



Local Walks

AROUND HARBY



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Harby, in the Vale of Belvoir, is edged by a quiet canal and watched-over by the hills of the Belvoir escarpment.

The place is first recorded in the Domesday Book as 'Herdebi', meaning 'a collection of farms'.

The historic church of St Mary the Virgin on the northern side of the village, is located on the highest ground, offering panoramic views north, towards Langar and the airfield, and east along the escarpment slope towards Belvoir Castle - which can be seen on a clear day.

START: Car Park, Village Hall, School Lane, Harby, LE14 4BZ
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PARKING: Free next to Village Hall, near Nether Street/Langar Lane junction.

GETTING THERE:

Plan your journey on foot, by bike, public transport or car by visiting www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk or calling Traveline on **0871 200 22 33** (charges apply) for the latest public transport information.

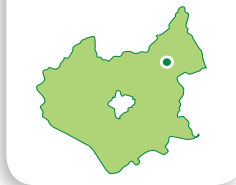
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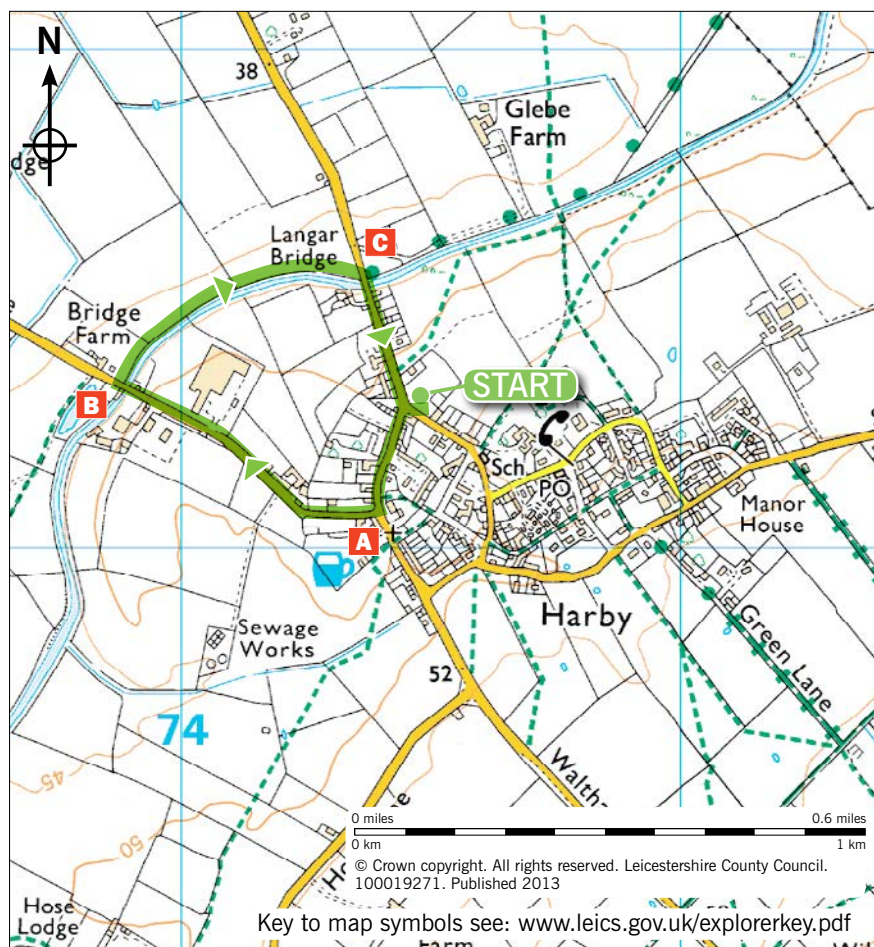
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Walk 1: A very easy canal and roadside stroll all on firm surfaces so suits wheelchairs etc.

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From the car park, turn right then left along Nether Street.

A. When you reach the Nags Head pub cross the road and follow Colston Lane out of the village. Initially there is a roadside path on the left. When this ends, cross over to the right hand side of the road there is a wide verge but for 350 metres there is no surfaced path so be careful of traffic.

B. At the Grantham Canal bridge turn right onto the surfaced towpath.

C. Continue until Bridge 43 then turn right onto Langar Lane. Go back into Harby and, opposite the garage (which is the village café and Post Office), turn left for the village hall.

The 33 mile Grantham Canal runs from the River Trent at Nottingham along the Vale of Belvoir to Grantham, with Harby about halfway. It opened in 1794 and closed in 1929 to commercial trade. Since closure flat bridges have replaced the traditional humped canal bridge in several places. The waterway is now an attractive green corridor enjoyed by walkers and cyclists and rich in wildlife. You may see numerous waterfowl and, in summer, pike on the canal stretch. At the Langar Lane bridge 43 there is a picnic table.



