

# Asfordby

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Your Parish or Local Community Group may wish to produce a walking leaflet, please contact the Access Officer at County Hall for more information.

It is advisable to wear suitable footwear when walking. Stout shoes or walking boots are recommended.

Some stretches of the route follow minor country roads. Beware of traffic approaching from both directions. If possible stay on the verge, if not walk in single file on the right hand side of the road.

Enjoy the walks, whilst observing the Countryside Code.

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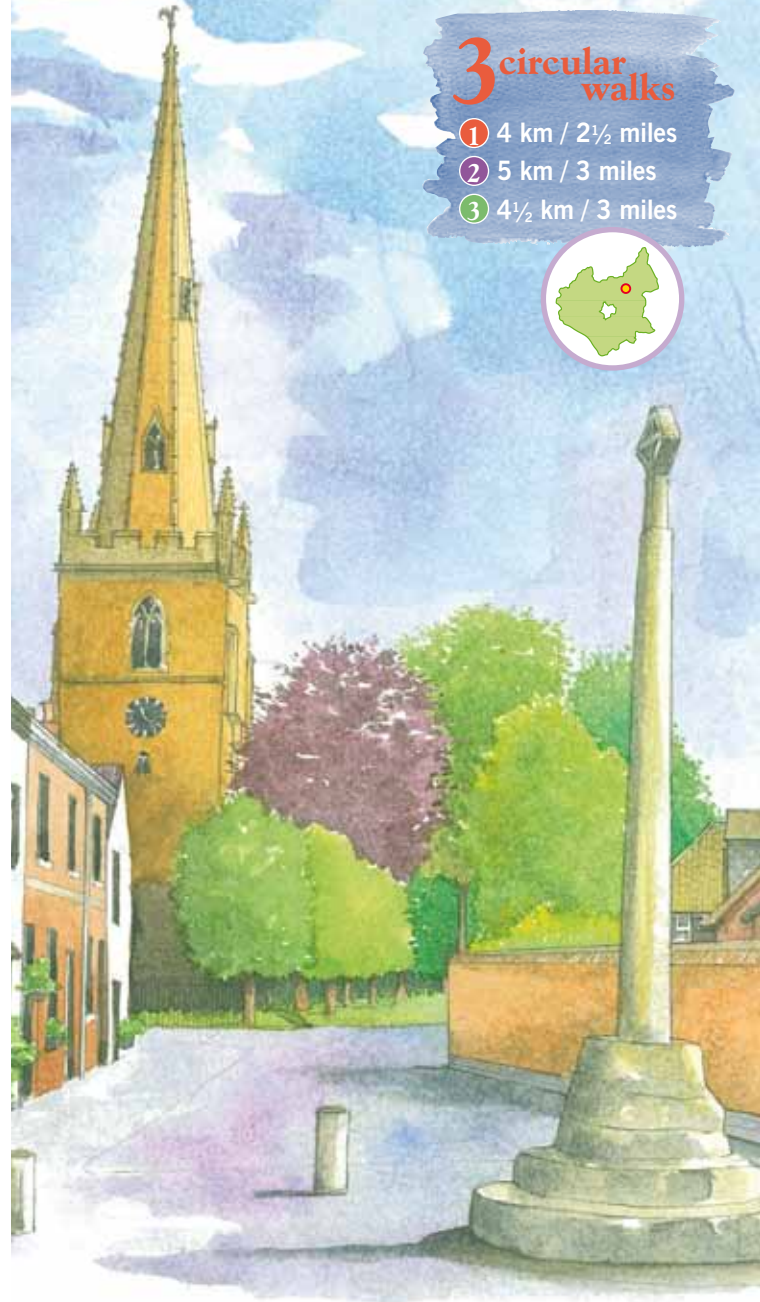
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## 3 circular walks

① 4 km / 2½ miles

② 5 km / 3 miles

③ 4½ km / 3 miles



*Located to the north of the River Wreake, Asfordby is about 2½ miles west of Melton Mowbray.*

*Asfordby Valley and Asfordby Hill developed around the iron works whose construction began in 1878.*

**P** free car park near shops in Bradgate Lane, Asfordby

## **Walk 1:** 4km (2½ miles), allow 1 hour, flat and easy walking by river and old gravel works. Rich in wildlife.

From the car park, turn left onto Bradgate Lane, then right onto Main Street, passing the village cross on your left.

