

# The National Forest Way

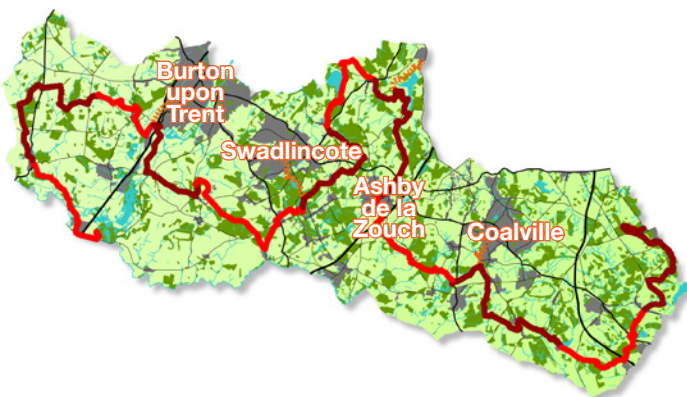
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The National Forest Way takes walkers on a 75-mile journey through a transforming landscape, from the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire to Beacon Hill Country Park in Leicestershire.

On the way, you will discover the area's evolution from a rural landscape, through industrialisation and its decline, to the modern-day creation of a new forest, where 21st-century life is threaded through a mosaic of green spaces and settlements.

The trail leads through young and ancient woodlands, market towns and the industrial heritage of this changing landscape.



The National Forest Way was created by a partnership of the National Forest Company, Derbyshire County Council, Leicestershire County Council and Staffordshire County Council, with the generous support of Fisher German.



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## Stage 6: Hartshorne to Ticknall

Length: 5 miles / 8 kilometres

### About this stage

**Start:** Hartshorne Village Hall (DE11 7BE)  
**End:** Ticknall Village Hall (DE73 7JW)

This stage of the route enters rolling countryside and swathes of new planting. Along the way you will visit Carver's Rocks, with its Millstone Grit towering above you. You will carry on through broadleaf woodland to Foremark Reservoir and head for the most northerly point of the National Forest Way – Hangman's Stone.

