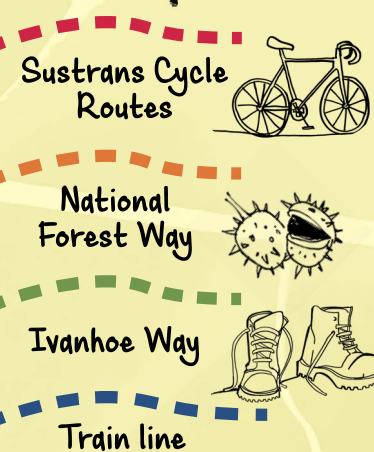


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Queen Elizabeth
Diamond Jubilee
Wood

1620s House
& Garden

Moira Furnace
Museum
& Country Park

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1 Sarah's Wood

Rawdon Road, Moira, DE12 6DQ

Attractive ten-hectare National Forest site in Moira with accessible trails, wildlife, gentle pathways, resting spots, native trees, a hay meadow and memorial grove.

tinyurl.com/sarahs-wood

2 Conkers

Rawdon Road, Moira, DE12 6GA

Conkers offers 120 acres of outdoor fun, including activity trails, an adventure play area, high ropes, a fairy labyrinth, archery and kata canoeing.

visitconkers.com

3 Donisthorpe Walk

Rawdon Road, Moira, DE12 6GA

A 3.5 mile walk circuit starting from Conkers. The route explores many interesting features between Moira and Donisthorpe, including the Ashby Canal and Moira Furnace.

tinyurl.com/tracks-and-trails

4 National Forest E-Bike Holidays

The National Forest, DE12 6BA

Discover the National Forest on an award-winning e-bike holiday. These self-guided trips let you travel at your own pace, whether solo or in a private group.

ebikeholiday.co.uk

5 Hicks Lodge Cycle Centre

Willesley Woodside, Moira Road,
Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 2UP

Hicks Lodge is a good meeting point for cycling (bike hire available), walking and birdwatching. There's a cafe on-site, too.

forestryengland.uk/hicks-lodge

6 Conkers Parkrun

Conkers Waterside, Bath Yard,
Moira, DE12 6BA

Free 5km (3.1-mile) event every Saturday at 9am. Walk, jog or run — everyone's welcome! Register online, bring your barcode.

parkrun.org.uk/conkers

7 Heart of The Forest Trail

Moira Furnace Country Park, Furnace Lane,
Moira, DE12 6AT

Ten-mile route through the National Forest consisting of a 4.5-mile northern circuit and a 5.5-mile southern circuit.

tinyurl.com/heart-of-forest

8 Moira Junction Nature Reserve

Moira, DE12 6BD

A 3.5-hectare reserve with lakes, woodland, and heath grassland on former railway sidings, accessible via Conkers and Ashby Wouds Heritage Trail.

tinyurl.com/moira-junction

9 Feanedock Woodlands

Gorse Lane, Boothorpe, Moira, DE12 6DH

Woodland featuring beautiful native trees, marshy grassland, and industrial heritage traces, including steep embankments believed to be remnants of coal mining.

tinyurl.com/feanedock

10 Moira Furnace Circular

Moira Furnace Country Park, Furnace Lane,
Moira, DE12 6AT

This 5.4-mile loop starts at Moira Furnace and takes in Willesley Woods, Oakthorpe, and Donisthorpe. It takes around 2.5 hours.

tinyurl.com/moira-circular

11 Moira Furnace Museum and Country Park

Furnace Lane, Moira, DE12 6AT

Perfect for woodland walks, canal-side strolls, boat trips and fishing. There's a museum, too.

moirafurnace.org

12 Albert Village Lake

Occupation Road, Albert Village, DE11 8HA

Scenic former claypit with a large lake, wildlife, circular walks and nearby Diana Memorial Woodland. No swimming permitted.

tinyurl.com/albert-lake

1 Grace Dieu Guided Walks and Events

Ashby Road, Thringstone, LE67 8LR

Atmospheric and ancient priory ruins. Visit the website to find details of guided walks and events.

gracedieupriory.org.uk

2 Grace Dieu Wood and Ruins Circular

Ashby Road, Thringstone, LE67 8LR

A pleasant 2.3-mile circular trail passing through Grace Dieu Wood and Grace Dieu priory ruins.

