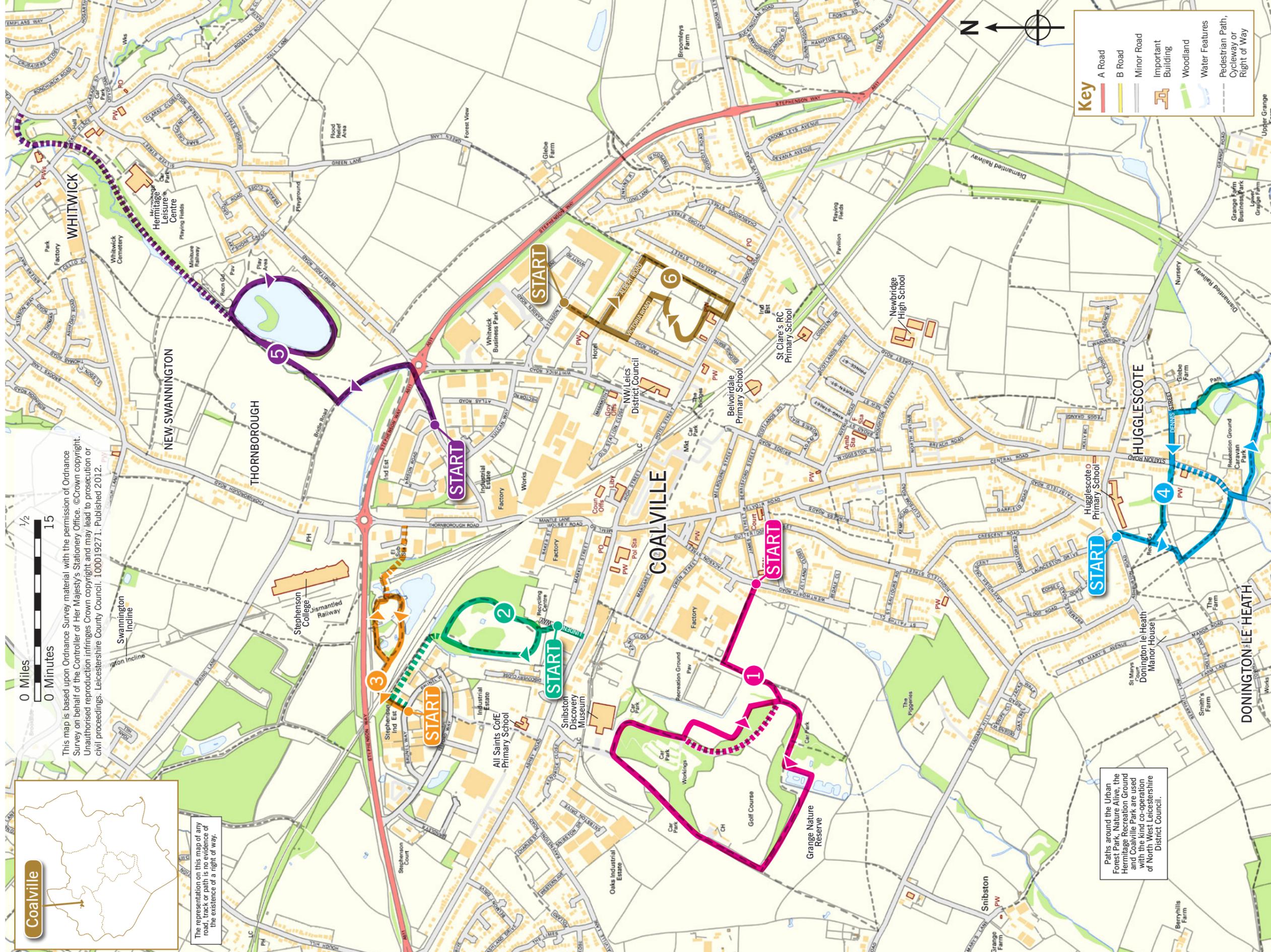




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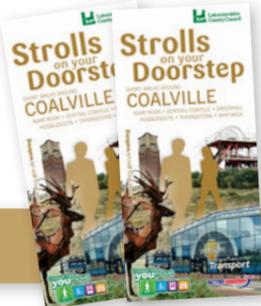
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Key	
	A Road
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	Minor Road
	Important Building
	Woodland
	Water Features
	Pedestrian Path, Cycleway or Right of Way