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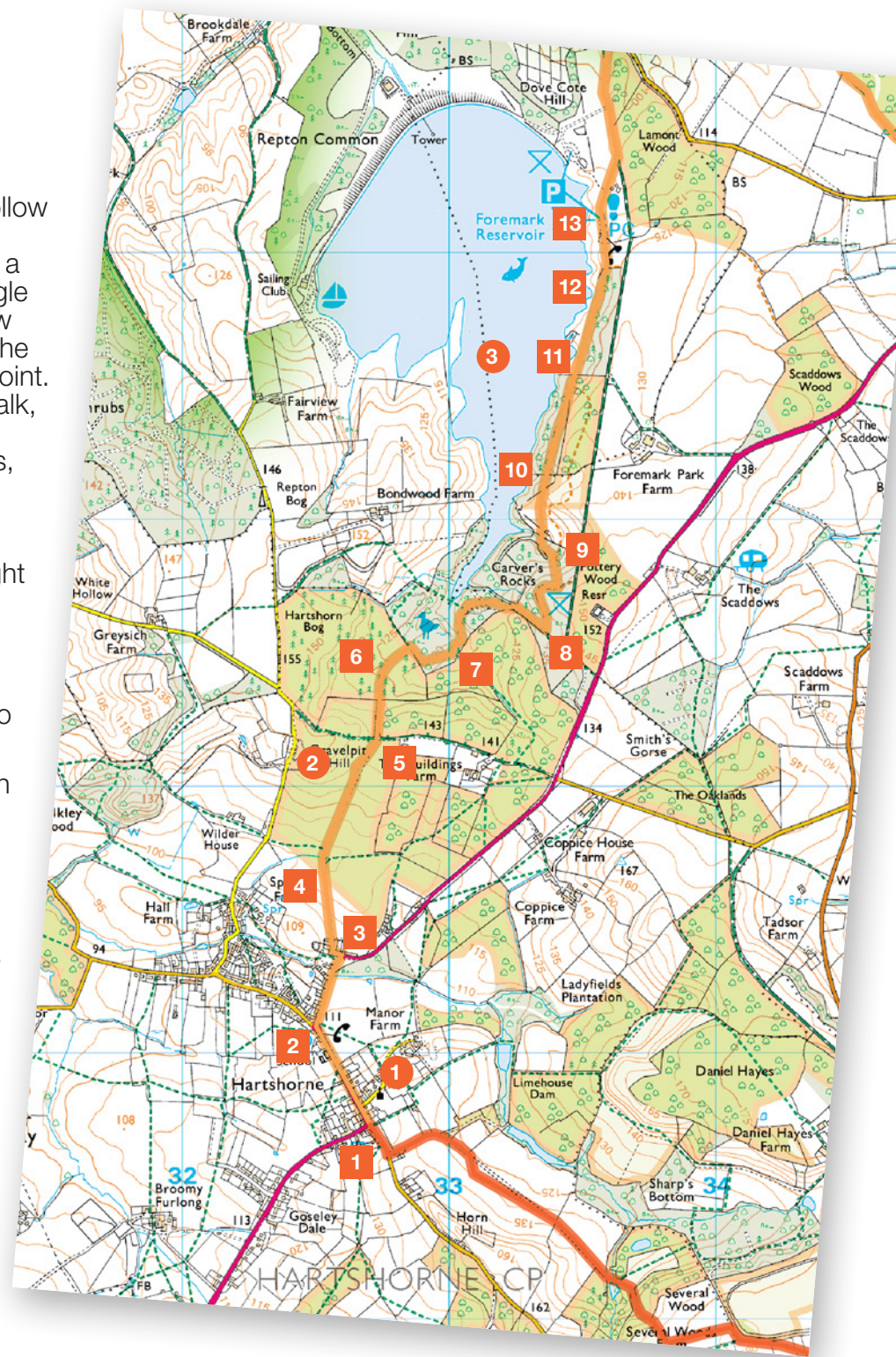
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Route directions: Eastbound

