

This leaflet is part of a series of walks that link the Milking Parlour with Melbourne, Ticknall, Staunton Harold and Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

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 have been 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 the Tollgate Brewery Tap, inside the rustic interior of an old dairy shed, overlooking the brewery itself and set within the stunning surrounds of the National Trust's Calke Abbey estate.



The Milking Parlour



There is ample outside drinking space overlooking fields and the historic outbuildings of the old Southwood House dairy farm. Serving a wide range of Tollgate cask and keg beer as well as bottle off-sales in the shop space. In case it rains, we have several areas of covered space to keep your pint dry too with wood-fired pizzas coming in June 2021. Dogs welcome. Visit tollgatebrewery.co.uk/pubs for current opening hours.

SMARTPHONE APPS & OS MAPS

There are many useful walking apps. Viewranger is free and uses open-source mapping (OS mapping can be purchased).

The routes in this leaflet can be downloaded from Viewranger 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 Swadlincote 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 south of the Melbourne windmill site, approaching the entrance to Calke, through Robin Wood and by St. Brides Farm. You need proper waterproof 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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Walks around, to and from...



MELBOURNE
CIRCULAR



POINTS OF INTEREST

MELBOURNE

Once a small rural settlement dominated by its church and castle, the settlement changed dramatically at the turn of the 19th century when industrial development within the East Midlands reached out to Melbourne and started the process of the transformation of a village into a Georgian town, with the development of factories, chapels, public buildings and housing.

STAUNTON HAROLD RESERVOIR

Planned by the River Dove Water Board in 1955 to provide drinking water for Leicester. Completed in 1964, most of the reservoir is in Melbourne and not Staunton Harold parish. The windmill tower was in operation from the 1790s to 1870s. Now owned by Severn Trent Water, access around much of it is limited

DERBY HILLS

This was a very small agricultural parish between Melbourne and Ticknall. In 1983 it was dissolved and the land was shared between Melbourne and Ticknall.

BROADSTONE LANE

This quiet backwater lane once ran across to the Lount Road (B587). At the Melbourne end it is known as Sir Henry's Lane and a short section still exists as an unclassified public road. It crossed the old road from Melbourne to Calke.

CALKE ABBEY

The site was an Augustinian priory (attached to Repton) from the 12th Century until its dissolution by Henry VIII in 1538. The present building was never an abbey and was remodelled between 1701 and 1704. The house was owned by the Harpur Crewe family for nearly 300 years until it was passed to the National Trust in 1985 in lieu of death duties.

TICKNALL

Ticknall was the estate village to Calke Abbey until the late 20th century. It reached its heyday in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, when the limeyards and the brickmaking, tile and pottery industries were operating at full capacity. The population then reached 1500, treble its present size and the village had up to 13 pubs. The USA descendants of the Harpur Crewes still own a lot of land in the village.

ROBIN WOOD

This lovely wood was once owned by the Foremarke Estate and is now managed by the Forestry Commission. The bridleway through it to Ingleby, at its southern end, was an old road from Melbourne to Milton.

ST. BRIDES FARM

Site of a tiny Norman chapel. St Bride (also Bridget/Brigid) is often associated with holy wells and springs. The chapel was beside the old road from Derby to Coventry.

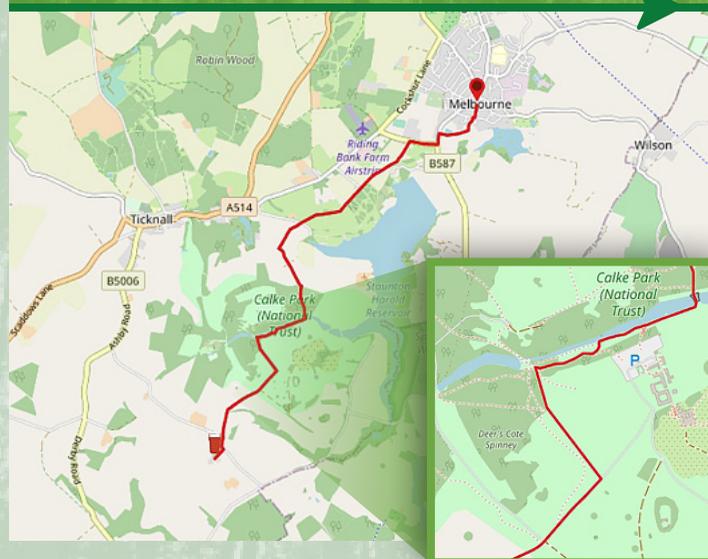
FURTHER HISTORICAL NOTES ON THE WALK

See the separate leaflet by Philip Heath for more indepth historical information about your walk and the points of interest en route.

To the MILKING PARLOUR...

from MELBOURNE to SOUTHWOOD - 3.6 miles

Easy walking close to the Reservoir and through Calke Park.