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Snibston Country Park 1 hour Easy 1

A Country Park on your doorstep with views over the town

Where **Jackson Street** becomes **Wentworth Road**, opposite the link to **James Street**, take the path to the allotment gardens. Turn left on to the bridleway (right leads to **Owen Street**), and then go right through a gateway into the Country Park. At the main tarmac driveway turn left and follow the road downhill all the way to the fishing lakes. At the National Forest noticeboard turn left, taking the path by the Carp Lake on your right. Turn right again as the second lake comes in to view, go between the two lakes and through the kissing gate. Follow the stony path gently uphill to a signposted cycleway junction, turn right towards the museum. Keep going straight on all the way to the Country Park Information Board, (just before you reach the museum), where you turn right. Follow the tarmac drive climbing uphill you come to a wooden gate on the left, by a five-way signpost. Here you can either stay on the main drive until the bend in the road where you entered the park, or squeeze through a gap beside the gate, then walk to the edge of the embankment where you get striking views over **Coalville** and to **Bardon Hill**. Go right, following the top of the embankment, and then drop down very steeply (no steps) back to the track. Turn left back to the bridleway and then right to **Jackson Street** (or straight on to **Owen Street**).

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3km | 1.8mile | 4350 steps | Surfacted/ one steep grassy section which can be avoided/ gradual uphill | Benches on route | 2 kissing gates, 1 squeeze (can be avoided) | Toilets at Snibston Discovery Museum | Refreshments at Snibston Discovery Museum

Urban Forest Park 20-30 minutes Easy 2

A lunch time stretch for you and a play trail for the under 14s

From **Linden Way** a well surfaced path leads all the way around the edge of the **Urban Forest Park**. The park was created by one of the earliest regeneration projects in the National Forest. An information board tells you about the mining history of the area and the North West Leicestershire's Mining Heritage Trail. There are benches all the way around the park and plenty of opportunities for the children to play.

This park can be reached from the **Stephenson Industrial Estate** by following a sign-posted footpath from **Brunel Way**, ignoring the footbridge, then next to the railway taking the path to the right which comes out in the corner of the park.

COALVILLE



0.9km | 0.5miles | 1305 steps | 1.4km | 0.85miles | 2030 steps from Brunel Way | Flat/surfaced some parts can be wet and muddy | Wheelchair friendly | Pushchair friendly | Benches on route | Play area

Nature Alive - Local Wildlife Site 30-40 minutes Easy 3

Visit a wildlife oasis in an area steeped in industrial history

Start on **Brunel Way** taking the sign-posted footpath and climbing the wooden footbridge over the railway line. Follow the path until you reach a yellow-topped way marker post and from there, take the path to the left for a clockwise circuit. Follow the footpath in the same direction until you go under a brick arched railway bridge. Here the path takes you gradually down past old railway tracks and the buffers of what was once a busy siding for the local coal mines. The path comes out by **Thornborough Road** where you can pop in to the shops. Retrace your steps under the arched bridge and take the path going left. Go past a pond and benches and across a board walk (caution: rail on one side only) where you may see ducks, until you reach the waymark post once more. Keep going straight on over the stepped wooden bridge, back to **Brunel Way**.

COALVILLE



1km | 0.6miles | 1450 steps | Hard surfaced/ gradual uphill/ wooden bridge with steps from Brunel Way | Wheelchair friendly only from Thornborough Road | Pushchair friendly only from Thornborough Road | Benches on route

Hugglescote Circuit 45-50 minutes Moderate 4

Explore the many green spaces around Hugglescote

Start at the children's play area on **Ashburton Road** and go across the field following the tarmac path. Where the tarmac paths split, take the left fork with the railings and the white house in the distance (as shown in the picture on the left). This path takes you through to **Station Road**. (From here you can shorten the walk by turning left and following **Station Road** until you reach the footpath opposite **Dennis Street**). To continue, turn right and walk for a short way before carefully crossing the road into the recreation ground. Follow a stony path as far as the way marker post, and then take the path to the right alongside a brook. Cross a black wrought iron bridge and squeeze through the gap in the fence into a meadow where cattle may be grazing. Bear left beside the stream, over a footbridge, through a kissing gate and over another black wrought iron bridge. The path is now enclosed at the field edge until you reach another kissing gate followed by four steps, taking you past a small graveyard and out on to **Dennis Street**. Turn left. When you reach **Station Road** carefully cross and follow the tarmac path straight ahead. Cross the recreation ground back to **Ashburton Road**.

