

THIS LEAFLET IS PART OF A SERIES OF WALKS THAT LINK THE MILKING PARLOUR WITH MELBOURNE, TICKNALL, STAUNTON HAROLD AND ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH AND BEYOND...

PATH TYPES - PROW (Public Rights of Way) and Permissive

All the walks in this leaflet are on *Public Rights of Way* which means that the surface of them is owned by the County Council. You can walk them 24/7.

Many of the paths in Calke Park and around the Reservoir and Staunton Harold Hall are permissive paths. Permission to use them is at the behest of the landowner. They can be closed at any time as several useful paths were closed in Calke in 2020/2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions.

THE MILKING PARLOUR, TOLLGATE BREWERY TAP

Opened on 4 July 2020, The Milking Parlour is Tollgate Brewery's taproom, set inside a rustic, former dairy shed overlooking the brewery itself. Located within the stunning surroundings of the National Trust's Calke Abbey estate.



The Milking Parlour offers ample outdoor drinking space with views of fields and the historic outbuildings of Southwood House dairy farm. Guests can enjoy a wide range of Tollgate cask and keg beers, wood-fired pizzas made with locally sourced ingredients, and bottle off-sales available in the shop. In case of rain, several covered and heated areas ensure your pint stays dry. Dogs are welcome, and there's an outdoor children's play area. Visit tollgatebrewery.co.uk/pubs for current opening hours.

SMARTPHONE APPS & OS MAPS

There are many useful walking apps. Komoot is free and uses open-source mapping (OS mapping can be purchased). The routes in this leaflet can be downloaded from Komoot or the Melbourne Footpaths Group website.

For a more detailed map please use *OS Explorer 245 - The National Forest*.



ACCESS BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND THEN ON FOOT

The Arriva 2 bus from Derby to Swadincote passes reasonably close to the brewery. From the Top Farm Ticknall bus stop, it is 1.1 miles walk along Staunton Lane. From Ticknall through Calke Park, along PROWs, it's 1.9 miles.

WALKS - THINGS TO CONSIDER...

WALKING GEAR — in a typical winter the footpaths can be rather muddy especially on the Ivanhoe Way and the path south of the junction of Heath Lane and Staunton Lane. You need proper footwear.

DISTANCE & TIMING

Expect to walk about 2.5 miles an hour.

CROSSING ROADS

Take great care at all road crossings. Some drivers are not expecting walkers!

Please follow...
The Countryside Code



RESPECT EVERYONE

Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside.

Leave gates and property as you find them.

Do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking.

Be nice, say hello, share the space.

Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Take your litter home — leave no trace of your visit.

Take care with BBQs and do not light fires.

Always keep dogs under control and in sight.

Dog poo — bag it and bin it — any public waste bin will do.

Care for nature — do not cause damage or disturbance.

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS

Check your route and local conditions.

Plan your adventure — know what to expect and what you can do.

Enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory.

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MILKING PARLOUR ROUTE #3

HARTSHORNE CIRCULAR



POINTS OF INTEREST

HARTSHORNE

Hartshorne is a picturesque village located in South Derbyshire, near the edge of the National Forest. Known for its charming countryside and historic character, the village boasts landmarks such as the 13th-century St. Peter's Church and the surrounding Hartshorne Woods, popular for walking and wildlife spotting.

Historically, the village was involved in agriculture and coal mining, but today it offers a peaceful retreat with scenic views, traditional pubs, and easy access to nearby towns like Swadlincote and Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Hartshorne is a perfect destination for those looking to explore rural Derbyshire and the evolving landscapes of the National Forest.

THE NATIONAL FOREST WAY

The National Forest Way is a scenic long-distance walking trail that stretches across the National Forest in central England. Spanning approximately 75 miles (120 kilometers), it connects the Staffordshire village of Burton upon Trent to the historic town of Ashby-de-la-Zouch in Leicestershire.

