

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.

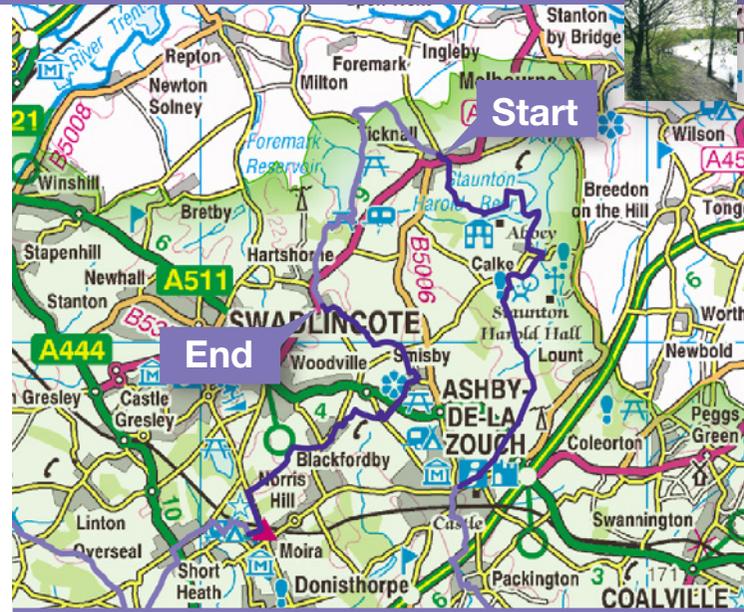
The trail leads through young and ancient woodlands, market towns and the industrial heritage of this changing landscape.



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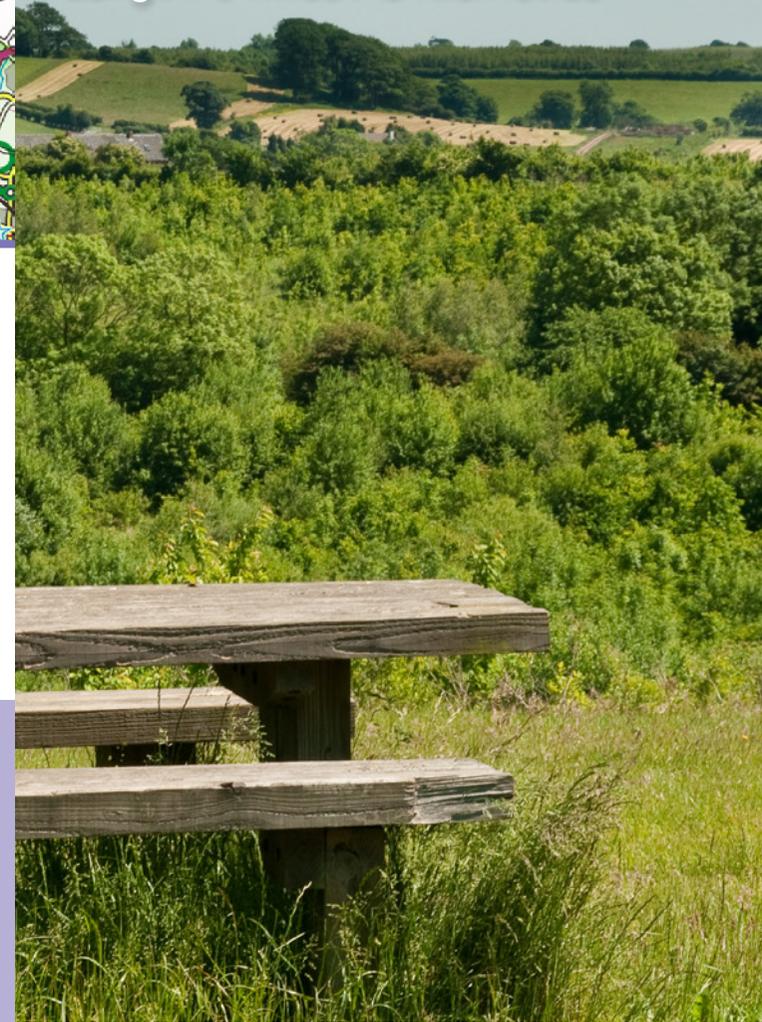


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Stage 6: Ticknall to Hartshorne

Length: 5 miles / 8 kilometres



About this stage

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

This stage of the route takes you to the most northerly point of the National Forest Way – Hangman's Stone. You continue to Foremark Reservoir and the dramatic Millstone Grit of Carvers Rocks before entering rolling countryside and swathes of new woodland planting.