Walks for All



30 minutes



1.7km
1.1 miles



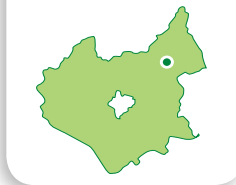
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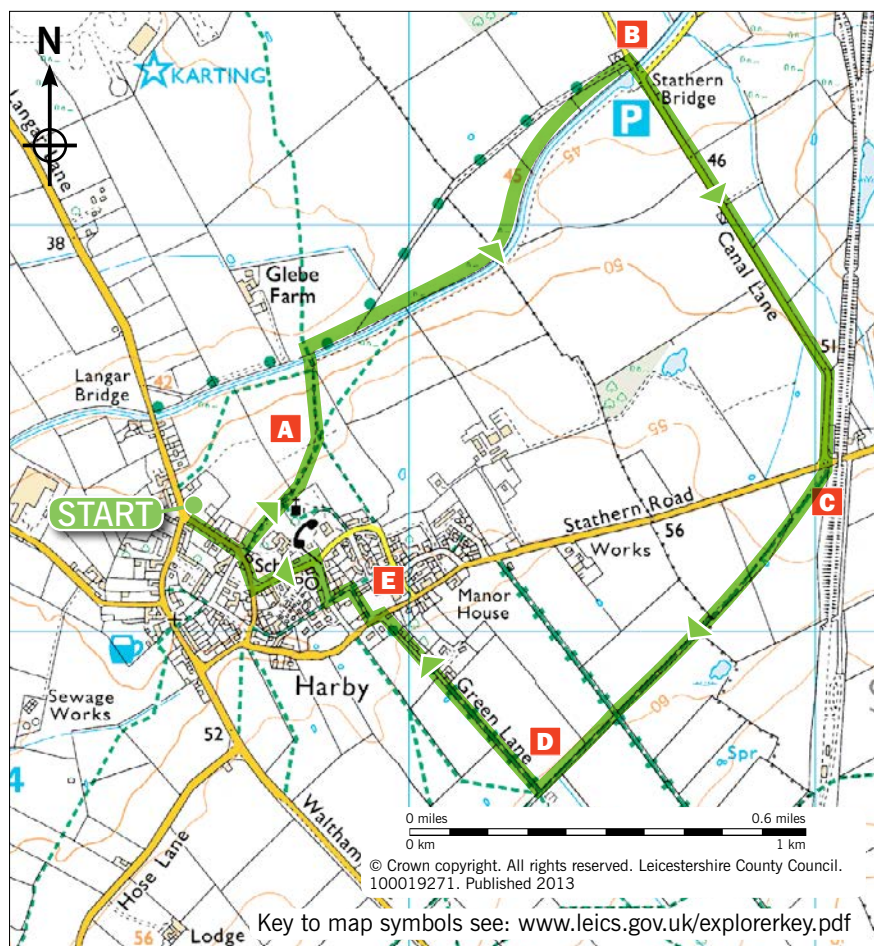
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Walk 2: A varied walk via the village's old heart, a canal-side tea room, and a tree-lined track.

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Turn left out of the car park and go past the village hall. At the war memorial go left and head along the path and driveway towards St. Mary's parish church. Outside the churchyard gates take the metal footpath gate at your left, into the field, and then turn right and continue ahead.

A. After the next gate, angle diagonally left to the yellow-topped waymark post in the centre of the field then, angling left again, follow the path downhill to the right hand corner of the field. After the gate, cross the canal and turn right along the towpath.

B. At Bridge 45 leave the towpath and go onto Canal Lane. You can divert left here for the nearby Dove Cottage Hospice cafe (open most days mid-morning to mid-afternoon). Otherwise go right, over the bridge and at the road junction head straight on for about half a mile until reaching the T-junction with Stathern Lane.

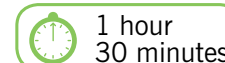
C. Cross the main road and, at the bridleway sign, enter the field opposite and walk diagonally right. Head for where the hedge bends to follow the electric power line on 'telegraph' poles. Pass through the hedge at the bend then walk ahead, keeping the hedge on your left. Go through two gates and into the tree-lined bridleway. Cross the first byway, marked by red arrows on the yellow marker post.

D. At the next junction of paths take a right turn into the second byway, which then leads straight onto Green Lane.

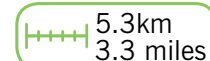
E. On reaching Stathern Lane cross the road and, almost opposite, go up the narrow surfaced path signed as Greggs Lane. At the T-junction turn left onto 'Gas Walk' (another surfaced path) then turn right at the next road, Dickmans Lane. At the end go left into Burden Lane. At the next junction turn right into School Lane, past the village sign and school and back to the village hall.