*Beyond the cross you will see All Saints Parish Church, built mainly in the early 14th century in local stone but with older origins, with an elegant recessed crocketed spire. The church contains parts of a pre-conquest cross shaft (10th or 11th century) and cross and candlesticks coloured gold and red but made of cast iron – a gift from Holwell Ironworks in 1964. There also survives half a carved 15th century bench end with its original medieval coloured decoration, one of only two examples known in England.*

Continue along Main Street and pass both the Old Hall (17th century) and Bluebell Inn on your right, *originally a 17th century timber framed house, and noting 159 Main Street opposite, with its datestone of 1730.*

**A** Turn left into Mill Lane and walk to the end, crossing a bridge in front of a house to meet the footpath. Walk the length of this path to the road.



Turn left, then cross the road to another footpath almost opposite. At the next stile head away from the river aiming for the church spire of Frisby on the Wreake.

**B** Near the power lines, cross into the field and bear right walking parallel to the railway line.

Cross the railway line at the gated crossing and follow the track. Turn right before the first house, crossing the railway line once more.

Follow the path through the meadows and aim back towards Asfordby with the river on the right and flooded gravel workings on the left.

**C** As the river meanders right, continue to follow the bridleway that turns left. Turn right at the road.

**D** Just before the first house, "Red Lodge Farm", take the footpath right. Pass to the right of the playground and onto Glendon Close. At the T-junction turn right then turn left into the jitty between No. 37 and 39.

Turn left, then right into Main Street to return to the start of the walk.

## Walk 2: 5km (3 miles), allow 1¼ hours, undulating across pasture and arable land.

As with Walk 1, from the car park, turn left onto Bradgate Lane, then right onto Main Street, passing the village cross on your left.

**1** At the crossroads by the telephone box follow the road around and turn right into Saxelby Road. Cross the bypass and continue into the road opposite.

**2** One field before the farm



on the left, turn left and walk across the field of ridge and furrow.

Cross the stile and walk up the hill to the top keeping the hedge on the right. Pass under the power lines, then at the top turn left, still with a hedge on the right.

**3** Cross the road and continue along the path opposite, downhill with Asfordby to the left and Frisby to the right.

At the next road turn left and pick up the directions for **Walk 1 from point D** to return to the start of the walk.

## Walk 3: 4½ km (3 miles), allow 1¼ hours, flat and relatively easy walking on surfaced paths and pasture land.

Turn left onto Bradgate Lane then left again to follow Main Street to Asfordby Valley.

**i** By the telephone box cross the main road to meet a track leading up hill.

**ii** Follow the track, and in about one mile turn right to walk with the old canal on the right.

**iii** Immediately before the bridge turn right again and cross the footbridge over the old canal lock to follow a waymarked path back to Asfordby.

*For another local walk, try the Frisby on the Wreake Parish Walks*

The routes are clearly marked with bold, yellow topped waymarker posts and waymarker discs with the Parish Walks symbol.



## Walking - Be fit and well

Walking is a form of exercise that is suitable and enjoyable for all ages. It's a free and fun way for families and friends to get fit together. Just 30 minutes of brisk walking on a daily basis can benefit your health and quality of life.

## Useful Information

**Buses:** Service 5A Melton Mowbray to Leicester (Mon-Sat), Service 8 Loughborough via Melton Mowbray to Grantham (Mon-Sat) and Service 23 Melton Mowbray to Nether Broughton (Mon-Sat)

**Refreshments:** Shops and pubs in Asfordby village

**Key:**

- P** Car Parking and Walk Starts
- - - Footpath
- |-|- Bridleway
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