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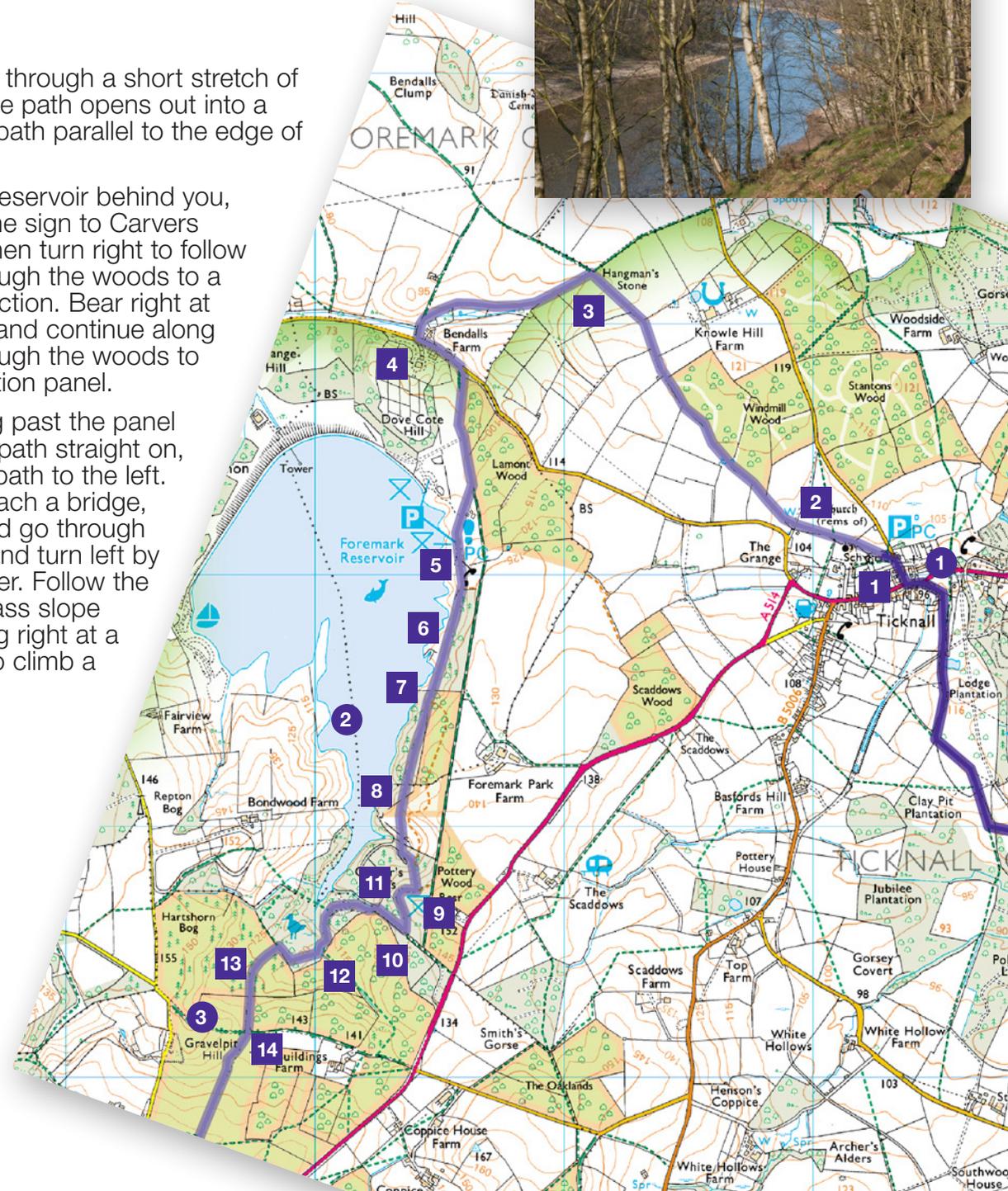
