



Right, an engraving by W. Radclyffe etched in 1830, of Maxstoke Castle, much of which remains the same today.

(B) Maxstoke Castle: Dating from the 14th century, this moat surrounded castle was constructed by William de Clinton, Earl of Huntingdon. It was remodelled after 1440 by the First Duke of Buckingham. In 1589, it passed to Sir Thomas Dilke, whose family still owns Maxstoke Castle today.

(A) The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul: This lovely building dates back to the 14th century, from which it has stood sentinel over Coleshill. Coleshill, itself, was formerly a royal demesne. The town was once inherited from the De Montfords by Simon Digby, whose descendants lie in the church vaults, and who was notable for changing sides in the War of the Roses.

(C) Maxstoke Priory: Founded in 1336 for Augustinian Canons by William de Clinton.

(D) Frogpond Cottage: A typical old country picture-postcard dwelling, which stands beside the pond which gives it its name.

Points of Interest

Length of walk

Longer than most circular walks, this route involves the negotiation of a number of gates and stiles. It is clearly way marked, and offers a cop-out should you wish to shorten your walk.

Total walk: 7.50 miles (approx. 4 hours)

Cop out: 4.50 miles (approx. 2.5 hours)

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Starting Point

Coleshill Church **(A)** is the starting point of the walk, within the vicinity of which there is ample car parking. Please park carefully, however, as you will be away for some time.

Further Information

For further information on other circular walks in North Warwickshire, Countryside Events & Activities, and Cycleways, please contact North Warwickshire Borough Council, Community Development Division, The Council House, South Street, Atherstone, CV9 1BG, telephone (01827) 719207. More information about activities and events in Northern Warwickshire can be obtained by visiting the Northern Warwickshire Information Centre, Kingsbury Water Park, Bodmoor Heath Lane, Sutton Coldfield, Telephone (01827) 872660.

If you find any problems on public footpaths, please contact Warwickshire County Council's Countryside Access Team on (01926) 410410.

For **HAPPY** walking follow the country code

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work

Keep all dogs under control

Keep to public paths across farmland

Fasten all gates

Guard against the risk of fire

Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls

Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone

Help to keep all water clean

Take your litter home

Protect wildlife, plants and trees

Make no unnecessary noise

Take special care on country roads

Follow the waymarkers which indicate the route of the walk

Wear strong water-proof footwear



Coleshill Walk



A pleasant mix of rural charm and an historic past will reward everyone who completes this four hour circular walk. Scenic landscapes and characterful heritage clamour for attention on this picturesque walk, at the heart of which is the small market town of Coleshill

