

Walk 9 Clipston-on-the-Wolds & Normanton via Harker's Farm Shop.
Approx. 7 miles (11.2 km) Over 2 hrs walking time.

Wonderful far reaching views, quiet lanes, fields and woodland.

Leave The Square along Selby Lane. When you reach the allotments, turn L along Willow Brook and and, at the far end, go across the road, through the gate opposite, and along the bridleway.

Keep walking in the same direction (great views towards Nottingham) until you reach Melton Road, crossing the bridge over the railway en route.

Cross this main road, with great care – it is very busy – and proceed up Laming Gap Lane opposite. Keep going until you reach the sharp RH bend. (See Note below)

At the bend, go L along the unmade road, and when you reach a junction, veer L, still on the wide forest track. Follow this through the woods, keeping L, all the way until you reach Clipston on The Wolds, with Harker Farm shop on your R.

Take first L into Church Gate, past Hall Farm Cottage, The Steading and a few other cottages. A short way after coming out of the village, find a signpost and a metal gate on the L leading to a clear path across 3 fields (extensive views all round).

Follow this well signed route virtually in a straight line (and over 3 stiles) through the open fields. Beyond the 3rd and last field, as you get near Normanton, the path goes through a shrubbery and bushes with a footbridge across a stream, followed by a stile and some steps beyond which the path runs along gardens and paddocks and ends up on Old Melton Road in Normanton (through 2 wooden gates).

You then have 2 options to return to Keyworth.

1. Turn L and walk up to The Plough then R to reach the A606 (Melton Road). Cross over with care and follow Platt Lane back to Keyworth.

2. Go R for a short distance to the paved lane on the L by the property named "The Lawns". Follow this down and, where it bends L, continue straight on to meet the narrow path between the houses, then over a brook and finally out into a field and a stile by the A606 at the far end. Cross the road, with extreme care, to the stile opposite and through the fields as indicated. You will end up at the back of Plumtree church.

You can then return to Keyworth using one of the routes described in Walk 1 (The Griffin) or catch the bus back along Station Road./.

Note: For a shorter version of this walk, if you can be dropped off by car at the top of Laming Gap Lane, you avoid walking the first section through Keyworth and up the long tedious stretch from the A606.