HUGGLESCOTE



2km | 1.25miles | 2900 steps (long route) | 1.1km | 0.7miles | 1595 steps (short route) | Short route good surfaces/ long route field can be muddy and 4 steps | 3 kissing gates, 2 squeeze stiles | Play area | Boots required on long route

Disused Railway Line and Hermitage Recreation Ground 30 minutes Easy 5

Leafy tracks and waterside paths near the heart of Coaville

On **Comet Way**, starting at the junction with **Samson Road**, take the path ahead towards Stephenson Way. At the roundabout cross the road and, on your left, take the signposted **Bosworth Trail Cycle Route 52**. Follow the track until you reach a wooden marker post. Turn right, keeping to Route 52 now on an old railway line path. You will soon see the lake on your right. Follow the narrow path clockwise around the lake, along the wooded shoreline. (Keep a close eye on children by the waterside). Complete your circuit of the lake until, near the lifebelt, you cut across the grass to reach the railway line path again and retrace your route to the start.

This walk can be extended to **Whitwick** along the disused railway line, finishing near **St John the Baptist's Church** and **Castle Hill**.

COALVILLE - WHITWICK



2km | 1.25miles | 2900 steps | 3km | 1.9miles (extended route) | Flat with good surfaces on old railway line/ route around lake narrow but well trodden | Old railway line is pushchair friendly | Benches on route | Play area

Coalville Park 20-30 minutes Easy 6

Take some fresh air in the park amongst trees and flower beds.

From midway along **Stenson Road** take the signed public footpath to **Albert Road** and turn left following the road all the way to the end. Turn right and follow the path all the way to **London Road** where you turn right and then it is a short distance to the entrance to the park. Once in the park, follow the path in a clockwise direction enjoying the wide variety of trees and themed flower beds. Pass the memorial (dedicated in 1899) and continue to your left to reach a path taking you out of the park across the recreation ground and on to **Victoria Road**. At the end of **Victoria Road** turn right on to **Park Road**, at the next junction you will find the path back to **Stenson Road** is immediately opposite.

