

Hoby to Thruslington 2.5 miles



Take the Brooksby road and follow the first footpath to the left 2 down to the river. Turn right along the river bank passing between the Waterhouse and the river 3. to reach and cross Hoby Bridge. Turn right along the footpath, crossing the railway line to join the road alongside All Saint's Church at Rotherby. 4. Turn right here, reaching a cattle grid 5. at the end of the village after which the path bears right, and then downhill to reach the road at Brooksby 6. near to the level crossing. Carry on down and across the road into the College car park to find a pedestrian crossing across the railway on your right 7. Follow a way marked path across the field to a new river bridge 8. Continue, then turn left 9. and follow the path to Thruslington.

To follow the DEFRA conservation walk, go directly across to the river from the crossing 7. then turn left along the river bank, keeping as close to the river as possible until reaching a footbridge across to Thruslington Mill at 10.



N.B. DEFRA accepts no responsibility for your safety on the Conservation Walk. It is entirely at your own risk.
A path up from the mill joins the Thruslington path at 11. Turn left, then pass through Back Lane and Church Lane, past Holy Trinity Church in to Thruslington.

POINTS OF INTEREST ALONG THE WAY

Rootree Cottage on the Brooksby Road corner 1 is a crook framed building probably dating from the 16th century. The Waterhouse was owned by the Melton Mowbray Navigation Company and was an office for the collection of canal dues. At night a chain was placed across the river to prevent unauthorised passage.

Brooksby Hall in the 16th century was the home of the Villiers family. Sir George Villiers was High Sheriff of Leicestershire. His son, also George was an intimate friend of King James. He was made Duke of Buckingham. Later residents included Lord Cardigan of Charge of the Light Brigade fame during the Crimean War, and Admiral David Beatty (Earl Beatty of the North Sea and Brooksby).

The whole village site is now occupied by Brooksby Melton College.

Refreshments are available at the Star Inn (c. 1744) and the Blue Lion Inn.