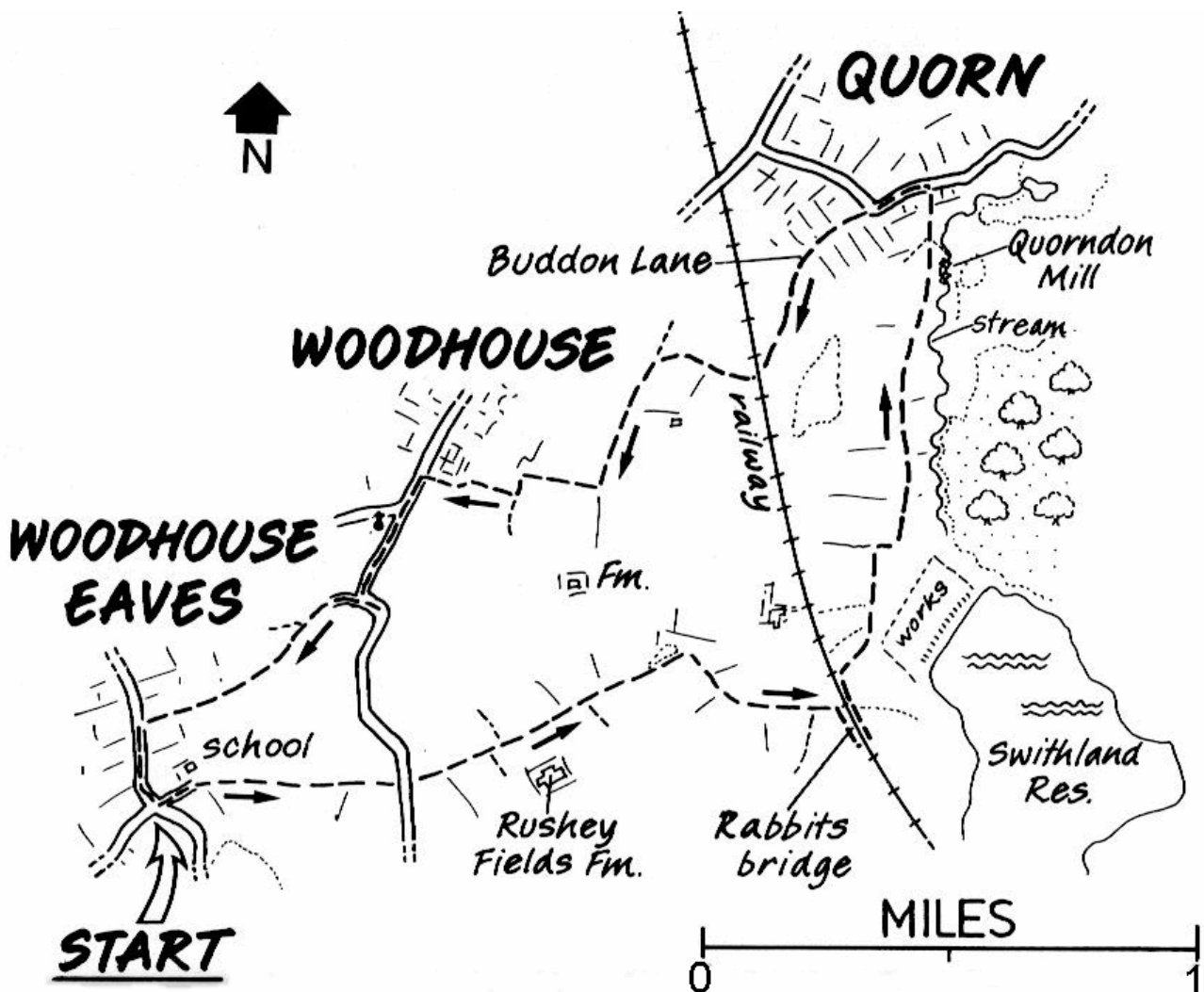
Pass through the railway tunnel and turn sharp right to enter an open field, close to a hedge on your left. At the top of the field turn left to walk along the hard track. Turn right at the T-junction and left at the next junction. (Note the lovely thatched cottage over to your left.)

Turn right onto a narrow road which takes you into the old village of Woodhouse.

At the main street, turn left. Fork left at the road junction. Pass Old Woodhouse church on your right.

At the bottom of the hill turn right into a small road leading to a footpath beside the stream on your left. Cross the open meadow and go through the kissing gate to continue on the path past the cricket field and children's playground. Meet the main street of Woodhouse Eaves, where the walk began.

Katrina Durant: 'Marcus and Sarra, who were still to be convinced of the pleasures of walking, found this "a very pretty walk every step of the way".'



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