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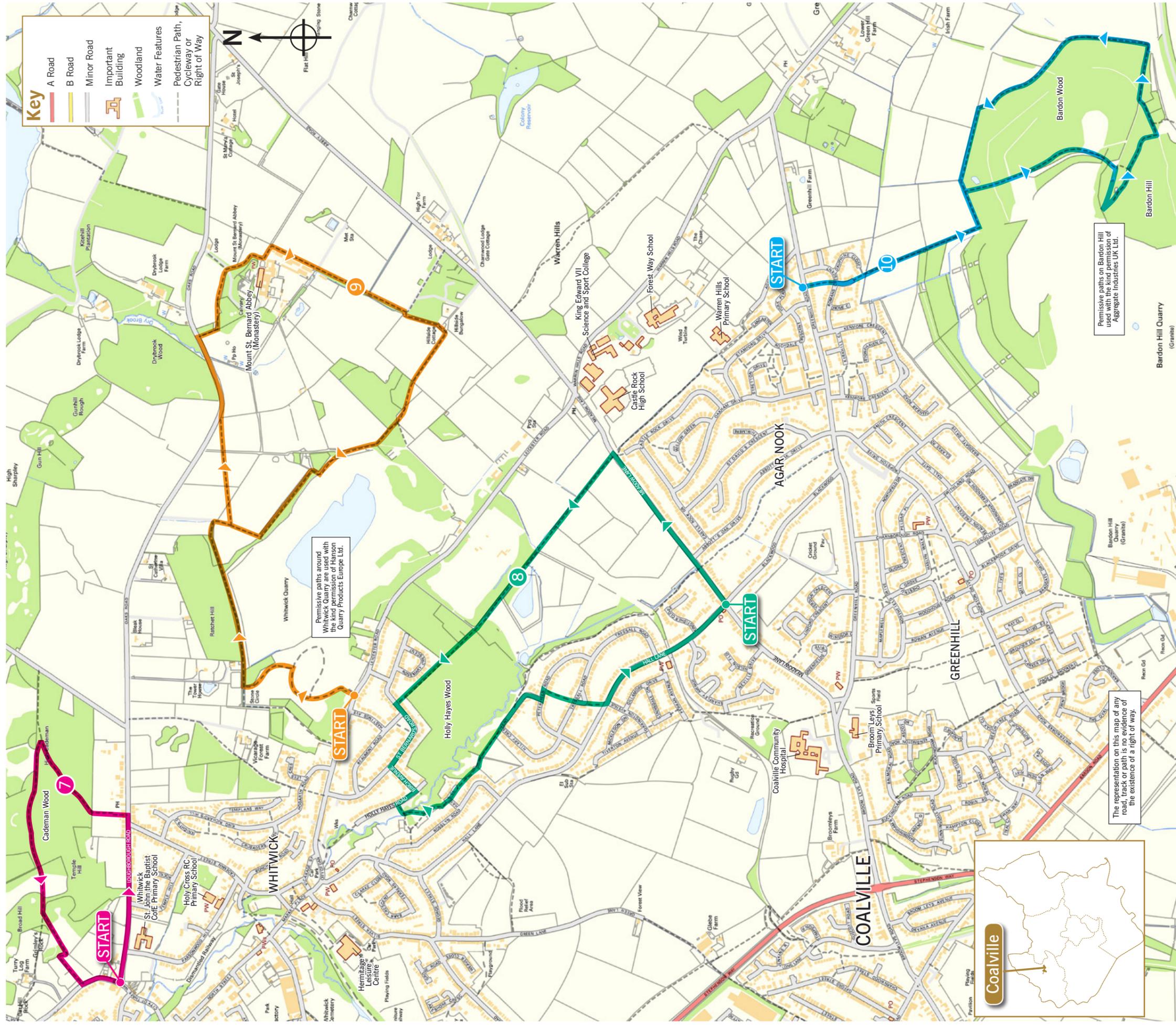
1.4km | 0.85miles | 2030 steps | Flat / surfaced | Wheelchair friendly | Pushchair friendly | Benches on route | Play area in park | Toilets in park. Mon-Fri 12-4pm, weekends 7.30am-4pm

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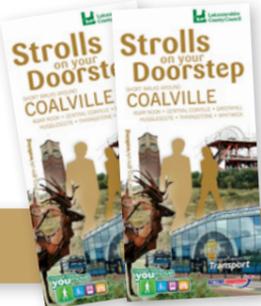
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Cademan Wood
A short exploration on the edge of Charnwood Forest

1 hour Moderate 7



Start by walking along **Loughborough Road** from its junction with the road named **City of Three Waters**. Take the narrow sign-posted footpath on your left between houses numbered 121 and 127, just before you reach the Man with Compass pub. Cross over the wall into the wood and bear right. Continue steeply up the hill and then straight ahead following the yellow way markers until you reach the foot of a tall rocky outcrop (illustrated left). Skirt the rocks, keeping them to your right. Beyond the rocks turn sharp left along the main path keeping the dry stone wall on your right. This is a section of the **Ivanhoe Way** walking route, through mixed woodland and rocky outcrops typical of Charnwood Forest. Pause to take in the view of **Breedon Hill** over to your right. Cross over another wall and start to make your way down through the trees. At the junction of paths, shortly after a way marker post, take the footpath on the left. Follow the edge of the wood back down hill and, at the road, turn left to return to the **City of Three Waters**.

