

Doorstep Walks

A Closer Look Guide

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Laughton en le Morthern

Doorstep Walk 1 – Just the Words

Some people may find the small print of the walks leaflets a little tricky to follow, or walk leaders may wish to have a handy, large print version of the walk to insert notes. We thought it would be useful to have a description only version of the walks to enable you to cut and paste, enlarge or remove text as you wish.

Description

1. Start at the crossroads in the centre of the village at the junction of School Road, High Street and Hooton Lane, near the Hatfield Arms. Head down School Road. After a while you will see the school (Laughton Infant and Primary School), a large red brick building. Follow the narrow path up the steps by the far side of the school, and follow the path around the playing fields.
2. In the distance you will see All Saints Church, the spire is visible for miles around and is often seen on the walk. Stay on the path at the edge of fields and eventually you will come to a large stone wall, which runs alongside the path.
3. Cross the stile and keep going forwards, ignoring any side paths. Keep a look out to your right for a mound in the foreground, this is all that remains of a motte and bailey castle. Keep on the path at the side of the field, passing under some power cables before reaching Rotherham Lane.

4. The route now bears right uphill along the road for about 20 metres before heading left down Brookhouse Lane, take special care on this short section of road. Soon you will see a path on your right heading downhill, follow this past the Travellers Rest and, at the roadside turn right along the road, again take special care along this short section of road.

5. Immediately after passing a small group of houses on your left you will see a path heading alongside the houses, follow this uphill to the edge of the railway embankment. Turn right, passing outbuildings on your right and you will soon reach Hooton Lane. Carefully cross the road and follow the path opposite, behind houses and into fields. The path follows the side of the railway for some time before a sign points across field and downhill, follow this path.

- 6a. At the side of the brook turn left and follow the beautiful tree lined valley by Colonel's Holt (holt is a name for a coppice), cross a ditch and enter Kings Wood. Follow the path by the side of the brook and then cross the bridge and boardwalk. Stay on the path as it heads slightly uphill and soon you will come to a fork in the route.

- 6b. To take a detour to Roche Abbey head left downhill and follow the path through the wood. Eventually you will pass a waterfall on your left and soon come to the abbey ruins. Although the footpath follows the edges of the ruins there is a charge for entering the actual site, follow the path around the site and pay your entrance fee at the visitor centre. Retrace your steps back through the wood to rejoin the walk.

7. At the fork head uphill. At the top of the hill the path enters a large field, head right following the edge of the field and keep to the top of the hill. Carry on along the path, crossing over a field boundary at one point. The path dips downhill, stay on the field edge, and soon the path enters a hedge lined track. The track bears left and soon another open track appears on your right, follow this heading directly for the church spire in the distance. The path stays on field edges, keep heading for the church and soon you will cross a small field. Immediately after this the path

enters a large field, turn left uphill and head through the beer garden of the St Leger Arms.

8. At the road turn right up the High Street, and soon you will arrive back at the crossroads.