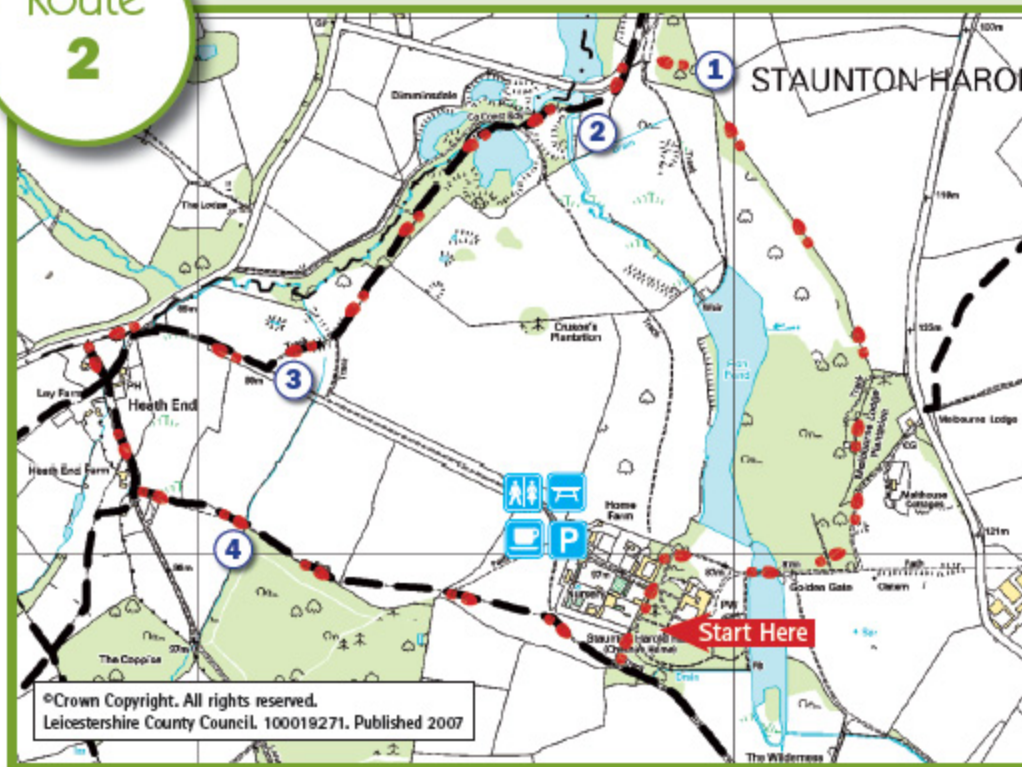


Route
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Start as Walk 1 to the "Golden Gate", and go straight up hill to the left, where a waymarker will guide you to the first stile into the woods inscribed "J B".

Here begins the 1¼mile (3km) Staunton Ridgeway. Follow the yellow spots through Melbourne Lodge plantation to Stile 2 (from quiet), then alongside the deer park wall to Stile 3 (homes and). *A gap has been left to reveal a magnificent view over the lakes, reservoir and wooded hills. Also, look out for the pots built into the wall.*

boundary runs up the middle of the reservoir where the brook once ran.

- ② Enter Dimminsdale Nature Reserve, one of the reserves of the Leicestershire and Rutland Trust for Nature Conservation. *Various quarrying works for limestone and other minerals were carried out here, from the 13th century to 1891, when the site was abandoned and left to nature. Now the area is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) due to the underlying rocks giving rise to a mixture of acid and calcareous soil types.*

Throughout the site there are remains of lime kilns, although now overgrown. The information boards around the site provide more details of the wildlife and history.

At the board in front of the largest pool turn right and take the path West. On reaching a "squeeze" go right signed for the Ivanhoe Way. Cross the stile and keep the hedge on the left, then bear right to reach the driveway leading to the Hall.

- ③ Turn right down the driveway to the road, then, turn left. After 100m turn left up a private road signed "Ivanhoe Way". Just before the last house on the left, take the footpath across the field, keeping to the right hand side. In the next field keep left along the field boundary.

- ④ Once through the gate at the field corner follow the path up hill, with the hedge on your right. Maintain the same direction through the fields all the way back to the car park.

- ① From Stile 3 head downhill to the car park, and take the path to the left, down to the road. Turn left and walk alongside the road and over the bridge with views of the reservoir. *The Leics/Derbys county*