

COLESHILL CIRCULAR WALK

Main Route ▲

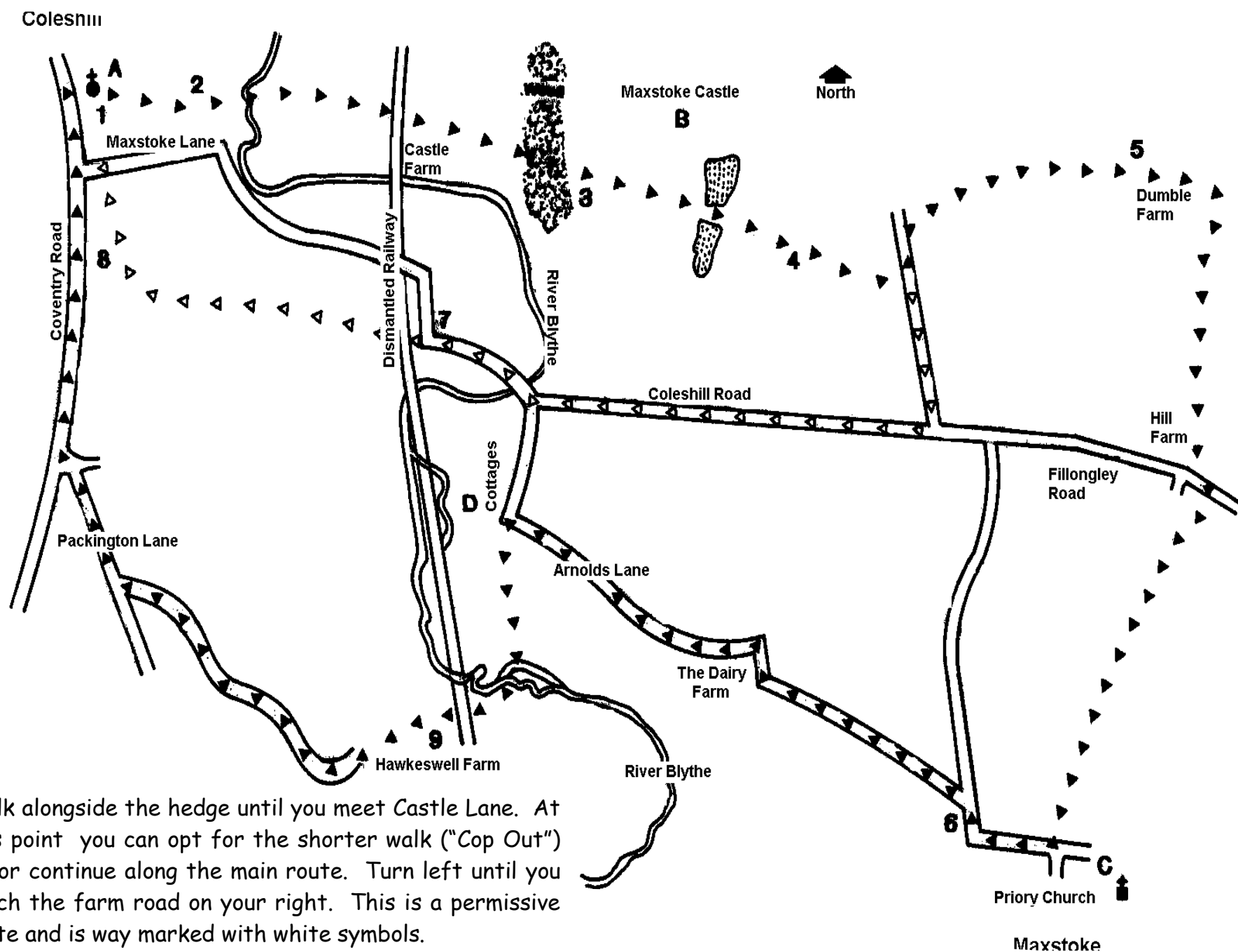
The walk starts at Coleshill Parish Church (A), where you leave the churchyard and cross the grassed area, known as "The Croft". Walk around the edge of the graveyard and onto the road. Keeping to the road, turn right and then left, and pass through the kissing gate.

1). Follow the path across the field and over the stile (2). Continue over the River Blythe until the footpath reaches a road. Walk straight ahead, past Castle Farm on your right. Head towards the wood and enter Maxstoke Golf Course at the stile.

(3). Keep to the perimeter path, taking in views of historic Maxstoke Castle.(B). Pass between two pools and leave the golf course at the stile (4).

on to the road. Walk along this country lane until you reach a road junction. Take the left hand fork, Arnolds Lane (6) and continue for a mile, past Maxstoke Farm, until you reach a group of cottages with a frog pond before them. Turn left at Frogpond Cottage (D), following the track through the woods. Turn right at the junction with a footpath. Cross the backwater and River Blythe and bear right towards a dismantled railway line. Cross the stile (9) and proceed to Hawkeswell Farm. Follow the way marks around the farm, on to Packington Lane and into Coleshill.

(**) For further details on The Heart of England Way long distance footpath, write to: John Roberts, 8 Hillside Close, Bartley Green, Birmingham, B32 4LT.



Walk alongside the hedge until you meet Castle Lane. At this point you can opt for the shorter walk ("Cop Out") (*) or continue along the main route. Turn left until you reach the farm road on your right. This is a permissive route and is way marked with white symbols.

Continue along the road towards Dumble farm. Just before the farm buildings turn left over the stile (5) and follow the footpath across the field. Cross the next stile and walk along the field's edge towards two further stiles. Do not cross these stiles, which are part of the Heart of England Way (**). Instead, turn right and continue across the top of the field, taking in the views on your right over the Midland Plain towards Coleshill and Birmingham. Cross the next two stiles and the protected electric fence. Proceed along the path, over the stile and on to Fillongley Road. Turn left. 40 yards past Hill Farm cross the stile to your right and walk straight ahead through the gate. Turn right and follow the line of the field. At the next gate, turn left, cross the stiles and proceed towards Maxstoke Priory (C) and Maxstoke Church. At the Church Hall, turn right

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When you reach Castle Lane, marked (*) in the description of the complete route, turn right. At the next junction turn right into Coleshill Road. After crossing Duke Bridge and walking around the right hand bend, turn left through the gate and into the field (7). Walk along the path and cross the dismantled railway line and stile. Turn right, walk alongside the fence, crossing the next two stiles, and proceed to the corner of the field. Turn right and cross the stile. Continue, turning left over the next stile and walk diagonally left across the field. Turn right over the next stile and follow the gravel track onto Maxstoke Lane. Turn left and walk 100 yards to High Street, Coleshill. Coleshill Church is on your right and to the rear of the High Street shops.