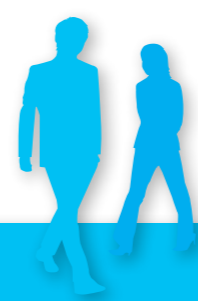


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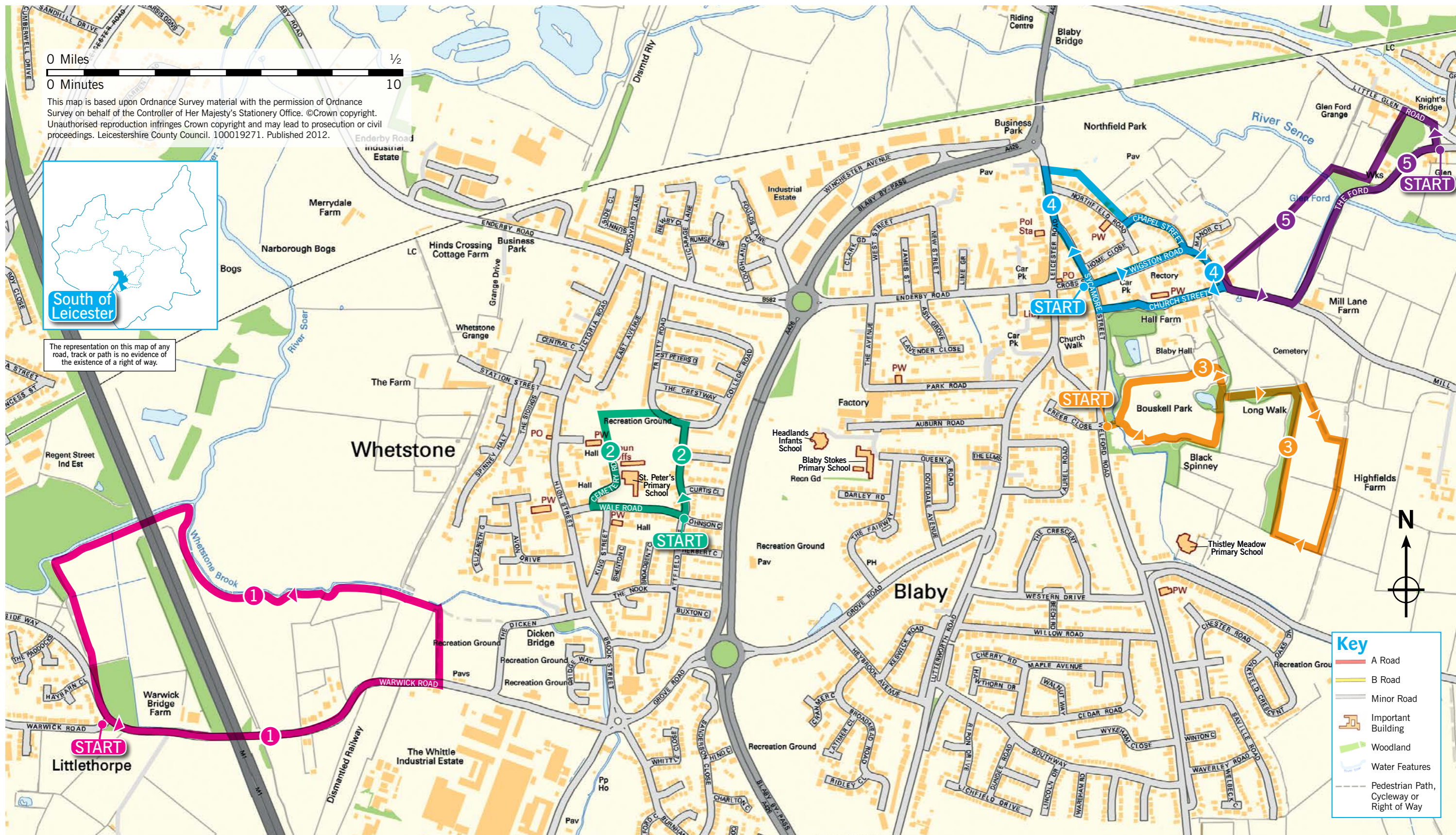
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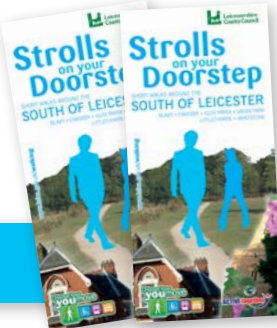


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**Littlethorpe / Whetstone Brook** 30-40 minutes Moderate 1

A surprisingly rural walk along Whetstone Brook

Start where **Riverside Way** meets **Warwick Road** and follow the roadside path and cycleway as it leads out of Littlethorpe under the motorway bridge towards Whetstone. When you reach the **recreation ground** on the left take the footpath over it up to the brook. Turn left going under the disused railway, and follow the footpath straight ahead keeping the brook on your right at all times, pass under the motorway and then round to the left and continue ahead until the footpath leads out onto **Riverside Way**. Turn left to follow the road until your starting point.



