

**How to get there** Sutton Cheney ([SatNav – CV13 0AG](#)) is west of Leicester near Market Bosworth. Take the A47, B582 and B585.

**Car parking** Choose considerately a tidy roadside space. There are Pay and Display car parks at the battlefield centre and Sutton Wharf. You could start the walk from them.

**Public transport** [Service 159 \(hourly\) Hinckley - Coalville](#) See <http://traveline.info/> phone 0871 20022 33

**Map** [Ordnance Survey Explorer 233 Leicester and Hinckley plus Explorer 232 Nuneaton and Tamworth](#)

**Route** Nice wide views in gently undulating countryside, looking over to Earl Shilton, Barwell and Stapleford church spires.

**Refreshment** Two pubs in Sutton Cheney, Tea rooms at Sutton Cheney Wharf and at the battlefield centre and at Sutton Cheney Almshouses. A gourmet's delight!

**Items of interest** Sutton Cheney: The church of St James has memorials to Richard III, who prayed here before the battle in August 1485. The Almshouses were founded in 1612. Hall Farm dates from 1601.

Near Bosworth Battlefield site we follow part of the route of the Ambion Way (described in leaflets available from the battlefield information centre).

The Battlefield centre is worth a stop, for its shop, museum, tea place and toilets. If you have time and energy, you could add on a walk around the battlefield site, following the information boards beginning from the top of Ambion Hill and descending to Shenton Station (to see the steam trains and ~~the field where Richard III was reputedly killed~~) and returning on a lower route, beside the railway line and swinging left through woods on a well made gravel track, to reach King Dick's Well. You could however leave this extension for another occasion. It makes a lovely day out.

**The walk** From Sutton Cheney pass the church on your right and The Hercules pub on the left. At the road junction, turn left along the lane marked No Through Road. Pass Keepers Cottage on the right and continue to the big house on the left. Turn right through the field gap by the footpath sign. You now need to go diagonally across a series of three big fields, usually ploughed. If the path is left clear of crops, as the law requires, there is no problem. The first field is long and narrow with a wood over to the left and a long ditch down the middle. If it is obstructed by crops you need to make your way gradually away from the hedge on your right towards the right of the wood, to meet the ditch where it meets a hedge by a big gap in the field corner. Cross the waymarked plank bridge. In the second field you continue in the same direction to a gap in the far corner. Ignore the headland track which keeps close to the hedge. The third field is bisected by a long ditch. Aim for the far corner of the field, crossing the plank bridge over the ditch, by two hawthorn bushes. Continue to the end of the field and cross the waymarked footbridge into a smaller field.

Move slightly left in this pasture field and cross the waymarked stile into the corner of the next field. Keep parallel with the hedge on your left going gently uphill for one field and then bear left towards the left side of the farm ahead (New House Farm).

Pass a telegraph pole on your left and the farm on your right. Cross the stile in the far corner of the field. Meet Stapleton Lane and turn left and then immediately right, on a waymarked farm track close to hedge on the left. The footpath actually moves slightly away from the track, towards a tall pylon, to a waymarked crossing where there is no bridge over the stream. You may find it easier to go down the farm track to cross the concrete farm bridge and then turn right, to walk with the stream on your right and the pylon on your left.

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At the end of the field look for a footbridge on your left, near a huge willow tree and go straight across the next field, parallel with the hedge over to your right. The next stile is in the right hand corner of the field, near the wood.

Here we join the Leicestershire Round. Ignore the waymark which points to your left and follow the stream on your right. Meet a brick bridge on the Stapleford Lane and turn right for a short distance, then left into the corner of a field close to a hedge on your right.

*This path is now waymarked with the Ambion Way logo of the crown in the tree, as we are approaching the Battlefield of Bosworth field (where Richard III lost his crown). You can usually see the flag flying on Ambion Hill, where the battle was fought.*

*Follow the hedge on your right until you are about 50 yards from the end of the field. Cross the stile on your right and continue, across the corner of the next field. Cross the stile and keep in the same direction across the next field to reach the canal bridge. (The building over to your right is Poplars Farm.)*

*Turn left to cross the canal bridge, and turn immediately left to reach the towpath. Turn left again and go under bridge no 33 on the Ashby Canal. Walk along the towpath with the canal on your right, and go under the next bridge, at Sutton Wharf.*

*Climb the steps to your left and cross over the bridge. (The road leads to Wharf House for refreshments and to Sutton Cheney village, if you need a short cut back to the start of the walk.) Turn left into the Sutton Wharf car park, where there is an information board about the Bosworth battlefield.*

*From the carpark at Sutton Wharf follow the route shown on the information board to the Battlefield centre at Ambion Hill Farm. The route is well maintained and waymarked. It begins by following the canal on your left and then enters Ambion Wood by a series of stiles and handgates. A wide, grassy track leads through the trees, swings right and emerges in an open field with Ambion Hill Farm, the Battlefield Visitors Centre, immediately ahead.*