tinyurl.com/grace-dieu-wood-and-ruins

3 Thringstone & Grace Dieu Wood Circular

Ashby Road, Thringstone, LE67 8LR

Start in Thringstone and go through Grace Dieu Wood on this 2.5-mile circular walk. Expect nice views and tranquility.

tinyurl.com/grace-dieu-wood-circular

1 Sence Valley Forest Park

14 Ravenstone Road, Ibstock, LE67 6NW

Once an opencast coal mine, this transformed woodland now offers trails, orienteering, birdwatching and diverse mixed forest.

tinyurl.com/sence-valley

2 Hugglescote Circular

Station Road, Hugglescote, LE67 2GD

A 5.8-mile circular from Hugglescote exploring Kelham Bridge, the River Sence, and woodland, offering wildlife spotting and route flexibility.

tinyurl.com/hugglescote

3 Sence Valley Parkrun

Sence Valley Forest Park, Ravenstone Road,
Ibstock, LE67 6NW

Join in every Saturday for a free 5km (3.1-mile) event. Open to walkers, joggers and runners alike. Register online, bring your barcode.

parkrun.org.uk/sencevalleyforestpark



4 National Forest Way
Sence Valley section

The 75-mile National Forest Way stretches from Staffordshire's National Memorial Arboretum to Leicestershire's Beacon Hill.

tinyurl.com/national-forest-way

5 Ibstock Walks
High Street, Ibstock, Leicestershire, LE67 6LC

Winding through young National Forest woodlands, farmland and history, this 5.6-mile walk honours miners who once trekked around Ibstock's paths to find work.

tinyurl.com/ibstock-walks

6 Birthday Walk & Noon Columns
Sence Valley Forest Park, Ravenstone Road, Ibstock, Leicestershire, LE67 6NW

An 11-mile walk taking in the striking and unique Noon Column sculpture.

tinyurl.com/birthday-walk

1 Normandy Wood
Measham Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, LE65 1WD

Honouring the D-Day landings, this 2.4-hectare site near Packington contains native broadleaf trees.

tinyurl.com/normandy-wood

2 Ashby Woulds Heritage Trail
Measham to Moira

The Ashby Woulds Heritage Trail is on the National Cycle Network and follows the old Ashby and Nuneaton Railway.

tinyurl.com/ashby-woulds

3 Prestop Park & Woods
Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 2WE

Prestop Park on the outskirts of Ashby offers varied trails, diverse trees, rich birdlife, a historic lime avenue, and coppiced Willows.

naturespot.org/prestop_park

4 Ingles Hill Wood
Burton Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 2TE

Ingles Hill Wood, beside the Ashby Bypass, features mixed trees, hay meadows, bat boxes and thriving butterflies across its 24-hectare landscape.

naturespot.org/ashby_ingles_hill_wood

5 Ashby 20 Road Race
Bath Grounds, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 2GP

The Ashby 20, founded in 1988, is a renowned 20-mile race, attracting 1,500 runners annually.

ashby20.co.uk

6 Ashby Santa Fun Run & Walk
Bath Grounds, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 2GP

The annual Ashby Santa Fun Run & Walk raises funds for local charities, welcoming all ages. Expect a fun, healthy, community-driven Christmas event!

ashbysantarun.com

7 National Forest Way
Ashby-de-la-Zouch section

The 75-mile National Forest Way stretches from Staffordshire's National Memorial Arboretum to Leicestershire's Beacon Hill.

tinyurl.com/national-forest-way

8 The Ivanhoe Way
North Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch LE65 1AJ

Named after Sir Walter Scott's 1820 novel set around Ashby, the Ivanhoe Way is a 35-mile walk through North West Leicestershire.

tinyurl.com/ivanhoe-way

9 Bath Grounds
Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 2GP

Ashby's historic Bath Grounds, now community-owned, is ideal for getting out into the fresh air, featuring a picturesque Heritage Trail and regular vibrant events.

ashbytowncouncil.gov.uk/bath-grounds

10 Shellbrook to Blackfordby Circular Walk
Shellbrook Layby, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 2TU

A pretty 1.5-hour walk featuring stiles, Blackfordby Church and John's Wood.

