

# A Walk Round Asfordby

Asfordby is found just off the A607, on the Leicester side of Melton Mowbray. As you drive into the village, you will reach a staggered crossroads. Turn right and drive along the main street until you reach a mini roundabout. Turn left into Bradgate road and then right into the car park.



*The footpath just after the last house*

Walk back to the main road, and turn left. As you reach the end of the village, just after the last house on the right, you will find a footpath sign.

Go through the gate and turn left. You will immediately see a yellow signpost pointing you across the field. Within a few paces is a second post, and in the distance, a third one,

head for this third post. Follow the path across the next field to another yellow post. This one bears you slightly right, through another gate. You are now walking alongside a river which will be on your right. Head towards a slight gap between the last tree on the right, and the rest of the hedge you can see in front of you. There is a yellow post, but it is slightly hidden. Go through the gate which is besides the post and continue alongside the river. Another gate and a plank bridge follow shortly. After going through the gate, keep walking alongside the river. The path begins to bear away from the river a little way before the next gate. There is a yellow signpost by the side of it.

Go through the gate and over the small plank bridge just after, head straight over the field towards the hedge opposite. Go through a gap you will find, and turn at an angle of about 45 degrees to the right, towards another yellow post which is just a few yards further on. Go over the bridge that follows. Turn right and cross over the old brick bridge which takes you over the river you have been walking beside, on the other side of the bridge bear to the right. You are now walking along a metalled road.



*Turn right at the t junction*

right after going through the gate.

*(I understand the centre is a wholesale organisation, and the gentleman I spoke to when I did this walk was insistent that he did not deal with the public. So I would suggest that you carry on walking straight through).*

Go over the stile by the next gate, and turn left at an angle of about 45 degrees. You are now walking towards some lakes. Head for the left hand side of the trees you can see ahead of you. As you approach, you will see



*The earth bank dividing the lakes*

another yellow signpost. Go over the stile by the side of the post. The path now takes you over the earth bank which divides the lakes. There is another stile at the other end. After going over it bear slightly left to another stile. Go over this stile and bear slightly left, you will see another yellow post ahead of you. The post bears you left towards some trees. As you approach you will find another stile. After going over this stile, the path goes through a wooded area, through a metal gate and then a wooden gate. The path goes alongside a river; there is a road on your left. The path joins the road just before a bridge. Follow the road round over the bridge and immediately afterwards turn right onto a footpath. After a short while the path runs alongside a brick wall. You are now beginning to enter a residential area of Asfordby. Go straight on when you reach a road, and turn right onto the main road when you reach it. A few minutes walk will bring you back to Bradgate Street and the car park.

When you reach a T junction turn right. At the end of the road you will walk passed a church which you will have seen from the other side of the river.

Walk through the gateway ahead of you, or cross over the stile if the gate is closed, and follow the road as it bears round to the left. After going

through the next gateway you enter a garden centre. Turn immediately

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The walk is 2.9 miles