The trail winds through a diverse landscape of woodlands, meadows, and newly planted forests, showcasing the region's transformation from industrial coalfields to a vibrant, green landscape. Along the way, walkers can explore ancient woodlands, historic sites, picturesque villages, and wildlife habitats, making it a rich and immersive experience for nature enthusiasts and history lovers alike. The trail offers a unique glimpse into the UK's ambitious reforestation efforts and the beauty of its restored countryside.

DANIEL HAYES FARM

Daniel Hayes Farm is a historic site located in the National Forest, near Ashby-de-la-Zouch. It showcases the area's rich agricultural heritage and its connection to the local landscape. The farm is known for its contributions to conservation efforts, blending traditional farming with modern sustainability practices.

This historic arable and dairy farm dates back to 1200, with the current buildings dating back as far as the 1600s. The farmhouse is Grade II listed. The land the farm now sits on was settled by Angles and Saxons and then by the Vikings and allies who conquered the Saxons in around 800AD.

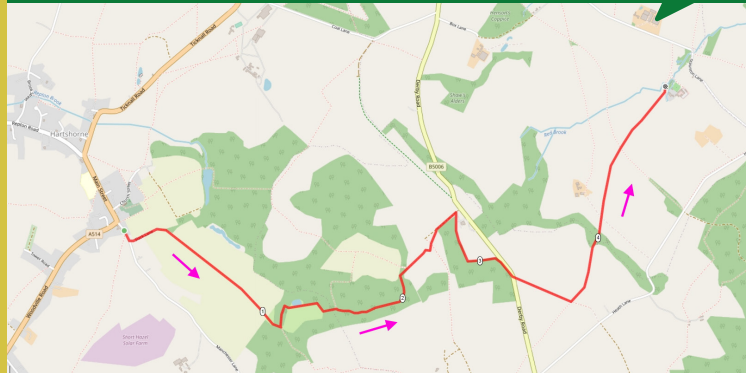


PISTERN HILLS

Pistern Hills is a scenic escarpment and the high point in the area offering rolling countryside views and a peaceful natural environment. Known for its gentle hills and lush greenery, it's a popular spot for walking, hiking, and enjoying the outdoors. The area provides a quiet retreat, with paths that lead through woodlands and open fields, making it a favorite for nature lovers exploring the Derbyshire landscape.

TO THE MILKING PARLOUR... FROM HARTSHORNE TO SOUTHWOOD - 3 MILES

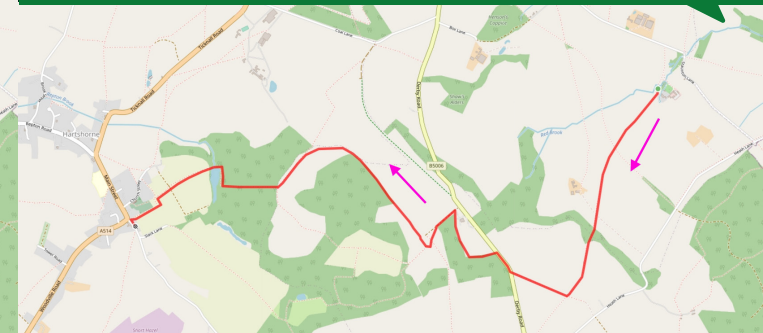
Easy along the National Forest Way, through plantations and Daniel Hayes Farm.