tinyurl.com/shellbrook

11 Willesley Wood
Willesley Lane, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, DE12 7QG

Peaceful woodland, meadows and wetlands in the National Forest – a walker's paradise. Swimming in Thortit Lake isn't permitted.

tinyurl.com/willesley-wood

12 Ashby-de-la-Zouch Castle
South Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 1BP

Stunning 12th-century manor-turned-castle! Climb ruins and stroll through underground passages. Admission charges apply.

tinyurl.com/ashby-castle

1 Staunton Harold Estate
Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 1RW

Historic estate with pleasant walks and cycle routes. The Ferrers Centre for Arts & Crafts is a must, with several on-site places to eat.

stauntonharoldestate.co.uk

2 Staunton Harold Lount Loop
Staunton Harold Estate, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 1RW

A 5.6-mile circuit starting at Staunton Harold Estate and weaving through lush woodlands, rolling farmland and rich wildlife.

tinyurl.com/lount-loop

3 New Lount Nature Reserve
Melbourne Road, Newbold Coleorton, LE67 8JH

Walk through grasslands, glistening wetlands, buzzing wildlife, and a rich mining history!

tinyurl.com/new-lount

4 Dimminsdale Nature Reserve
Staunton Harold Estate, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 1RW

See snowdrop displays in late winter and early spring, and walk through woodland trails at this enchanting nature reserve.

lrwt.org.uk/nature-reserves/dimminsdale

5 'Our Paired Legs Stand' Walk!
Staunton Harold Estate, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 1RW

Follow 13 inscribed stiles and uncover hidden quotations! A unique Staunton Harold walk.

tinyurl.com/paired-legs-stand

6 A Trio of Woods
Staunton Harold Estate, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 1RW

Three diverse woodlands on the Estate – Alistair's, Bignall's and Jaguar Lount.

tinyurl.com/jaguar-lount

7 The Cloud Trail
Off Breedon Lane, Worthington, LE65 1RN

A flat, mostly traffic-free route running from Worthington to Derby city centre along canal paths and an old railway. Popular with cyclists and on the National Cycle Network.

tinyurl.com/the-cloud-trail

8 Breedon Priory Church
Breedon on the Hill, DE73 8AP

Stunning old church overlooking Breedon on the Hill, where you can start a 6.6-mile circuit to Staunton Harold.

tinyurl.com/breedon-church-walk

1 Blackbrook Beauty Walk
Oaks Road, Coalville, LE67 5UL

Step out into the wild beauty of Charnwood Forest on this 6.8-mile circular walk! Explore rocky outcrops, tranquil reservoirs and mature woodlands.

tinyurl.com/blackbrook-beauty

2 Holly Hayes Wood
St Bernard's Road, Whitwick, LE67 5GY

Revel in the charm of Holly Hayes, a Domesday-listed woodland rich in wildlife, traversed by the Ivanhoe Way near Whitwick.

tinyurl.com/holly-hayes

3 Cademan Woods
Cademan Woods Car Park, Swannymote Road, Whitwick, LE67 5UT

Adventure awaits on this 3.7-mile trail! Hike through Cademan and Grace Dieu Woods.

tinyurl.com/cademan-woods

4 Coalville Santa Run
Belvoir Centre, Belvoir Road, Coalville LE67 3XA

Join the festive fun and raise money for charity! A family-friendly event where everyone – even dogs – can participate!

runningforit.co.uk/csr

5 Coalville Park
42-46, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3JB

Coalville Park offers tennis, a skatepark and beautiful gardens – experience its Victorian charm and peaceful war memorial.

nwleics.gov.uk/coalville_park

6 Coalville Urban Forest Park
Linden Way, Coalville, LE67 3JY

This transformed urban woodland contains over 8,400 trees, inviting trails, Jubilee mosaics and play areas. It is located just minutes from town.

tinyurl.com/coalville-urban-forest-park

7 Bardon Hill Circular
Whitwick Road, Coalville, LE67 4UY

A 2.6-mile loop from Whitwick Road, climbing Bardon Hill for rewarding views. You'll pass through fields, forests and diverse foliage.

