

Tuesday 12th May 2015 U3A Long Walk
The Leicestershire 'Three Peaks'
Woodhouse Eaves – Swithland Woods – Bradgate Park - Broombriggs Hill – Beacon Hill - Woodhouse Eaves
9.2 miles 1240' ascent

MEET

0930 at Bramcote Hills Park car park.

Then drive (about 22 miles) to the start of walk at Woodhouse Eaves:
(Nearest) Postcode LE12 8RZ
Grid Ref: SK 53045 14459
lat/long: 52.725186, -1.216017

This is a free, but unsigned!, parking area in the centre of Woodhouse Eaves village.
It is on the left as you enter the village from the North soon after the Methodist Church on the right and is indicated by directions to the 'Recycling Centre' – or something similar!

Directions

1. Take the M1 South and leave at Junction 23.
2. Follow the A512 towards Loughborough, then take the first right towards Nanpantan.
3. Go through Nanpantan, continue for about 3 miles to a T-junction and turn left towards Woodhouse Eaves.
4. In about 400 yards turn right, signed Village Centre.
5. Look for the car park on the left in about 300 yards.

Route

We walk East and then South through farmland to and then through the ancient woods of Swithland. We then enter the dramatic moorlands of Bradgate Park proper and the first of the 'peaks' Old John's Tower. Next, we pick up the Leicestershire Round to take us through Lindale golf club! We leave the Round to ascend Broombriggs Hill – the second peak, with fantastic views if we are fortunate with the weather – and then descend into Beacon Hill Country Park where we have a gentle ascent and circumnavigation of the final peak before descending to return to Woodhouse Eaves.

Unless we are unlucky with the weather, at this time of year there should be little mud. There might be a bit of wind on the tops, but this should not trouble those you who were involved in the recent 'Druids' ascent of Mam Tor!

Toilets

As stated previously, there are toilets in at the start. There are also some in Bradgate Park and Beacon Hill Park. Additionally, the more basic facilities are in increasing leaf and so will offer emergency cover throughout the walk!