- 1 From Melbourne Market Place take the path past the toilets and playground.
- 2 Cross Penn Lane and enter Brown's Field.
- 3 Veer right, when the path divides, to Bare Hills.
- 4 By the old Melbourne Arms (sadly closed) turn right up Robinson's Hill.
- 5 Half way up take the Windmill path on the left (low wooden signpost)
- 6 Follow clear path through several fields and wooded areas with Reservoir views
- 7 By Derby Hills House Farm you enter the edge of a wooded area with stiles at each end.
- 8 Cross Broadstone Lane and take the downhill path that crosses Scots Brook by a bridge.
- 9 Turn left at the top and pass White Leys cottage (on your right).
- 10 Enter Calke Park through a wooden gate and look out for a footpath 20 yards to your RIGHT.
- 11 This path cuts through woodland and meets the permissive track by the side of the deer park fencing close to Mere Pond.
- 12 Follow public footpath signs until you reach the track between Betty's Pond and Thatch House Pond (2 gates here). Go uphill through woodland until you reach the vehicle access road where you turn right and follow the road until you come to a sharp bend where there are two hand gates (Take care on the road traffic is coming towards you).
- 13 Go through the left-hand gate and walk down to Staunton Lane.
- 14 On reaching the lane walk straight ahead for about 100 yards and the brewery tap is on your right.

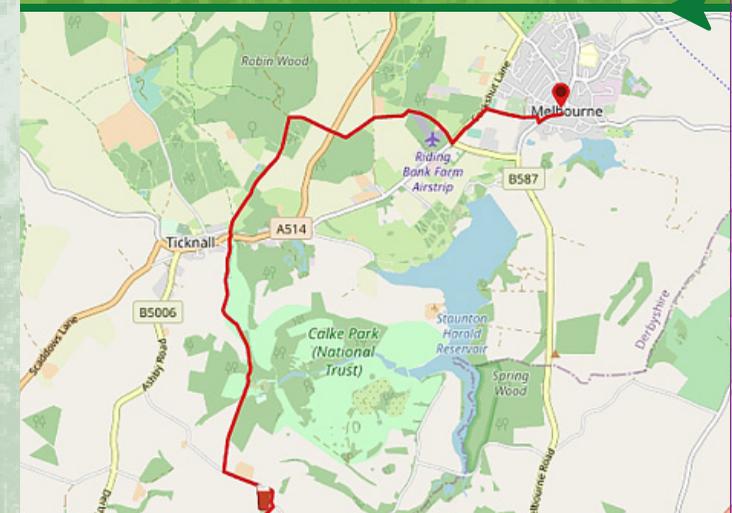
NAVIGATING PROW THROUGH CALKE PARK

This route through Calke follows a public right of way (Calke FP3) so is accessible at any time of the day. The National Trust has placed yellow and green footpath discs along it. *Note: It is a bit tricky finding the way on the edge of Deer's Cote Spinney.*

...and BACK

from SOUTHWOOD to MELBOURNE - 4.5 miles

Easy walking through Calke Park on a public footpath and National Forest plantations north of Ticknall and into Melbourne.



- 1 Go up the drive to the brewery and turn left along Staunton Lane.
- 2 Beyond Standley's Barn take Ticknall FP12 over a stile and by an old wooden post.
- 3 Turn right over the next stile and walk past the Calke Explorer car park (toilets).
- 4 The path climbs through a small wood and heads towards a gate level with Middle Lodge.
- 5 Follow Walkers Lane, another well surfaced path which runs parallel to the access road.
- 6 When the path approaches housing take the path on right over two stiles to Ticknall Green.
- 7 Cross the Green and go through the bridlegate (by a wooden sign).
- 8 Through the next gate turn right and pass through a wicket gate.
- 9 After woodland the path passes over the access road to Woodside Farm.
- 10 Walk towards woodland and follow the footpath along the inside edge of Robin Wood (our leaflet cover image was taken here until it crosses a wide track by a large green sign, turn right over a wooden horse hop).
- 11 The bridlepath has good views across the Trent Valley, crosses the very busy A514 and makes for St. Brides Farm (there's an interesting information board here at a crossroads).
- 12 Pass by the St. Brides complex (on your left) and head downhill. The path then climbs uphill by several converted barns.
- 13 At the Robinson's Hill/Cockshut Lane junction turn left and cross the road.
- 14 Go through a wooden gate (RIGHT) provided by a member of the Melbourne Footpaths group and head to the Melbourne Sporting Partnership building.
- 15 Approaching the cricket ground look out for the path which goes downhill towards Melbourne between hedges with the allotments on the left.

OTHER WAYS OF GETTING BACK TO MELBOURNE

From the eastern edge of Ticknall walk along the Common road back to the town on a good pavement. Or, after a couple of hundred yards after the Melbourne turn, walk down Broadstone Lane and then left along Severn Trent's tarmacked permissive path which leads to the outskirts of Melbourne.