tinyurl.com/bardon-hill-circular

8 Charley Woods
Warren Hills Road, Copt Oak, LE67 4UY

Historic woodland in Charnwood where bluebells bloom and nuthatch, woodpeckers and tawny owls thrive year-round.

tinyurl.com/charley-woods

9 Nature Alive
Thornborough Road, Coalville, LE67 3TH

An urban gem in Coalville! See ponds formed by mining subsidence, spot newts, frogs, and dragonflies! Formerly a coal stocking yard for Snibston Colliery.

tinyurl.com/nature-alive

10 Snibston Colliery Park & Cafe
12 Chiswell Drive, Coalville, LE67 3JX

You'll find a mountain bike trail, a cafe, nature reserve and heritage trail – the country's best-preserved colliery site.

tinyurl.com/snibston

1 Swebstone & Newton Burgoland
Start at The Belper Arms, Main Street, Newton Burgoland LE67 2SE

Three circular walks, ranging from three- to four-miles in length, that take you through beautiful Leicestershire countryside.

tinyurl.com/swebstone-newton-burgoland

1 Donisthorpe Woodland Park
Church Street, Donisthorpe, DE12 7RH

Once a colliery, now a lush escape! This woodland park boasts 74,000 trees, a flowing brook, a hazel coppice and the Ashby Trail.

tinyurl.com/donisthorpe

2 Saltersford Valley Picnic Area
Measham Road, Oakthorpe, DE12 7QX

A wonderful place for a picnic in native woodland flourishing with oak, ash, cherry, hazel, guelder rose and dogwood.

tinyurl.com/saltersford-valley

3 Saltersford Walk
Donisthorpe Woodland Park, Donisthorpe, DE12 7RH

Lovely three-mile route through the Ashby Woulds Heritage Trail, past Oakthorpe village and to the Saltersford Valley Picnic Area.

tinyurl.com/saltersford-walk

1 Kegworth – Sutton Bonington
Kegworth Market Place, DE74 2EE

A 4.3-mile loop featuring riverside paths, Kegworth Bridge, The Hermitage, Diamond Jubilee Wood and historic buildings.

onekegworth.co.uk/walk-one

2 Kegworth – Long Whatton
Kegworth Market Place, DE74 2EE

Walk across undulating field paths and see historic landmarks like The Great House, Roman road traces and distant Charnwood Forest views. A five-mile circuit.

onekegworth.co.uk/walk-two

3 Kegworth – Hathern
Kegworth Market Place, DE74 2EE

Take in Hathern's timber-framed cottages, Zouch Lock's canal heritage, and riverside trails along the Soar on this nine-mile circuit.

onekegworth.co.uk/walk-three

4 Kegworth – Castle Donington
Kegworth Market Place, DE74 2EE

This eight-mile loop takes in historic villages, Castle Donington, Hemington's church ruins, and Lockington's countryside.

onekegworth.co.uk/walk-four

5 Kegworth Country Lanes
Kegworth Market Place, DE74 2EE

Versatile walk following Kegworth's lanes, farmland and riverbanks. You'll pass Redhill Lock, Ratcliffe Lock and historic Harrison House. Various route options available.

onekegworth.co.uk/walk-five

1 Normanton le Heath
Main Street, Normanton le Heath, LE67 2TB

Normanton le Heath is a great starting point for walks through rolling countryside via byways with well-marked routes.

tinyurl.com/normanton-le-heath

2 Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Wood
Heather Lane, Normanton Le Heath, LE67 2TD

A lush wood packed with bird life, planted to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

tinyurl.com/queen-elizabeth-wood

1 Shardlow Loop
Clock Warehouse, London Road, Shardlow, DE72 2GL

Discover Shardlow's historic inland port on this 2.5-hour circular walk.

tinyurl.com/shardlow-loop

2 The Aeropark
Castle Donington, DE74 2PR

Views of vintage aircraft and runway action from elevated mounds 170 metres from East Midlands' Airport. Admission charges apply.

eastmidlandsaeropark.org

1 Appleby Magna Walks
Appleby Magna

Enjoy Appleby Magna's circular walks, passing historic sites like the medieval gatehouse and Sir John Moore's School, with beautiful countryside views.

tinyurl.com/appleby-magna

1 Hough Mill & Woods
St George's Hill, Swannington, LE67 8QW

Once an industrial hub, this transformed landscape features heathland, bluebells, wild garlic and a restored 18th-century windmill.