  WHETSTONE

2.4km | 1.5mile | 3230 steps  
mostly flat with some slight slopes  
gates on public rights of way  
Boots required

**Whetstone Recreation** 10-15 minutes Easy 2

A short walk taking in the local recreation ground and St. Peter's Church

Starting at the corner of **Wale Road** and **Attfield Drive**, follow the latter north to its junction with **Trinity Road** then turn left. Take the first surfaced path on your left through the recreation ground towards the **church**, then turn left down the jitty (alley) past the Parish Council Offices and onto **Cemetery Road**. At the end turn left onto **Wale Road** and back to your starting point.


  WHETSTONE

770m | 0.5mile | 1050 steps  
flat / surfaced  
one gate  
Benches within recreation ground  
Pushchair friendly  
Play area on route

**Bouskell Park and Long Walk** 25-35 minutes (long) 10-15 minutes (short) Easy 3

Bouskell Park is old Victorian parkland with a pond and an ice house

Start at **Bouskell Park** car park off **Welford Road**, and follow the surfaced path around the perimeter of the park until reaching the signpost pointing along the **Long Walk** (for a shorter walk continue to follow the perimeter path back to your starting point). Follow the path through the trees until a wooden kissing gate. Go through the gate and turn right onto a footpath, then right again onto a **surfaced bridleway**. Next, on the right take the field edge path marked by yellow topped Waymark posts, which leads into **Long Walk**. Turn right and follow the path through the trees, going left just before the wooden kissing gate and retracing your steps back to **Bouskell Park** where you continue along the perimeter path back to your starting point.

  WHETSTONE

2km | 1.2mile | 2670 steps (long) 755m | 0.5mile | 1010 steps (short)  
flat / surfaced  
gates only  
Benches within Bouskell Park  
Pushchair friendly some rough ground on longer route

**Northfield Park** 15-20 minutes (long) 10-15 minutes (short) Easy 4

Opened in 1931, Northfield Park is the oldest of Blaby's Parks

Starting at the junction of **Wigston Road** and **Sycamore Street** for the short walk go along **Wigston Road** as it bends to the right until the junction with **Church Street** on the right. Follow this quiet lane (be careful as some of the road has no pedestrian footway) then turn right onto **Sycamore Street** and back to your starting point.

For a longer walk follow **Sycamore Street** north towards and then onto **Leicester Road**. After passing **Northfield Road** you come to the entrance into **Northfield Park**. Follow the surfaced path past the play area and out onto **Chapel Street**. Turn left and follow it as it bears round to join **Wigston Road**. Turn left and follow it to the junction right with **Church Street**, then follow this lane (be careful as some of the road has no footway). Turn right onto **Sycamore Road** and back to your starting point.


 BLABY

1.2km | 0.7mile | 1600 steps (long) 680m | 0.4mile | 900 steps (short)  
some slight gradient / surfaced  
Benches in park  
Pushchair friendly  
Play area in park  
Toilets in park  
Public house on short route

**Mill Lane Ford** 20-30 minutes Moderate 5

The moat field contains more than 50 species of wild flowers and grasses

Starting outside the Glen Parva Manor public house on the junction of **Little Glen Road** and the road called **The Ford**, walk west along **Little Glen Road** for a short distance and then follow the signposted public footpath along an enclosed jitty (alley) until you reach a yellow topped Waymark post. Turn right and follow the footpath, across the river and fields, until it comes out onto **Wigston Road**. Turn left and follow the road as it bears left, then continue to follow **Mill Lane** (note there is no pedestrian footway). Take the first road on your left (**The Ford**), over the footbridge and back to your starting point.

