Strolls on your Doorstep

SHORT WALKS AROUND 
South of Leicester
Blaby • Endersby • Glen Parva • Grove Park • Littlethorpe • Whetstone

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Key
- A Road
- B Road
- Minor Road
- Important Building
- Woodland
- Water Features
- Pedestrian Path, Cycleway or Right of Way
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**Northfield Park**

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.

**Bouskell Park and Long Walk**

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 signposted point 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 Recreation**

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.

**Littlethorpe / Whetstone Brook**

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.

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**Key to symbols**

- **Time**
- **Distance**
- **Surface / gradient**
- **Barriers**
- **Bench**
- **Wheelchair friendly**
- **Pushchair friendly**
- **Play area**
- **Toilets**
- **Public House**
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**Whistle Way**
Follows an old freight branch of the Leicester - Nuneaton railway line

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.

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

Either begin in the designated park car park off Blaby Road, or using the link path between 9 and 11 Aldenby 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)

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

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). Cross the bridge then immediately turn left onto the canal tow path, and follow this for approximately 1.5 miles 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.

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- **Distance**
- **Surface / gradient**
- **Bench**
- **Bottle**
- **Pub**
- **Play area**
- **Toilets**
- **Public House**
- **Difficulty**
- **Barrier**
- **Pushchair friendly**
- **Wheelchair friendly**
- **Play area**
- **Boots required**
- **Time**
- **Stile / gates**
- **Friendly**
- **Breaks available**
- **Bike area available**
- **Bench**
- **Play area**
- **Toilets**
- **Public House**