

Oakham's Award-Winning 'Pies & Pints' Trail



Distance: 7.62 km

Difficulty: Easy

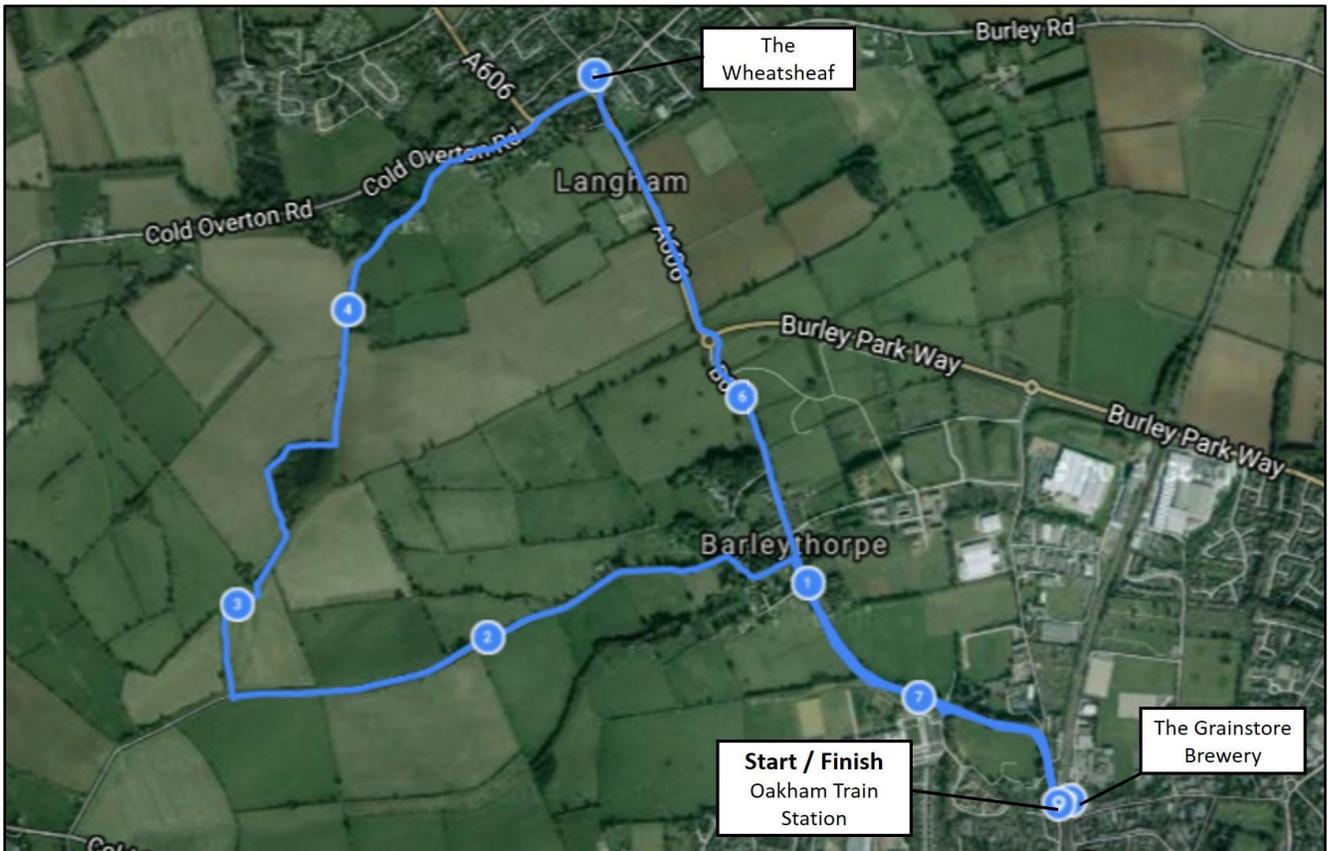
Dog Friendly: Yes (some fields contain livestock)

Ascent/Descent: Easy (+/- 159 metres)

Toilets: At the pubs only

Wildlife: Nothing of note

Endomondo GPS track: [View/Download here](#)



Oakham's Award-Winning 'Pies & Pints' circular walking route (Google Maps)

Starting location: this route begins at Oakham train station (satnav: LE15 6QT).

1. Exit the train station on the side of Platform 2, go through the small car park and head right along Barleythorpe Road. At the roundabout, cross straight over, either taking the signposted footpath, or walking along the pavement; it makes no difference the routes run parallel and converge shortly. Stay on this road as you leave Oakham and enter the village of Barleythorpe. After passing the turning for Pasture Lane on the left, take the next left down Manor Lane. If you reach the Rutland County College, you have gone too far.



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2. You are now on the Rutland Round route, although it is not signposted as such for some way. Walk along this quiet road, bearing right and then left, before the lane turns 'greener' (pictured left). Keep going; the lane heads uphill and you'll pass over several cattle grids. After the second or third cattle grid, there will be a turning on the right (pictured right) near to the crest of the hill



you have just climbed. Take this path, following the left edge of the field. As you bear right, still keeping to the edge of the field, you'll pass a field track. Ignore this; just after the turning, there will be an overgrown footpath off to the left (pictured left) that can be easily missed. Follow this path, keeping the hedgerow on your right. At the wooded area ahead, bear left, keeping to the boundary between the edge of the field and



the wooded area, heading downhill and with superb views of the surrounding area (pictured right).



3. Keep following the path through a wooded area, through a small field that may contain sheep, through a gate and out onto the road. Here, continue on in the same direction along the road (Cold Overton Road), coming to the end of the road after just a short way. Turn right onto the A606 and ahead, where the road bears right, you will find The Wheatsheaf pub, where you may wish to try the award-winning steak and ale pie, which won 'Best Overall Small Producer 2016' at the British Pie Awards in March.



4. Exit the Wheatsheaf pub and continue on along the A606. At the roundabout, continue straight on, passing back through Barleythorpe village and retracing your steps all the way back to Oakham train station. Go into the train station and cross over to Platform 1. Once on the other side, exit the station and to your left is the Grainstore Brewery, four-time winner of The Good Pub Guide's 'Own Brew Pub of the Year' award!





Pub 1: The Wheatsheaf

The Wheatsheaf is a walker and dog-friendly, country pub in the centre of Langham. Most notably, the pub recently won Rutland CAMRA Spring Pub of the Year 2016. So, we're sure you'll agree with us... the pie and ale needs to be sampled soon! You can view their website [here](#).



Pub 2: The Grainstore Brewery

The Grainstore Brewery is the largest brewery in the smallest county, first opening its doors in September 1995 after the owners renovated an old Victorian grain store. The 15-barrel brew house plant with capacity to brew 60 barrels per week, started brewing its first, 'Cooking Bitter' a few months later, and is still available to drink today. You can view their website [here](#).

Tips

This walk works best when you arrive in Oakham via the train. The Grainstore Brewery has a huge selection of real ales; nobody wants to be the designated driver on this one! So make this a day trip out on the train. Oakham is on the mainline between Birmingham New Street and Stansted Airport, so it's very easy to get to.