2.1km | 1.3miles
3045 steps

Moderate uphill, can be rough underfoot with tree roots but well trodden

Boots required Public House

WHITWICK - THRINGSTONE

Mount St. Bernard Abbey
A country walk on the edge of town

2 hours Advanced 9



Start at the kissing gate on **Leicester Road** by the ARC Information Board. Follow a stoned path uphill through the woodland until you reach a stone circle. From where you first enter the stone circle, count three stones clockwise and take the path on your left downhill. Cross straight over another small stone circle to a kissing gate, go through and turn right. Follow the dry stone wall to its end and then turn sharp right. Take the next path on your left, sign-posted from a gap in the wall where you have a good view of the **Abbey** ahead. A clear path takes you to the road where you turn right. Take care on the narrow verge until you reach a sign marking a public footpath on your right. Go through a gap in the wall and up through some trees. Turn left up a step and skirt the field to the **Abbey** driveway. Follow the drive sign-posted towards the Church, Car Park and Shop. To continue, the path leaves the car park in the corner by the toilets and follows the farm track past the cattle sheds. Keep going straight ahead until you reach a junction where you bear slightly right and continue to **Hillside Cottage**, then, squeeze through a gap in the wall where you can look back at the **Abbey** now below you. Follow the fenced path, admiring views on either side until you reach the wood. Take the right-hand path through a gap in the wall and begin to climb up again by the side of the quarry, keeping to the sign-posted path. The path takes a sharp turn right, back down to the path you will recognise from your outward journey. Retrace your steps back to **Leicester Road**.

5.5km | 3.4miles
7970 steps

Moderate uphill, good paths with some field sections

Picnic benches at the Abbey

3 kissing gates, 2 stiles, some single steps

Boots required Toilets at Mount St Bernard Abbey

WHITWICK

Meadow Lane to Holly Hayes
A pleasant and varied walk past woodland on your doorstep

1 hour Moderate 8



Start at the crossroads of the streets **Blackwood, Meadow Lane** and **Hall Lane** where there are a number of local shops. Walk up **Meadow Lane** all the way to the campus of **King Edward VII** and **Castle Rock** schools. Look out on your left for the signpost for **Ivanhoe Way**, a bridleway leading to **Whitwick**. Turn left on to the bridleway and follow this all the way to **St Bernard's Road** in **Whitwick**. This path takes you through part of **Holly Hayes Wood**, where there are numerous paths worth exploring. Turn left at **St Bernard's Road**, follow the road and turn left again into **Birch Avenue**. Then, at the next junction, turn right onto **Holly Hayes Road** where you will see a footpath sign on the left ahead. Take this path, going over a small bridge and take the grassy path on your left up hill. The path takes you to a stile and out onto **Hayes Close**. Go straight ahead to house number 9, where the footpath re-starts and continues behind the houses. Keep straight ahead, skirting a play area and continue in the same direction along **Hilary Crescent** which then bears right. Turn left onto **Peterfield Road**, cross the road, then between houses 17 and 19 take the path through to **Tressall Road**. Cross the road and continue ahead and, between houses 20b and 22, take the footpath to **Hall Lane** where you come out by The Lady Jane pub. Turn left along **Hall Lane** to make your way back to the starting point.

4km | 2.5miles
5795 steps

Generally flat, one short steep up hill section, mostly surfaced with a 0.5km grassy stretch

1 stile, 1 kissing gate

Swings off Hilary Crescent

Boots required Public House

COALVILLE - WHITWICK

Bardon Hill
A refreshing walk to the highest point in Leicestershire

1 hour Advanced 10



On **Greenhill Road** between numbers 172 and 174 take the footpath sign-posted **Ivanhoe Way**, cross **Romans Crescent** and go along **Vercor Close** to the kissing gate at the brook. Keep to the main path and, when you enter **Bardon Hill Wood**, turn left. Pass a large yellow rock (illustrated left) and then turn right through a gap by a gate to start your climb up through a mature pine forest. This section of the walk is steep but there are benches along the way. It will take you about 15 minutes to reach the top. As you reach the top enjoy the view but take care with children and do not cross any quarry fences or barriers. Go through the kissing gate and then you have a choice. To reach the summit and view the information board, bear right past the mast on an indistinct path over rocks, otherwise to go downhill, take the path slightly to your left. **Bardon Quarry** and the industrial estate dominate the foreground. Returning from the summit point, find the footpath in front of the mast and follow the path downhill, crossing one stile before you reach a track. At the track the **Ivanhoe Way** goes straight on but turn left, and then bear right at the next way marker post. Just before the wide quarry track, squeeze through a gap in the fence on the left and follow the track all the way back, past the yellow rock and onto **Greenhill Road**.

4km | 2.5miles
5795 steps

Moderate/steep uphill, good paths but can be rough underfoot, rocky summit

Benches on route

2 kissing gates, 1 squeeze (avoidable)

Boots required

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