# Hartshorne to Ticknall

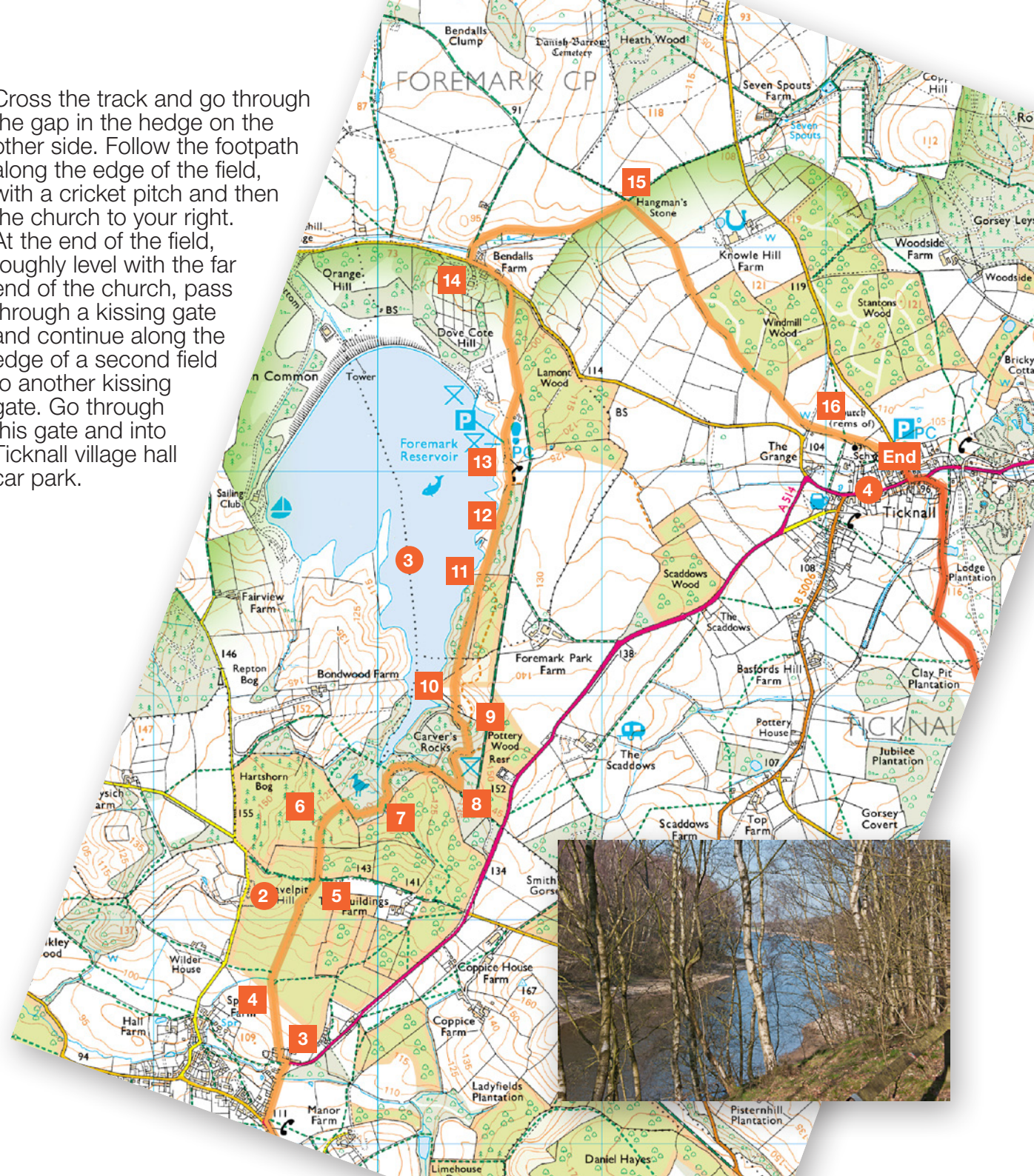
- 1** Starting from the village hall on Manchester Lane, head downhill towards the Bulls Head pub. At the pub, carry on straight ahead down Main Street, past the school to the Admiral Rodney pub.
- 2** Ignoring the left fork in the road to Repton, take the right fork towards Ticknall and walk for 250m to where the road bends to the right. Turn left onto a small road between a row of houses and the Mill Wheel restaurant. There is a public footpath leading off to the right, between two houses. Follow this path, taking care to keep to pavement on the right-hand side of the private driveway.
- 3** The path narrows and passes through a gap into a field. Follow the footpath across the field to the edge of a new plantation woodland.
- 4** Pass through the wooden barrier into the plantation and take the footpath through the grassy areas between the blocks of woodland. Follow this path for about 500m, ignoring paths off to the left and right, until you reach a farm track.
- 5** Cross the track and walk straight ahead down the wide grassy path between woodland blocks to the bottom of the hill. At the bottom, turn right to pass through a gap and then turn left, ignoring the gate in front of you. Walk towards a gap in a fence next to a National Forest sign.
- 6** Go straight ahead, down the grassy path between woodland blocks, and follow the footpath until you reach a stile at the edge of a wood. Go over the stile and turn right along the path through the trees. Follow this path through the wood, ignoring paths to the left or right, for about 250m to some steps.

- 7** Head down the steps and follow the path as it turns right and leads to a boardwalk across a marshy area. At the right angle bend in the boardwalk, follow it round to the left, ignoring the path that comes off at this point. From the end of the boardwalk, follow the path that leads straight ahead, for 80 metres, until you reach a fork. Then turn left and go down steps. At a path crossroads, follow the waymarker and go straight ahead up some steps. At a path junction, turn right, as indicated by the waymarker, and follow the path uphill (ignoring paths to the right) to a fence with a gate.
- 8** Go through the gate and turn left along the tarmac track. Walk along this to a disused car park. At the far end of the car park, turn left across the grass (by the benches) and head down some steps.
- 9** Just beyond the bottom of the steps, turn left as shown by the waymarker. Take this turning and follow the grassy path until you reach a waymarker and turn right, into a wood. This path takes you across a bridge and past a pond viewing area, then up through the woods to another flight of steps.



