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A choice of 3 walks starting from the pack horse bridge takes in the countryside surrounding this ancient settlement.

Within easy reach of both Leicester and Melton these walks surround Rearsby, a village of Danish origin established in the 9th century. When you have a 'by' at the end of a name it means farm or dwelling. Humble beginnings are belied by the imposing presence of St Michael and All Angels over the houses below, a church which dates back to the 13th Century.

START: Pack Horse Bridge, Mill Road, Rearsby, LE7 4YN Ordnance Survey: Grid Ref: 46507 31449 - Explorer Map 246 **PARKING:** Mill Road near to the pack horse bridge

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.

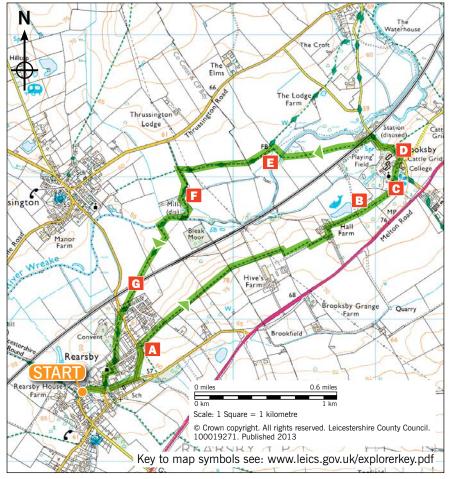
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Walk 1: This lovely walk towards Brooksby and Thrussington Mill takes in relatively flat walking with some gentle inclines.

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From the bridge walk along Brookside with brook on left pass the school on your right. Turn left into Station Rd. At the bridge with metal rails cross over road and follow footway up hill.

A. Opposite Church Leys Avenue turn right onto the footpath towards Brooksby. At the head of a surfaced lane keep to the right of the house (No24) and continue straight ahead with hedge to right.

Across three fields and then join a track beneath power lines, stable buildings to right. Follow track through farm yard then pass fishing lakes to left.

B. At road bend and with church spire ahead, cross stile, over fields following waymarkers into Brooksby College.

C. Keeping the church and the main buildings to left, follow left hand drive until reaching road.

D. Turn left, follow the road downhill and immediately before the level crossing turn left through a gateway. Walk for about 100 metres with railway to right and then turn right to cross railway. After crossing, bear left and walk diagonally across field towards trees, keeping the river on right until you reach the

waymarker at the kissing gate. Take the new bridge over the River Wreake and after crossing a ditch turn left. Note: avoid the old brick bridge, still in place beyond, but it's dangerous.

E. Keeping the hedge to right follow the footpath over fields. After passing beneath power lines you reach a lane, turn left. Follow lane until Thrussington Mill.

F. With buildings to right, pass through yard and take bridge over mill race. Follow footpath to brick built bridge to cross the river once again. The footpath continues along the river (on right) for 175m before you take a 90 degree left turn along the headland, over three fields.

G. Rearsby village, now in view, cross railway turn slightly right and walk diagonally across a paddock to stile at houses. Pass between houses (Wreake Dr.), turn right and continue until Station Road junction. Cross the road and turn left onto footpath with railings into paddock, Convent on right. At another kissing gate walk between houses, reaching Church Leys Avenue, right and follow footpath around church to right. At church gates turn left into Church Lane. back to seven arch bridge.



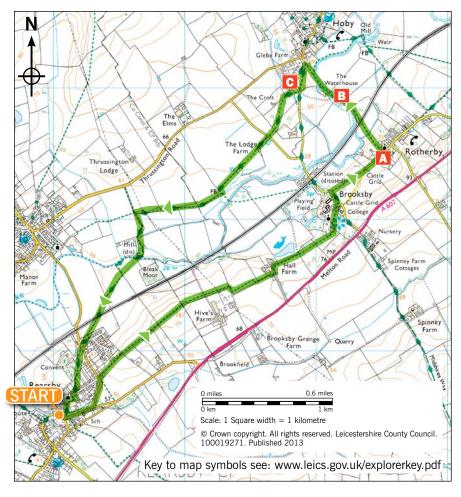
The Horse and Groom and The Blue Lion Pubs in Rearsby. The Star Inn 1744 Restaurant in Thrussington.



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Walk 2: Explore more tranquil Wreake riverbanks to Hoby as you take in a typical slice of rural Leicestershire life.

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Follow the directions for Walk 1 to Point D. Turn right and almost immediately left over cattle grid, take the field road to Rotherby. Once there continue along Main Street towards the church.

A. At churchyard corner turn left through gate onto footpath. Follow through meadow, cross the raised wooden section to stile into next field. This leads to the railway. Cross railway and continue with river on left.

B. After 300 metres, cross a brick bridge and turn immediately right. Follow riverside path to the right of house. Continue straight ahead uphill towards Hoby village and road. For an optional diversion to the pub - turn right. Otherwise, turn left and follow pavement to children's play area. Just beyond go through kissing gate and cross football field. After 30 metres pass through second kissing gate and over a low bridge.

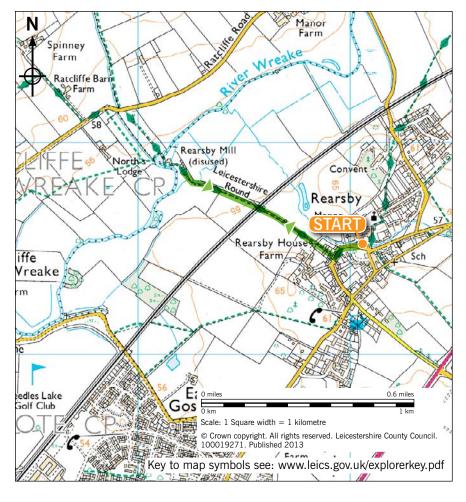
C. Follow a line of trees straight ahead 100metres and then half left towards another group in far corner. Go through gate and then on to another, heading towards road. Cross road and take the drive opposite, to Lodge Farm. Keep along the right hand boundary of the farm garden, continue straight across field. Cross stile, looking out for a brick arched bridge to left. When you are level with the bridge you meet the path coming from Brooksby. (Point E). Continue on Walk 1 to Rearsby





Walk 3: A shorter excursion to Rearsby Mill takes you back in time to local industry.

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From the packhorse bridge walk Mill Road with the brook to right. At the preacher's stone turn right down farm track. Still with the brook to right, walk to the railway line and cross using the marked crossing. Continue down the footpath until you reach the paddock, cross that to Rearsby Mill. Return by same route.