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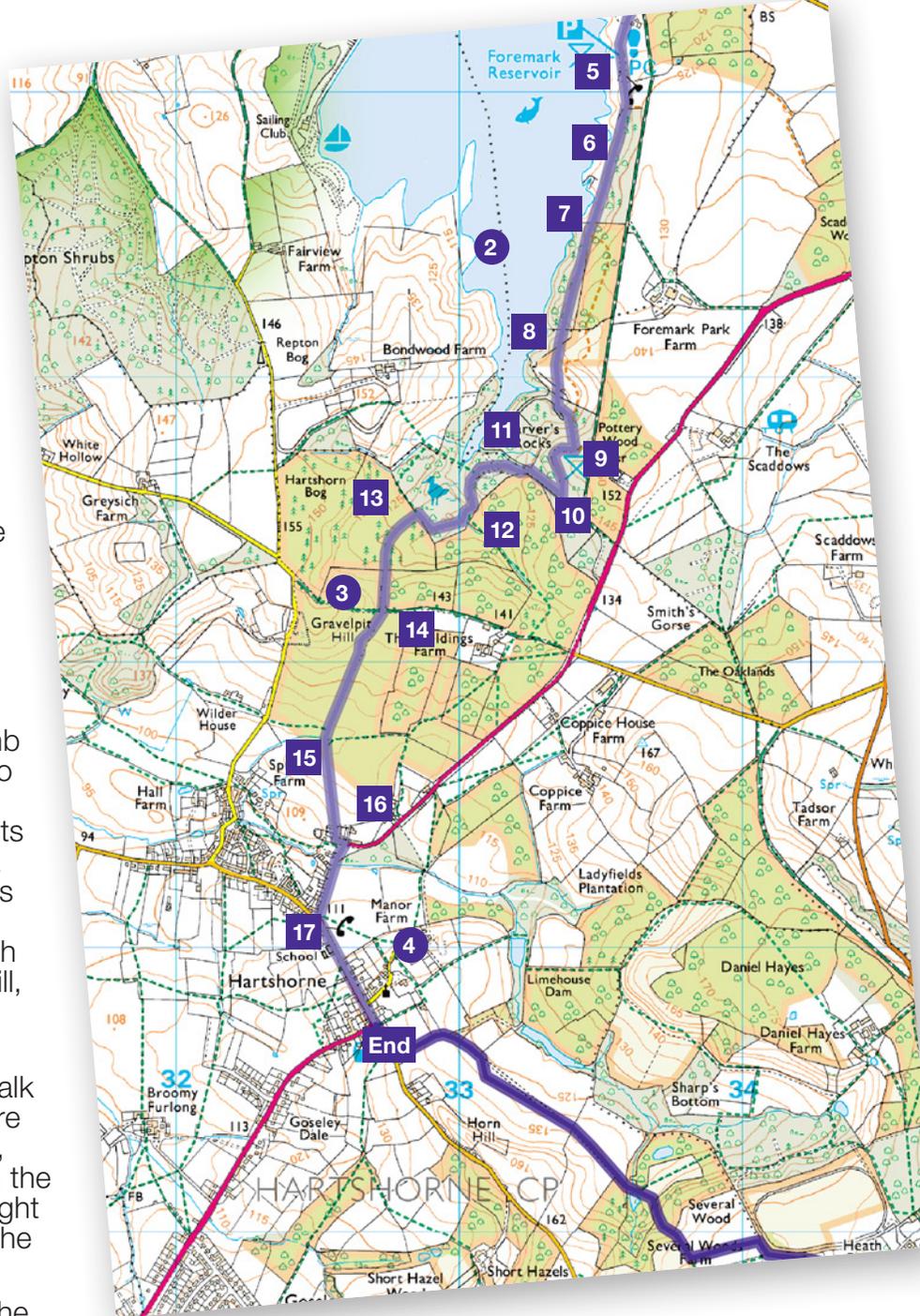
Ticknall to Hartshorne