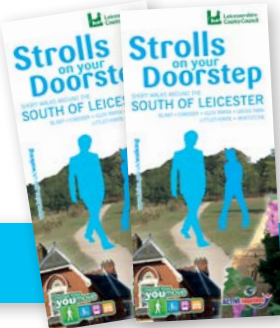
 GLEN PARVA / BLABY

1.4km | 0.8mile | 1910 steps  
surfaced and un-surfaced with some gentle slopes  
Benches in picnic area by moat  
Boots required  
Public house on route

### Key to symbols

- minutes Time
- Difficulty
- Distance
- Surface / gradient
- Barriers
- Benches
- Pushchair friendly
- Wheelchair friendly
- Boots required
- Play area
- Toilets
- Public House





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### Whistle Way

Follows an old freight branch of the Leicester - Nuneaton railway line

40 minutes - 1 hour 20 minutes

Advanced

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Start on **Coleridge Drive** between houses numbered 177 and 179 and follow the public footpath to meet **Whistle Way** in a cutting. Continue up the slope on the opposite side and, at the top, then turn left and follow the public footpath (marked by yellow topped posts) down the left edge of the field parallel to **Whistle Way**. Continue to follow the public footpath across **Forest Road** passing Hardwicke Lodge Farm. Keep on for just under a mile until you meet a **public bridleway** then turn sharp left to follow this. Just before the bridleway becomes a surfaced road, on the right take the public footpath and follow this until it meets **Whistle Way**. Turn left and follow the dismantled railway to the point you first came onto **Whistle Way**. Turn right and back up the side of the cutting to your starting point on **Coleridge Drive**.

ENDERBY



3.76km | 2.3mile  
5020 steps

unsurfaced / some slopes

stiles & gates

Boots required



### Enderby Village

A walk passing some of the historic buildings of Enderby

10-15 minutes

Easy

7

Beginning at the junction of **High Street** and **Cross Street**, follow the latter towards the village centre. Turn right onto **Brook Street** then continue ahead onto **Alexander Avenue**. After a short distance take the surfaced jitty (alley) on your left. At the end cross the road and go along **Shortridge Lane**, then turn left into **King Street**. Follow this then turn left onto **Cross Street** and then first right onto **Broad Street**. At the end go left, along **Blaby Road**, then left again onto **High Street** and back to your starting point.

ENDERBY



1km | 0.6mile  
1340 steps

surfaced / some slopes

Pushchair friendly

Wheelchair friendly

Public house on route



### Grove Park

The pond covers part of the Fosse Way Roman Road

25-35 minutes

Moderate

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Start at the roundabout joining **Penman Way** and **Smith Way**, turn left to follow the latter. When you reach the **public footpath signpost** on your left follow it to go around the perimeter of the **pond** and out through a kissing gate on the opposite side to continue along the **path / cycle route**. Cross **Penman Way**, continue towards **New Spinney** woodland. Go through the kissing gate on your left (though it says Private you may use this path with the kind permission of Grove Park management). Continue through the spinney following the well trodden path, and out past the field gate onto **Smith Way** adjacent to the Hotel, turn left to follow the road back to your starting point.

GROVE PARK



1.5km | 0.95mile  
2140 steps

flat / surfaced - one small section of un-surfaced

two kissing gates

Benches



### Jubilee Parkland

A stroll round some local parkland on the River Soar flood meadows, opened to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee

10-15 minutes

Moderate

9

Either begin in the designated car park off **Blaby Road**, or using the link path between 9 and 11 **Aldeby Close**. Walk into the park then around the perimeter and back to your starting point. (stout shoes recommended as the ground can become water logged)



ENDERBY

1.2km | 0.7mile  
1600 steps

flat un-surfaced

Benches

Play area available

Boots required



### Glen Parva Canal

Taking in part of the Grand Union Canal which was once one of the main routes from the Midlands to London

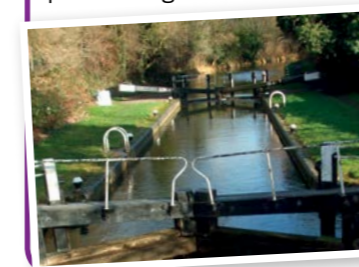
40-60 minutes

Advanced

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Starting at the junction of **Needham Avenue** and **Cork Lane** continue north on the latter to the junction with **West View Avenue**. Continue straight ahead following the surfaced public **bridleway/cycle route** through the recreation ground passing the playground on your left. On reaching the far side of the recreation ground turn left and follow the perimeter of the park until the gate in the top left corner where you go into **Aylestone Holt**. Follow the surfaced path through the woodland until it leads out onto the cycle track (which is part of National Cycle Network route 6).

GLEN PARVA



Cross straight over and follow the path on the opposite side and down to the **canal**. Cross the bridge then immediately turn left onto the **canal tow path**, and follow this for approximately 1.5miles as it bends round to the left. At **Whetstone Lane bridge** (No.99) take the steps on your right up to the canal bridge, and turn left over it. Follow the **bridleway / cycle route** uphill onto **Cork Lane** and back to your starting point.

3.4km | 2mile  
4490 steps

some slight gradient / mostly surfaced

Play area on route

Boots required

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