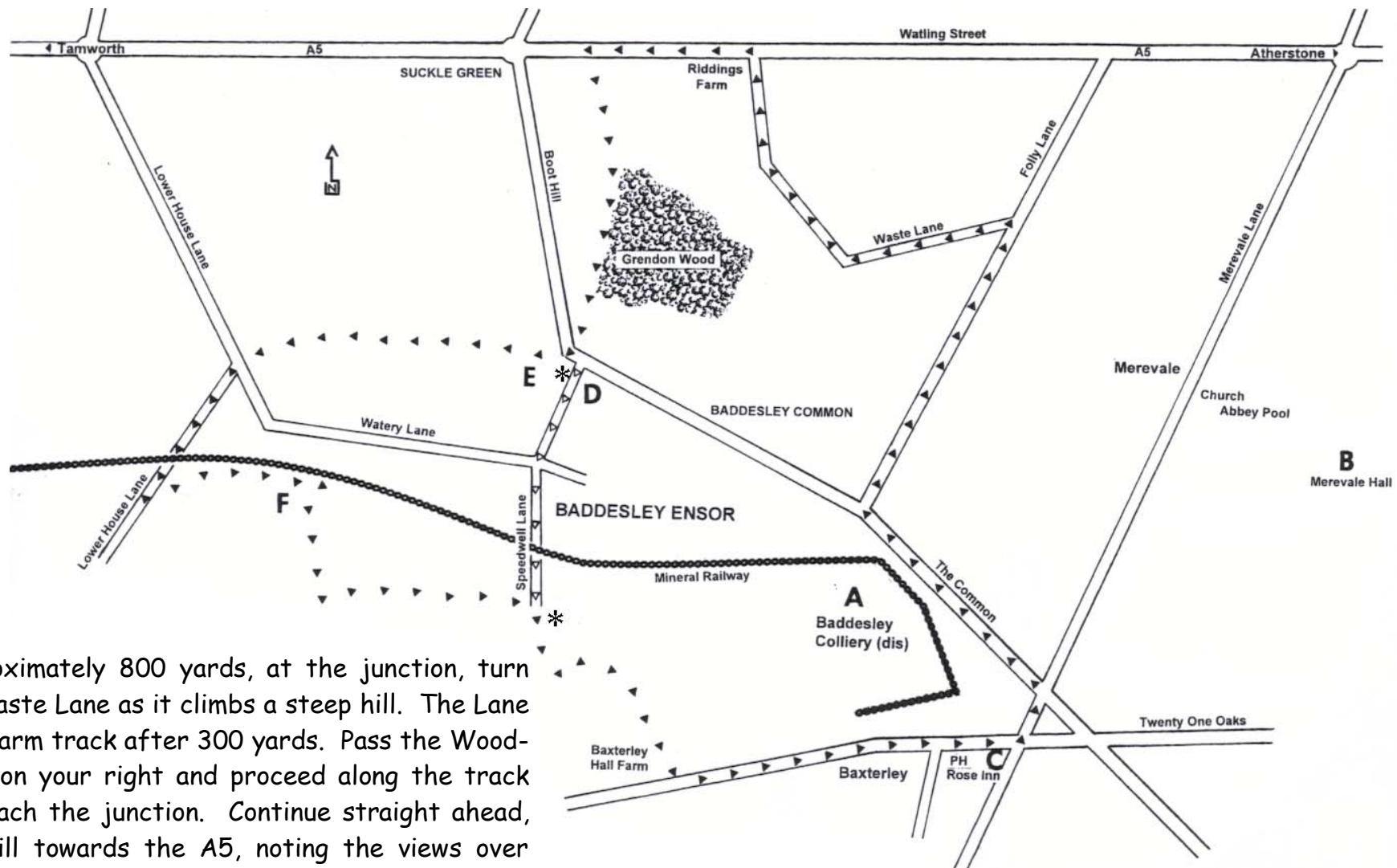


Baddesley Walk

Main Route ▲

From the Rose Inn Public House, Baxterley, turn right onto Main Road, walk for 200 yards, past the disused Baddesley Colliery Office on your left, until you reach the road junction. Turn left, walk for 50 yards, and turn left again taking the pavement alongside the road. After about 400 yards turn right into Folly Lane. After walking past Grendon Wood on your left, the Lane falls sharply downhill. Stop and take in the excellent view of Merevale Hall and Estate to your right.

hand side. To the right are views of the old Birch Coppice Colliery. Proceed along the road, crossing the bridge over the old mineral railway line, until you reach a farm on your right, opposite which, on the left hand side, is a break in the hedge and a stile. Cross over the stile, turn left and follow the headland of the field over a further stile and ditch. Proceed diagonally across the field for approximately 400 yards. A waymark post directs you to the right.



After approximately 800 yards, at the junction, turn left onto Waste Lane as it climbs a steep hill. The Lane becomes a farm track after 300 yards. Pass the Woodlands Farm on your right and proceed along the track until you reach the junction. Continue straight ahead, down the hill towards the A5, noting the views over Leicestershire. At the busy A5, turn left and walk for 400 yards until you reach the second gateway on the left.

Turn left, cross over the stile and continue along the path for 30 yards. Cross the next stile and follow the path alongside the field. After 400 yards cross the stile in the right hand corner of the field, and continue along a well worn track over what is part of Grendon Common. Proceed straight ahead over the next stile and along the narrow path which runs between the hedge and field. Grendon Wood can be seen on your left.

Continue uphill along the path until you reach a waymark post, turn left and continue for 20 yards bearing right into The Riddings, which leads onto Boot Hill (*). The Maypole Public House is on your left. Turn right, walk for 20 yards, cross over and take the road on your left called Hill Top. Proceed along Hill Top until you reach the end of the road. Take the right hand path through a gap in the field. Follow the path for 200 yards across the field and then for a further 100 yards through a second field. The path falls sharply downhill.

When reaching the set of steep steps, proceed through a small copse and come out on to a minor road, turn left, walk for 20 yards and then take the right hand fork up the hill. The lane comes out on to Lower House Lane. Turn left and continue along the road, taking care to walk on the right

Follow the edge of field, with the old mineral line on your left. Proceed along the path to the left hand corner of the field. Turn right at the waymark post and proceed for 20 yards, then turn right again and follow the path alongside the field with Sugar Brook Wood on your left. Turn left at the metal bridge and walk up the steep bank. Proceed straight ahead over the field for 300 yards and approach the farm. Cross over the stile and proceed through the farmyard and on to a metalled road. After 150 yards turn right over the stile (*).

A path runs alongside the hedge on your left. Proceed for 300 yards to the left hand corner of the field. Turn left and follow what is now a good path across the field. Turn right, up the hill, heading towards Baxterley Hall Farm. Go through the gap next to the gate, and continue past the farm on your left. At the junction turn left then right. 50 yards further on is the main road, turn left and follow the road into Baxterley.

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When you reach Boot Hill, marked (*) in the direction of the complete route, cross the road and proceed along New Street. Continue to the bottom of the hill and then take the rough track on the right. At the bottom of the track, turn left and then right at the junction, into Speedwell Lane.

Proceed along the lane, passing the Recreation Ground on your right. Continue under the old mineral railway bridge and walk for approximately 150 yards until the road turns to the right. At this point rejoin the complete route, marked (*), and cross the stile.