- 1** At the end of Ticknall village hall car park (away from the road), go through the kissing gate and follow the footpath along the edge of a field. At the end of this field, pass through another kissing gate and continue along the edge of the next field. Walk past the church and cricket pitch to a gap in the hedge.
- 2** Go through the gap in the hedge, cross a track and then follow the footpath through a field, keeping the hedge to your left. At the end of this field, pass through a gate and continue along the footpath for about 600m past a new woodland plantation. At the end of the wood, the path continues ahead for another 500m to a crossroads of two footpaths known locally as Hangman's Stone.
- 3** At the junction, go through the gate and take the footpath on the left along the edge of an arable field, keeping the hedge on your left. At the corner of the field, follow the footpath round to the right, past an area of scrub and on to a farm track at the far end of the field. Turn left onto this track and follow it for about 100m to the road.
- 4** Turn left along the road, taking care to keep to the wide verges to avoid any traffic. Walk along the road for about 200m before crossing over to the entrance to Foremark Reservoir. Enter the reservoir grounds and follow the access road for 700m to the southern car park and visitor centre.
- 5** Continue past the visitor centre, with the reservoir on your right. Follow the fencing (on your left) towards the woodlands, where there is a sign for local walks. Head into the woods just to the left of the sign.

- 6** After walking through a short stretch of woodland, the path opens out into a wide grassy path parallel to the edge of the reservoir.
- 7** Leaving the reservoir behind you, bear left at the sign to Carvers Rocks and then turn right to follow the path through the woods to a triangular junction. Bear right at this junction and continue along the path through the woods to an interpretation panel.
- 8** Keep walking past the panel to follow the path straight on, ignoring the path to the left. When you reach a bridge, cross this and go through an opening and turn left by the waymarker. Follow the path up a grass slope before turning right at a waymarker to climb a set of steps.



- 9** Turn right at the top of the steps and follow the path through a disused car park to a waymarker and gate on your right.
- 10** At the waymarker, turn right into Carvers Rocks Nature Reserve and follow the path downhill through the woods (ignoring paths to the left) until you reach a junction of paths and turn left, as shown by the waymarker. Go down steps and straight over a crossroads of paths, to follow the waymarker up some steps.
- 11** At a junction of paths, turn right and follow the path to a boardwalk, which you should follow as it turns sharply right.
- 12** At the end of the boardwalk, climb the steps that have been built into the bank on the left. Continue to follow the path uphill as it winds its way through the woodland. Look out for the stile on your left. Cross it, and continue straight ahead along the wide grassy path, which you can see goes slightly downhill, then uphill.
- 13** Go through the gap in the fence and beside a waymarker post, walk straight on for a few metres before turning right. Almost immediately, you will need to turn left, keeping the hedge to your left. Continue straight on past the end of the fence, to the track at the end of the field.
- 14** Cross the track and then follow the footpath ahead through the new plantation woodlands for about 500m.



- 15** At the end of the plantations, follow the footpath as it bears slightly to the left and on to the edge of Hartshorne.
- 16** When you reach the village, go through the gap and follow a track and private driveway between some houses, taking care to keep to pavement to the left-hand side of the drive. At the end of the drive, turn left onto the road past the houses and on to the main Ticknall road. Turn right here and walk in to the village, ignoring the right turn on to Repton Road next to the Admiral Rodney pub.
- 17** Walk past the school and on to the Bulls Head pub, where the main road turns sharply to the right. Instead, continue straight ahead, to the left of the pub and onto Manchester Lane. After about 50m you will come to the village hall, where this stage ends.



Useful Information

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.

Points of interest along this stage

1 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 busy with lime quarries and potteries. The imposing arch on the main road carried a lime tramway through the Calke estate to the Ashby canal.



2 Foremark Reservoir & Carver's Rocks

Foremark Reservoir is a haven for wildlife with an abundance of flora and fauna. At the southern tip of the 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.



3 Hartshorne Bog & Buildings Farm Woods

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



4 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.



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.