*From the Battlefield Visitors centre your route continues past the centre entrance on your right and then turns sharp right along a wide well marked grassy track, which goes straight beside a hedge on your left to a small car park ahead on the Sutton Cheney road.*

*From the high ground here you can see the spire of Market Bosworth church in the wooded area to your left, and the little capped tower of Sutton Cheney church in front of you, slightly to your right.*

*From the small car park on the Sutton Cheney-Battlefield road follow the road towards Sutton Cheney. Swing right at the junction with Sutton Lane and continue past the Almshouses tea rooms on your left. Turn left up a little slope by the next cottage, to go through the handgate which leads into Sutton Cheney churchyard, where the walk began.*

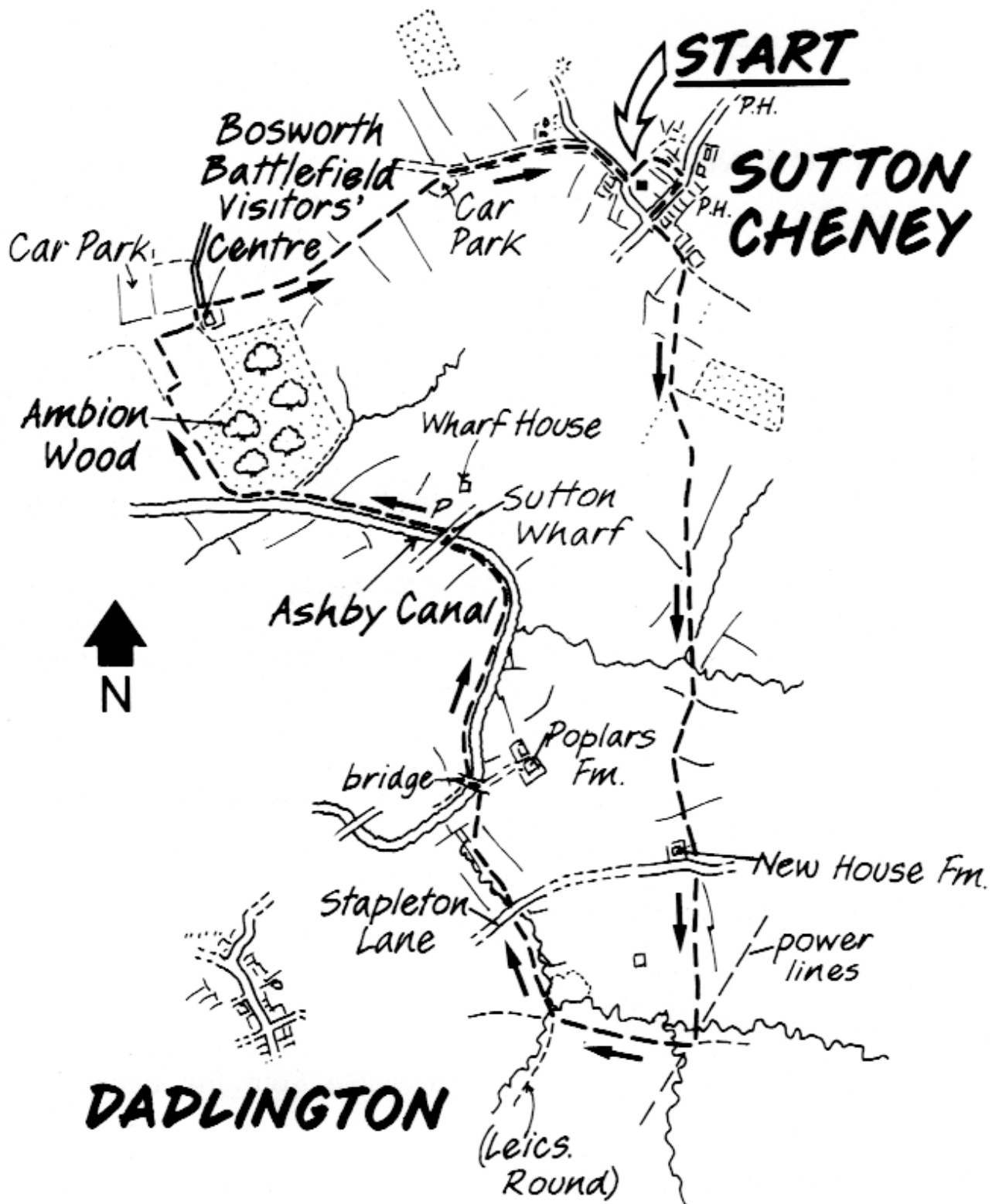
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