

Thurlaston Online - Walk 5

Thurlaston - Desford Hall Circular. Approx 5 miles.

The route: Starting from the village:

Leave the village on Enderby Road.

At the sharp right hand bend go straight on joining the New Hall Park Farm drive. Follow this drive going right at the bend over the cattle grid until you see the marker post on your right, about 100yards/metres before the farm house.

Take this path, over the stile, go to your left, past the next marker post and over the footbridge passing New Hall Park Farm, and its fish ponds, on your left.

The footpath is well signposted and crosses another footbridge before joining Hoefields Farm's drive, which you follow to the road.

Turning left you will need to walk on the grass verge until you reach the barn on your left. You will see a footpath on the right which you follow.

Keep the telegraph pole on the left, as you head for the footpath sign going through the hedge onto the main road.

Turn right and a short way along the road you will see a bridle path sign. Take the signed track turning left after passing through the hedge at the start of the second field.

Keeping the hedge on your left you go through this field and another and then join a farm drive. You will see a large hall in the trees which you pass to the left of, on the farm drive.

At the road that the track joins you will see The White Horse Pub (and Wiltshire's Restaurant) to your right.

You now have two choices as to your return route to Thurlaston:

Route 1 - marked with red arrows on the map.

Turn left and walk to the cross roads going straight accross (signposted Enderby).

Take the footpath on the right after about 100 metres (just before Heathly Lodge).

Follow track keeping farm buildings on the left 'till you pass the next farm (Thurlaston Lodge Farm).

Follow signs until you reach the brow of a hill from where you can see Thurlaston Church on the horizon.

Carry on following the signs, keeping the hedges on your left, and you will return to the New Hall Park Farm drive.

The alternative to this route:

Route 2 - marked with brown arrows on the map.

Cross the road and walk towards the pub - after a few yards turn onto the footpath on your left.

Pass to the right of the farm (between the farm and large pond). Immediately after the farm buildings veer to the left and cross to the stile..

Go diagonally right over the next field and in the following one keep the white farm house to you left.

The next stile will take you onto the main road A47 and you will be virtually opposite The Bull's Head.

Turn right and just past the pub is the footpath back to Thurlaston.

Follow the signs over the first two fields and in the third, bear diagonally left to the footbridge.

Follow the signs over the next two fields, in the third field keep to the right.

When you get into the next field you again keep right and pass the small spinney on your right. The stile into the next field is just past this spinney.

Follow the hedge on your left to the next stile and cross the next field back to the New Hall Park Farm drive.

Happy Walking!