Easy



1 hour
30 minutes



5.3km
3.3 miles



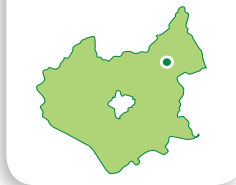
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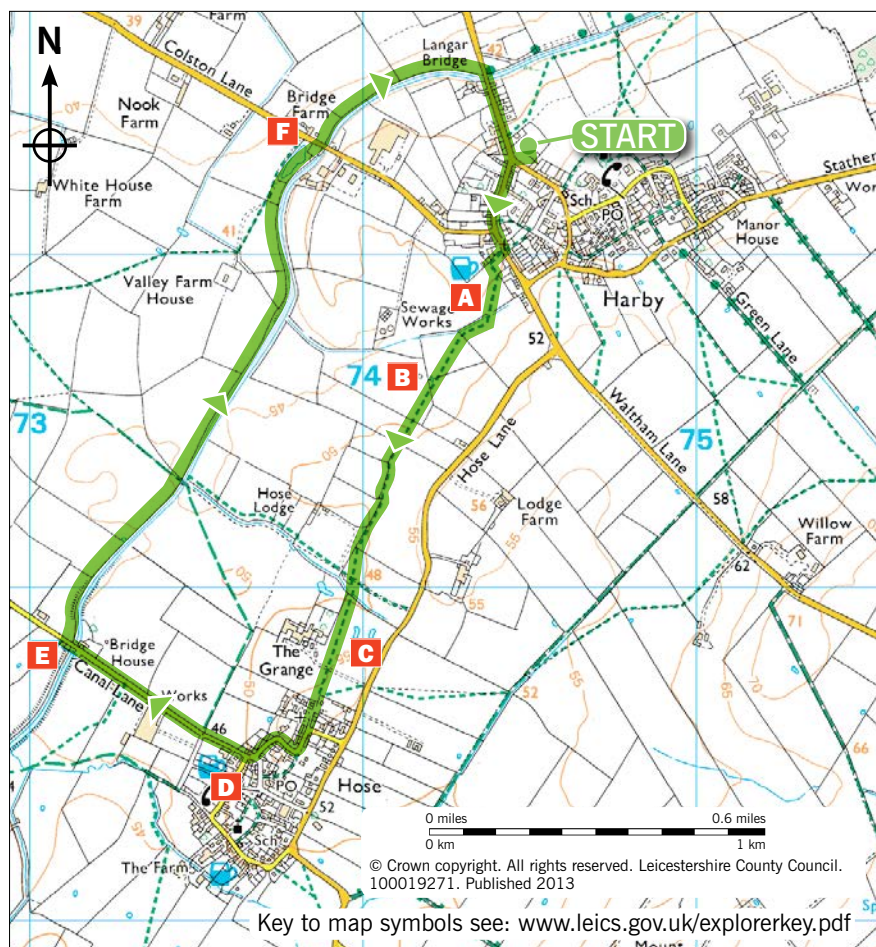
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Walk 3: A walk of two halves – across a patchwork of fields then back along the canal.

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From the car park, turn right then left along Nether Street which becomes Main Street. Go past the Nags Head pub and Colston Lane then, opposite the Valley Christian Centre chapel, take the signposted narrow footpath to the right of 17 Main Street (avoid the private drive next to it).

A. Behind the houses cross two stiles, then go diagonally right to the far corner and a narrow footbridge. Turn right alongside the hedge. At the next stile, go diagonally left to a stile near the furthest corner. Continue in the same direction across the corner of the next field – the next stile may be hidden in the hedge.

B. Cross the next large field angling diagonally left; head for the stile in front of two large trees. Hose village is now visible ahead. Keep straight on with the hedge to your right. After the next stile your path bears slightly left across the field.

C. In the next field the path gradually diverges left away from the hedge. Look at the houses ahead and keep aiming for the gap between the house with white windows upstairs, and a long bungalow to the left of it. Continue ahead onto Chapel Lane, and follow the road as it bends first right then left.

D. At the Hose village sign take the road to the right (For the Rose & Crown pub turn left into Bolton Lane). Otherwise continue along the road out of the village, past the community orchard, until you reach the canal.

E. Turn right onto the towpath. After bridge 40 ahead is Harby windmill; the top was removed in 1940 to give clearance for heavily laden bombers landing at Langar airfield, now home to the British Parachute School.

F. At Colston Lane cross and continue on the towpath. At Bridge 43 turn right onto Langar Lane back into Harby village, turning left opposite the garage.

