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Burrough Hill and Somerby

Distance: 9km / 5.3miles
Suitable For: All
Difficulty: Quite Easy
Starting Point: Burrough Hill car park (767 115)
Toilets: At Start
Time: 2 hours
Terrain: Footpaths and Tracks. Some steep climbs
OS Map: Explorer 246
Parking: At Start
Refreshments: Pubs in Burrough on the Hill and Somerby
The Walk

Starting from the car park at Burrough Hill, walk along the track until you reach the Leicestershire Round Footpath off to your right. Turn right along the path. Follow this path, with the Leicestershire Round waymarks, as it goes over a ridge and then continues along the ridge just below the top. At the end of the ridge, turn right (still on Leicestershire Round), and head across the undulating countryside to Somerby.

When you reach the road in Somerby, turn right. Shortly after the telephone box, turn left down a driveway to the stables. Then fork right along a footpath which traverses the valley to Burrough on the Hill.

When you reach the small country road, turn right towards the village. At the junction turn right, then take the path off to the left (near the church). As the path splits, go right, heading to the left of Burrough Hill from age fort.

Where you meet a track with the Leicestershire Round, turn right. Continue along this permissive route until you reach Burrough Hill. Here you can climb onto the iron age fort, before continuing along the track back to your car.

AUTHOR'S COMMENTS

Burrough Hill is one of the most historically important sites in East Leicestershire. With a view stretching for miles (On a clear day it is said that you can see Beacon Hill and Boston Stump) it would have been a very strong defensive position. While you explore the earthworks, remember that they were built centuries before the invention of the mechanical digger. Thousands of tonnes of earth had to be moved using simple tools, often little more than hands and sticks. Alop the wall surrounding the site (which has partly eroded) would have been a wooden palisade, raising the height a further 3 metres or so.

Sadly Burrough Hill is something of a tourist attraction, but if you are fortunate in being there on a quiet day enjoy a quiet walk around the site.

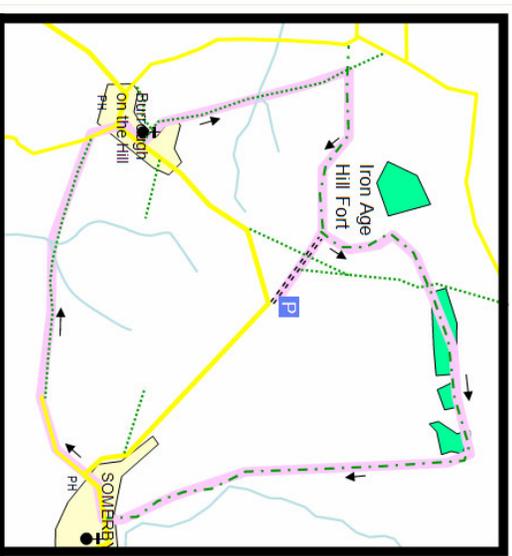
As you walk around the valley between Burrough and Somerby notice how prominent Burrough Hill is.

The Old Brewery Inn in Somerby holds the record for the world's strongest beer - Baz's Bounce Blower (23%).

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KEY TO MAP SYMBOLS

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| | Road | | Church |
| | Water | | Public House |
| | Footpath | | Car Park |
| | Leicestershire Round | | Route Direction |
| | Track | | |
| | Route | | |

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