

# Your guide to Broombriggs Farm and Windmill Hill



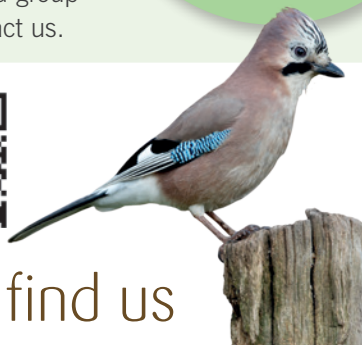
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For more information about this or any other Country Park, including car park charges, opening times, season tickets, events and group visits please contact us.



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## How to find us



We are located two miles south of Loughborough, in Leicestershire, near the village of Woodhouse Eaves.

The car park is just off Beacon Road, on the left as you leave the village, opposite Beacon Hill Country Park (LE12 8RW, grid ref SK 52313 14521).

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# Country Parks Volunteers

A wide range of country parks, woodlands and other open spaces throughout the county are managed by Leicestershire County Council. However, with over 400 hectares of land to look after, we need your help!

Country Parks volunteers are a diverse group of people who get together on a regular basis to carry out conservation tasks.

A number of volunteer groups work throughout the county undertaking a wide variety of practical tasks. These include hedge laying, surveying, working on heathlands, woodlands and grasslands, and general estate management.

## Get involved!

If you would like to get fit, help local wildlife, learn new skills and maybe make some new friends, why not come along to our volunteer days?

**Get in touch**  
to find out how!



# The National Forest

New woodlands at Broombriggs have been created under the Changing Landscapes Scheme. The scheme, which enables landowners to apply for funds to create diverse woodland habitats, is funded by The National Forest Company.

The National Forest is transforming 200 square miles of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire; steadily turning what was once one of the least wooded parts of England into a sustainable forest for the 21st century and beyond.

The creation of The National Forest is seeing millions of trees planted with the help of local communities as well as improved public access, new and enhanced wildlife habitats and the development of recreation facilities. The aim is for woodland to cover about a third of the Forest area. For more information visit [www.nationalforest.org](http://www.nationalforest.org)



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# Windmill Hill

Windmill Hill lies between Broombriggs Farm and the village of Woodhouse Eaves. The site is a mix of mature and new woodland areas which include a network of waymarked paths. The base of a

former windmill provides a platform for magnificent views over the Soar Valley. The platform is open throughout the summer on Sundays.



# Visitor Information

Broombriggs Farm is a mosaic of small fields enclosed by dry stone walls, hedgerows, fences and woodlands. They are managed to provide permanent pasture for grazing livestock and to grow arable crops.

The car park has a pay and display ticket machine. All proceeds from car parking charges go into the maintenance of the country park.

Annual car parking season tickets are also available which give discounted parking at all Leicestershire County Council Country Parks. For up to date prices, please see the website.



# The Farm

Broombriggs Farm was donated to Leicestershire County Council in 1970 by the Frear family. Their desire was to preserve its natural beauty as a typical Charnwood Forest farm so that it could be enjoyed by all visitors.

Today, the farm is still managed in traditional ways which help to retain its varied landscapes and fine views across the surrounding countryside.

Arable crops are mainly grown in some of the lower lying fields on the farm. These have relatively good, fertile, easily worked soils. The fields are either sown with cereals such as barley, wheat or oats or with other arable crops such as turnips. The upper fields on the farm are used mainly to graze livestock.

The farmland is interspersed with small woodlands and parkland trees creating an attractive landscape.





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## Woodland

Many of the existing woodlands and parkland trees on the farm are the result of imaginative, well designed planting on the estate during the 19th and 20th centuries. These have recently been enhanced by the introduction of a new generation of trees and woodland areas as part of our wider contribution to the National Forest.




## Livestock

Cattle such as Limousin, Charolais, Belgian Blue and Aberdeen-Angus are farmed here. These are cross-bred to produce offspring which are healthy and resistant to disease.

Sheep are reared to produce meat and wool. They are kept in some of the upper fields over the summer months but they may also be seen in the lower, arable areas during the winter where they feed on stubble turnips.

## Routes for walkers and horse riders

Try out the following suggested waymarked routes that take in a wealth of landscapes, wildlife habitats and spectacular viewpoints.

Route	Distance	Walking Time	Surface
 <b>Blue Route</b> .....	1.8 miles (3 km)	50 mins	Mainly hard surface with some grass
 <b>Red Route</b> .....	1.5 miles (2.5 km)	45 mins	Mainly hard surface with some grass



Windmill viewing platform



Bird feeding station

## Community Orchard

The orchard is a partnership between Leicestershire County Council, the National Forest Company and the community of the villages of Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves. It has been designed and planted by villagers and will provide a regular harvest of fruit each year as well as a place for everyone to enjoy.

Fruit trees include apples, pears, plums, damsons and cherries many of which are sweet, eating varieties.



## Views from Broombriggs

The new woodlands and parkland tree planting has been designed to ensure that the views looking east from the higher ground on the farm are retained. These are some of the finest views in Leicestershire with landmarks such as Belvoir Castle and Billesdon Coplow visible on a clear day.



## Visitor Code

Help us to keep the Country Park safe and enjoyable for all visitors by respecting our Visitor Code. Please:

- Keep dogs under strict control at all times
- Clean up after your dog and use the bins provided
- Take your litter home, and recycle where possible
- Do not light open fires
- Do not pick flowers
- Close gates after you