tinyurl.com/hough-mill-woods

2 Swannington Incline
Main Street, Swannington, LE67 8QN

Absorb Swannington's rich heritage on self-guided walks ranging from short village strolls to ten-mile treks through former mining sites and historic landscapes.

tinyurl.com/swannington



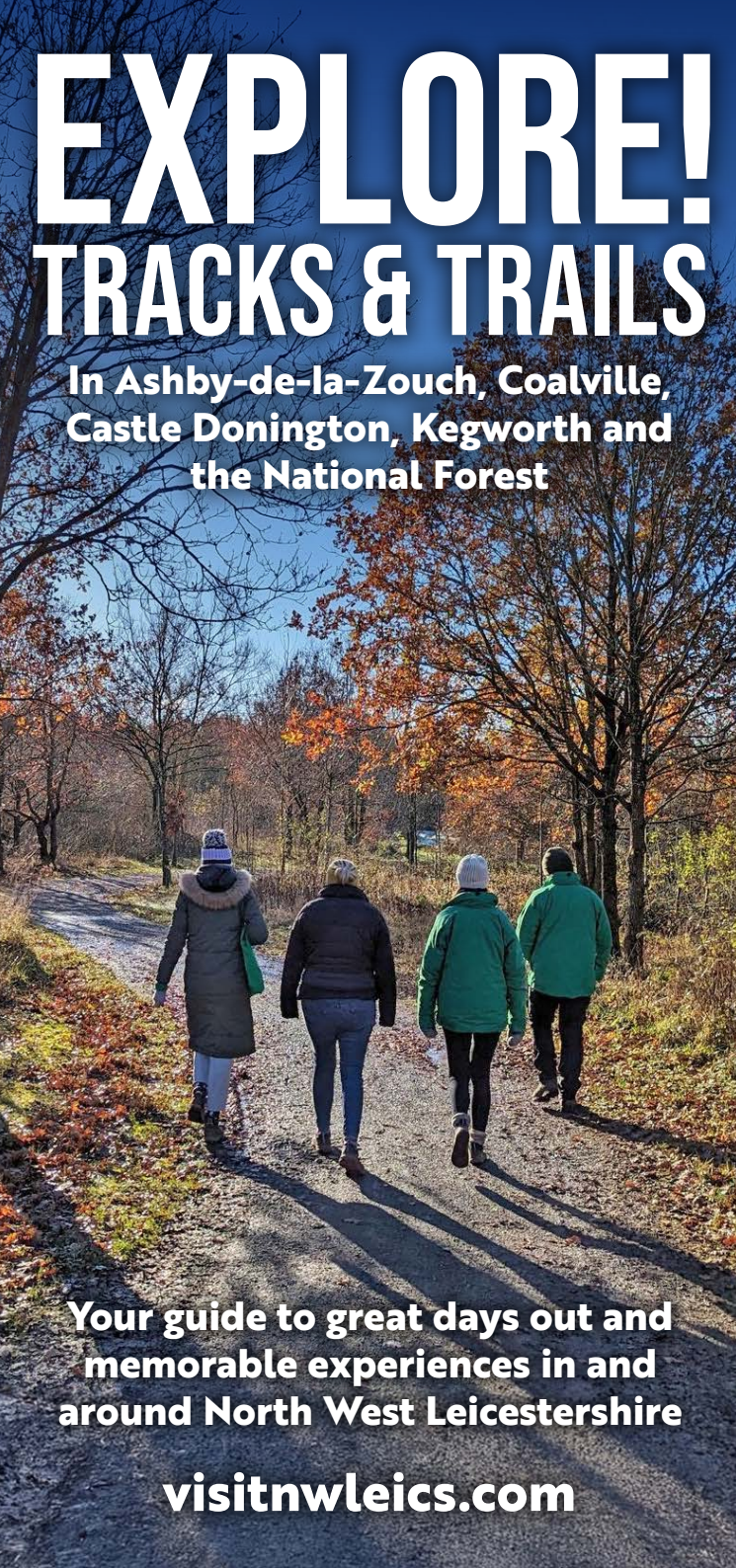
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