

## Walk 7 – Burroughs Wood

There are several walk options to take you through the countryside in the triangle formed by Glenfield, Groby and Ratby. From Glenfield they provide longer, more challenging walks. This one is eight miles long and normally involves 3 hours continuous walking. There are though a number of points where it can be reduced if time, weather or fitness suggests it is too much.

This walk can start at various points but if arriving by car we suggest the Stamford Street car park.

### *The Route:*

Walk through Ellis Park to the southern exit turning right to join Elm Tree Road where you turn right again turn and drop down to Kirby Road and then head away from the village.

Turn right into Mill Lane and at the end of the allotments enter a wildlife area by the gate on your left. Follow the grass path along the rear of the warehouses till it meets a surfaced path and follow this to a bridge over Rothley Brook. This joins a bridleway which goes into Ratby along the route of the old disused railway to come out in Ratby at the Railway pub. Follow this after turning left onto it and shortly you dip under the A46 through an underpass beside the brook where care is needed.

As you enter Ratby turn right at the first opportunity (Taverner Drive) and then left into Tyler Road which you follow as far as you can. At the T junction turn left (Nicholas Drive) and at the next, left again into Dane Hill to join the main road through Ratby. Walk to your right up the road and through the village for about a quarter mile and then, just past the Bull's Head, go up Burroughs Road to your left passing the Plough pub. Both can provide food or drink and a comfort break.

Walk up Burroughs Road till you come to a small car park serving Burroughs Wood. Go through the car park and when you break out into the open area bear right through the gap in the trees and then right again, keeping within the grassy area.

*(If the length of the walks into this area are daunting but you still want to visit these woodlands you can drive up and use this small Woodland Trust car park, before making shorter circular walks within these parts of the National Forest).*

As you drop down the trees close in on the path again and you leave Burroughs Wood where there is a paths crossroad of sorts. Keep straight on and you meet a stronger path and you take it crossing a stream before going uphill. Follow this and it brings you up to Markfield Road.

Cross this carefully and enter Martinshaw Woods following the main track as it swings slowly to your right. It eventually comes out at a small car park.

*(at this point you can walk down Markfield Road and retrace your steps through Ratby if you want to save yourself about 1 ½ miles. A number 26 bus can also be caught in Ratby to take you back to Glenfield)*

If you turn left through the car park you can cross the motorway and continue on a path which goes across the back of Groby Community College, with the larger park of Martinshaw Wood on your left, and you come out onto Woodbank Road in Groby.



If you then turn right (downhill) and cross the main road into the lay-by you can leave it up some steps on the left and pick up a path following the track of the old railway line bringing you out on Sacheverell Way.

Turn left and half a mile up the road, take a path on your right opposite a playing field, which goes over the A46 and crosses the fields to become Barrow Lane which you can follow up to Main Street by the Forge pub. You are now in the Glenfield Conservation Area.



At this point the Forge can provide food and drink if required.

If you look across the road from the Forge the Old Rectory has some painted false windows, a relic of the old windows tax.



Go down Main Street towards the village centre but before the roundabout take a path to your right which comes out at St Peter's Church. It is worth spending a little time here. The original church is about 800 years old and now just a ruin and home to wildlife. It is a listed building (Grade II) as is the modern church consecrated in 1877. The burial ground and war memorial tell a great deal about Glenfield's history and old families.

Walks Around Glenfield - Walk 7 Burroughs Wood  
Route (Strong blue lines are parish boundaries)

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