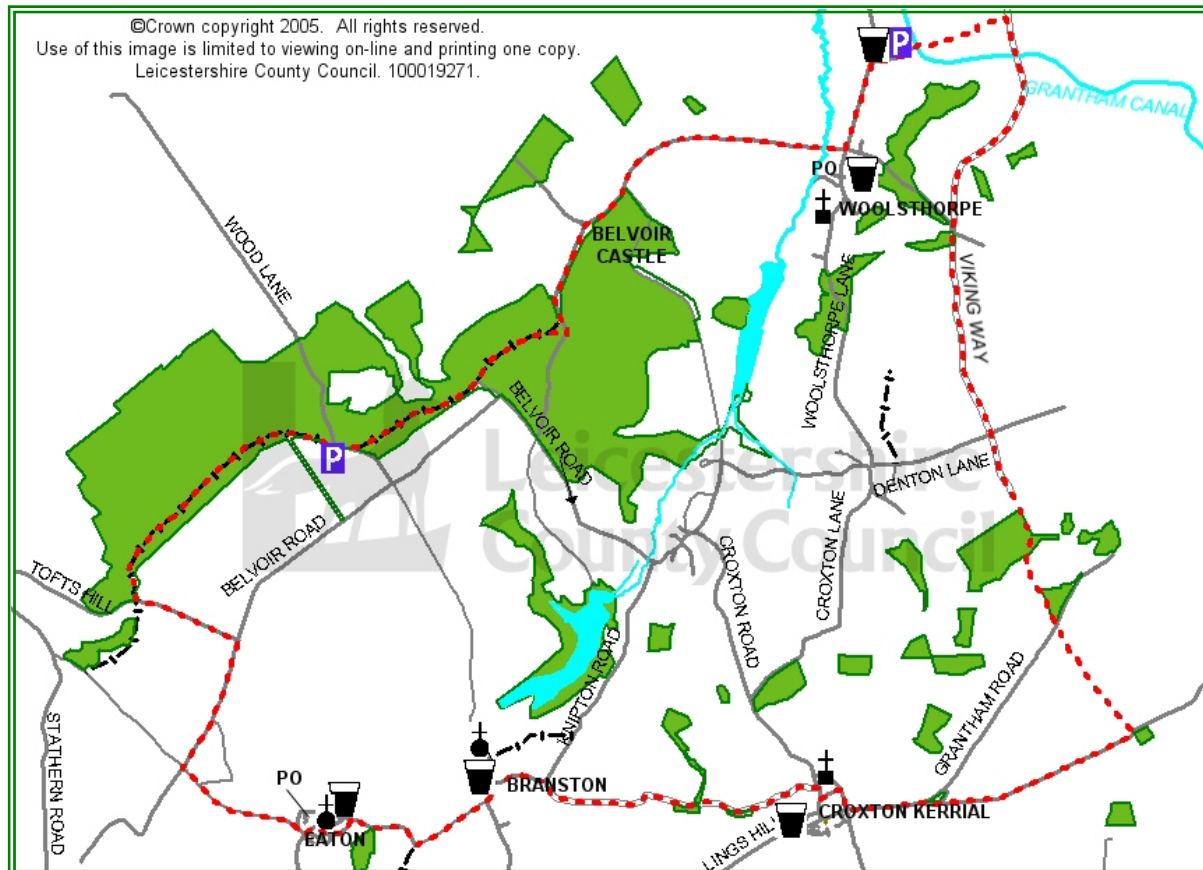


# Belvoir Route


 16 miles


<b>KEY</b>	 Car Parking	 Public House
	 Church with Tower	 Church with Spire

Explore this beautiful and quiet corner of Leicestershire. The country lanes and old county roads provide great cycling opportunities, made interesting with undulating landscapes and excellent views across the Vale of Belvoir.

## Did you know?

The pub with two names Rutland Arms AKA Dirty Duck, was built around 1750, half a century before the canal so was more frequented by cattle drovers than the navvies.

The first Belvoir Castle, built by Robert de Todeni (William the Conqueror's Standard Bearer during the Battle of Hastings), was a true fortification erected in the years shortly after the Norman Conquest, made of earth and timber. The name Belvoir (*pronounced "beever"*) originates from the Norman term for "beautiful view", a fitting label for this picturesque estate.

## VITAL STATISTICS

<b>DISTANCE</b>	16 miles (26km)
<b>USERS</b>	cyclist and horse riders
<b>SURFACE</b>	mostly all weather surface, rough and rutted in places
<b>TYPE OF ROUTE</b>	Circular
<b>DIFFICULTY LEVEL</b>	Tough
<b>% OFF ROAD</b>	50%
<b>EXPLORER MAP</b>	260/247
<b>PARKING</b>	The Rutland Arms carpark, with permission from the landlord, (GR. 843351)
<b>PUBLIC TOILETS</b>	Non en-route
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	Pubs in Croxton Kerrial, Branston, Eaton, Woolsthorpe Post Office/small shop in Woolsthorpe, Croxton Kerrial and Eaton
<b>OTHER ROUTES TO TRY</b>	Burrough Hill

## Worth a Visit

Belvoir Castle which is the fourth to have stood on the site and was completed in the early 19th century after previous buildings suffered complete or partial destruction during the Wars of the Roses, the Civil War and a major fire in 1816.

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