

Emerging at the Shell petrol station on the A50, cross over this busy road with great care, and continue along the footpath on the other side, still following the stream. The footpath skirts a sports field, then meets the Rothley Brook, eventually running alongside the A46 to a tunnel.

Walk through the tunnel under the road, then, as the path splits at a bridge, take the left fork towards the cemetery. Walk alongside the cemetery to the road. Turn right, and then take a footpath a few yards on the left.

At the cross-path, turn left, and walk across the fields, parallel to the road. Ignore the turning off to the left, and keep walking, around the edge of a large field, before heading steeply downhill to cross a track. Cross over the track, then cross the stream at a footbridge, rejoining the track, which runs through the old "pick-your-own" farm.

At the road, turn right, and walk along the road back to the car park.

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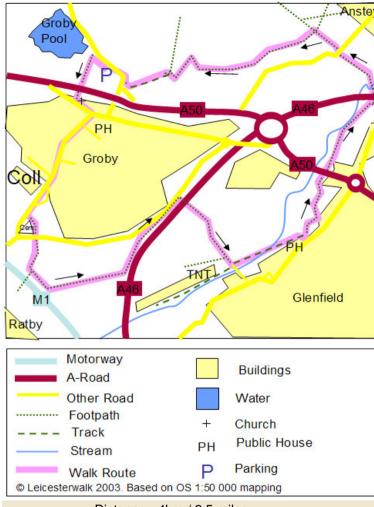
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Walk ##

Groby and Glenfield

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Distance - 4km / 2.5 miles Time - 1 hour Difficulty - Very easy Starting Point - Thornton Reservoir Car Park (471 074) Parking - Car park at start OS Map - Explorer 233 / Landranger 141

The Walk

From the Groby Pool Car Park, take the path left out of the car park, walking alongside the road. At the gate on the left, turn left, heading towards the A50 along a footpath. Where the path comes up to the A50, turn left, walking down the embankment, then right, under the bridge, coming out alongside the church into the village.

Turn left, then tae the first road on the right, just before the pub. Walk up this road, passing a college on the right. After the college, take a footpath on the left (just before the cemetery) walking along the back of the cemetery to Sachevral Way. Cross over this busy road, and continue along the footpath which turns sharply to run parallel to the M1 to a bridge. Don't cross over this bridge, but instead turn left, and follow the path across the field, towards the A46. After crossing a stream, and the route of a dismantled railway, you find the path blocked by the A46. Turn left here, and walk alongside (but a little distance away from) the A46, until the bridge. At the bridge, turn right, crossing over the A46, then after the bridge, take the footpath heading away from the road across the fields, towards the industrial estate.

Follow this path, which turns into a track running down the left hand side of the TNT depot. After the depot, you meet the line of the old Leicester to Swannington Railway. Here, turn left, and walk along the track which runs behind the scrap yard, ad then alongside the brook, crossing over a bridge. Keep on this track to the end, where you emerge on Station Road, behind the Railway Inn.

Don't walk out onto the road, but instead, turn left, walking across the open tarmac area to a footpath sign. Follow this footpath between two field fences. The path soon becomes narrow and tree-lined, following the path of a small stream.

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