Moderate

1 hour
45 minutes

5.4km
3.4 miles

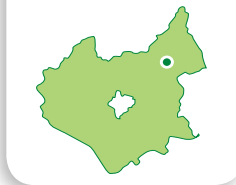
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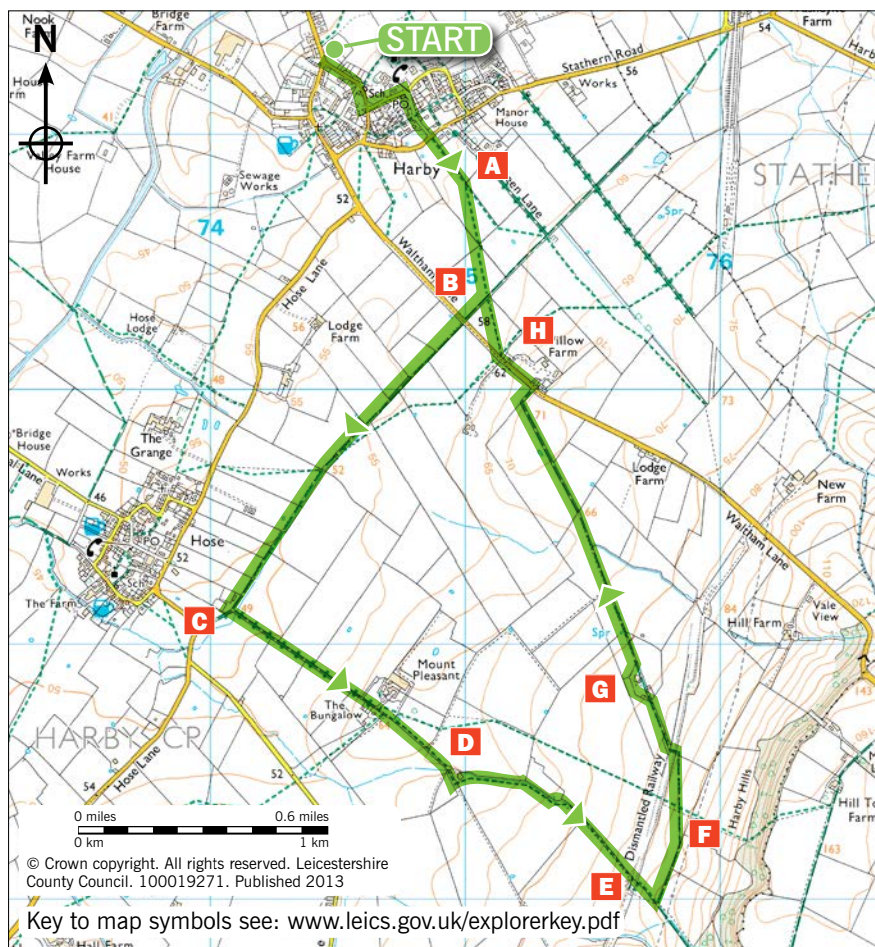
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Walk 4: A longer walk gently climbing to higher ground for views across the vale.

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Go left out of the car park and past the primary school and the village sign, then turn left onto Burden Lane. Take the second turn right into Dickmans Lane. At the end cross to the stile opposite. Enter the field following the left hedge.

A. At the next gate, two paths diverge, angle right to the right-hand yellow topped waymark post. After the stile turn right, through a gateway, then go diagonally left to the stile beside a 'telegraph' pole.

B. Turn right onto the grassy track. At the road continue straight ahead keeping the ditch and hedge on your left.

C. Behind the tennis club turn left onto the tarmac byway. Pass the pony farm and continue straight ahead on the stony lane up to a group of barns.

D. Halfway past the barns, turn left off the track; the footpath twists right then left skirting the barns. Now follow the left hand hedge, until a clearing on the route of an old railway.

E. Go straight across and up the bank opposite. Cross the stile then uphill to the right hand field corner and over the stile. Turn sharp left following the left hedge; continue ahead into the next field until a bridge gate on your left between tall posts

F. Go through the gate then go diagonally right towards the hedge. Ignore the stile opposite (another path that invisibly crosses this one) but go further right, to a second waymark post and a bridge gate. Cross the bridge and follow the track and right hand hedge.

G. Approaching a brick house and outbuildings the path now goes left following the hedge until you join a stony lane. Turn left and follow the lane to the public road. Cross the road and go left on the verge downhill.

H. On the right, after R-E-S Tractors at Willow Farm, cross the footbridge and stile, and take the left hand path diagonally through several paddocks to the opposite corner near a 'telegraph' pole. Cross over the track and into the field opposite. Now retrace your outward route from **B**.



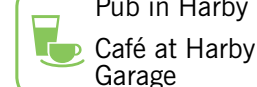
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3 hours



8.9km
5.6 miles



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