- 1 From Hartshorne Church Hall car park walk along Manchester Lane uphill.
- 2 Turn left by a wooden footpath sign next to *Horn Hill Lodge*.
- 3 Follow the path straight ahead along the National Forest Way. There are new plantations on your right and in front of you.
- 4 Go through two metal gates and a kissing gate.
- 5 You come to an information board for Several Woods Farm and pass a pond on your right. You can either cross the stile ahead of you and head left at the next stile or take the permissive path on your left which takes you around the field to avoid cattle which are often kept there.
- 6 If you take the permissive path turn left at the second stile around the field, you will see a metal kissing gate in the distance.
- 7 Go through the gate and turn right uphill along a woodland track.
- 8 At the point where the path becomes steeper, take the broad track on your left which goes downhill and then climbs.
- 9 The track veers left approaching Daniel Hayes Farm, look out for a public footpath crossing it. There is a disc on a post on the left by a big tree. You need to take the path on the RIGHT which follows a hedge. You pass through a small wicket gate and keeping close to the hedge on your left walk uphill to a larger gate which leads to an access drive where you turn right.
- 10 Walk along the track, go through a metal gate and take the footpath on your right. If you reach the road, you have gone too far.
- 11 Follow the path around the grounds of the *The Elms* until it comes back to the road at a "V" shaped stile. Carefully cross the busy road and pass through a gap by some green gates on your left. The path crosses a large field, heading towards farm buildings in the distance and then continues along the field edge with the hedge to your right. At a gap in the hedge in front of you turn left along another path (there's a collapsed waymarker post in the hedge).
- 12 Follow this path, go through two gaps until the path does a left diagonal towards the tree line at the top of the Pistern Hill crest. Take the first track down which is the easiest one and you finally reach a stile with a wonderful view in front of you.
- 13 Head downhill, cross a farm track, step down over a stile, cross a bridge then look out for a stile in the hedge on the left. Turn right, cross a stile and walk down to a gate on the Ticknall Tramway. Go straight over through another gate, then a gap and another stile. Soon signs point you in the direction of the brewery complex which is on your right.

...AND BACK FROM SOUTHWOOD TO HARTSHORNE - 3 MILES

Easy walking through via the tram trails, Pistern Hills and skirting the far side of Daniel Hayes Farm.



- 1 Leave the brewery and make for a yellow topped post and metal gate just off the access drive. Follow the path until you come to another one where you turn left, cross a drain pipe, a stile and then pass through a gap to reach a gate at the Tramway Trail.
- 2 Pass through the gate and over a stile and watch out for another stile in the hedge on your left. After this the way is clear with several stiles in view up the Pistern Hills ahead. The last stile leads into a wooded area where the path can be a little unclear. Be sure to bear right from the stile and advance uphill through a gully with fallen trees and tree roots.
- 3 At the top go left and cross the corner of the next field at a diagonal. The path follows a hedge on your right until you reach a gap (opposite an old farm building) where you turn right along a path with the hedge on your left. The hedge has gone in the next field so head for a pair of green gates in the distance. Go through a gap to reach the road which is busy so take care.
- 4 You will see a waymarker on your left, cross the stile and follow the path to the right which can be a little overgrown. Eventually you come to a tall metal kissing gate. Go through the metal gate and walk down the access drive to Daniel Hayes Farmhouse.
- 5 Where the drive turns right take the path on the left through a wooden gate. Cling to the hedge on your right around the edge of the field until you come to a wicket gate. Pass through it and you soon come to a track.
- 6 Go straight over to a gate by a large tree. At first keep to the hedge on your right and when you see a raised area in the field go slightly to the left of it. Now head for a stile in the distant right-hand corner of the field. Follow a track between trees for some distance, crossing over a metalled track. The path becomes rather bumpy especially where you come down to a stile with a field gate. Take care.
- 7 Cross the stile and take the path that follows the hedge on your right. You need to follow this path around the edge of a large field with parkland trees to your left. Head to the trees, keeping the field boundary on your right. Ignore a rather hidden footpath on your right which goes uphill.
- 8 You come to a tall metal kissing gate where the path starts to narrow. You will also see a stone plaque retelling the history of Daniel Hayes opposite the gate. Go through the gate and head downhill. The path veers right when you get near to Limehouse Dam Pond. The path is very attractive here.
- 9 Follow the path downhill around the pond and then uphill to a stile which takes you into a horse paddock. Look out for a stile in the far left-hand corner of the field which takes you to a path that runs to the left of the churchyard. Soon the path reaches Manchester Lane, the car park and the Bulls Head public house.