- 10** At the top of the steps, continue straight ahead along the path, ignoring a path to the right. The path goes up some more steps with an information board at the top. Ignore the path that turns off and continue straight ahead. When you reach a fork in the path, take the left fork.
- 11** When you come to where another path goes off to the right, by two waymarker posts, continue to follow the main path as it bears left and then right, close to the reservoir. Walk along this path, keeping the wood to your right and the water to your left.
- 12** Soon the path opens out into a large open grassy area where you are presented with three possible paths. Take the middle, surfaced path into the wood on the other side. This takes you through the woodland and out the other side at the visitor centre and car park for Foremark Reservoir.
- 13** Walk straight ahead past the visitor centre, through the car park and then follow the access road for about 700m to the exit onto the main road. Turn left and walk along the road verge for 200m to where a farm track leaves the road to your right.
- 14** Cross the road and take the farm track for about 100m to where a footpath forks off to the right. Follow this footpath for about 700m to a crossroads of paths known locally as Hangman's Stone.
- 15** At the crossroads, turn right to follow the bridleway through a wooden gate. Follow this path for about 500m to a metal gate on the edge of a woodland. Pass through the gate and continue alongside the woodland for 600m to a second metal gate. Go through this and carry on across a field to a farm track.

- 16** Cross the track and go through the gap in the hedge on the other side. Follow the footpath along the edge of the field, with a cricket pitch and then the church to your right. At the end of the field, roughly level with the far end of the church, pass through a kissing gate and continue along the edge of a second field to another kissing gate. Go through this gate and into Ticknall village hall car park.



## Parking

Parking is available in Ticknall and Hartshorne. Please be aware of car park closing times before setting off.

## Public transport

Ticknall and Hartshorne are both on the 61 Derby–Melbourne–Swadlincote bus route (Mon–Sun).

For detailed information on bus routes and times, call **Traveline** on 0871 200 22 33 (charges apply).

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## How to use this leaflet

The maps in this leaflet are based upon the Ordnance Survey's 1:25,000 scale Explorer maps and are presented at the correct scale if printed on A4 paper.

- 1 Square symbols on the maps link with the route directions that are provided alongside the map.
- 1 Circular symbols represent key points of interest along the route of the trail.

## 1 Hartshorne

Hartshorne village is set amongst pleasant hilly farmland. The church of St Peter contains the family tomb of the Dethick family, one of whom went to Cleves to find a fourth wife for Henry VIII.



## 2 Buildings Farm Woods and Hartshorne Bog

Colourful trees such as cherry and avenues of rowans blossom each spring to create interest in network of interconnected woodlands that form Buildings Farm Woods and Hartshorne Woods. An attractive boardwalk and woodland path leads you through Hartshorne Bog.



## 3 Carver's Rocks and Foremark Reservoir

At the southern tip of Foremark Reservoir, the Millstone Grit of Carver's Rocks towers above you: a brief nod to the geology of the Peak District in The National Forest. The reservoir itself is a haven for wildlife with an abundance of flora and fauna.



## 4 Ticknall

Ticknall is an attractive village that until recently was largely owned by the Calke Abbey estate. During the 18th and early 19th centuries, the village was known for its lime quarries and potteries. The imposing arch on the main road carried a lime tramway through the Calke estate to the Ashby canal.



## About The National Forest

The National Forest is one of Britain's boldest environmentally-led regeneration projects: the creation of a new forest across 200 square miles of parts of Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Staffordshire, linking the ancient forests of Needwood and Charnwood.

Over the last twenty years, The National Forest has trebled forest cover within its boundary, creating habitats for wildlife, a woodland economy and a beautiful landscape for everyone to enjoy.

