

## The Calke Abbey & Ticknall Circular

**Distance:** 9.09 km

**Difficulty:** Easy

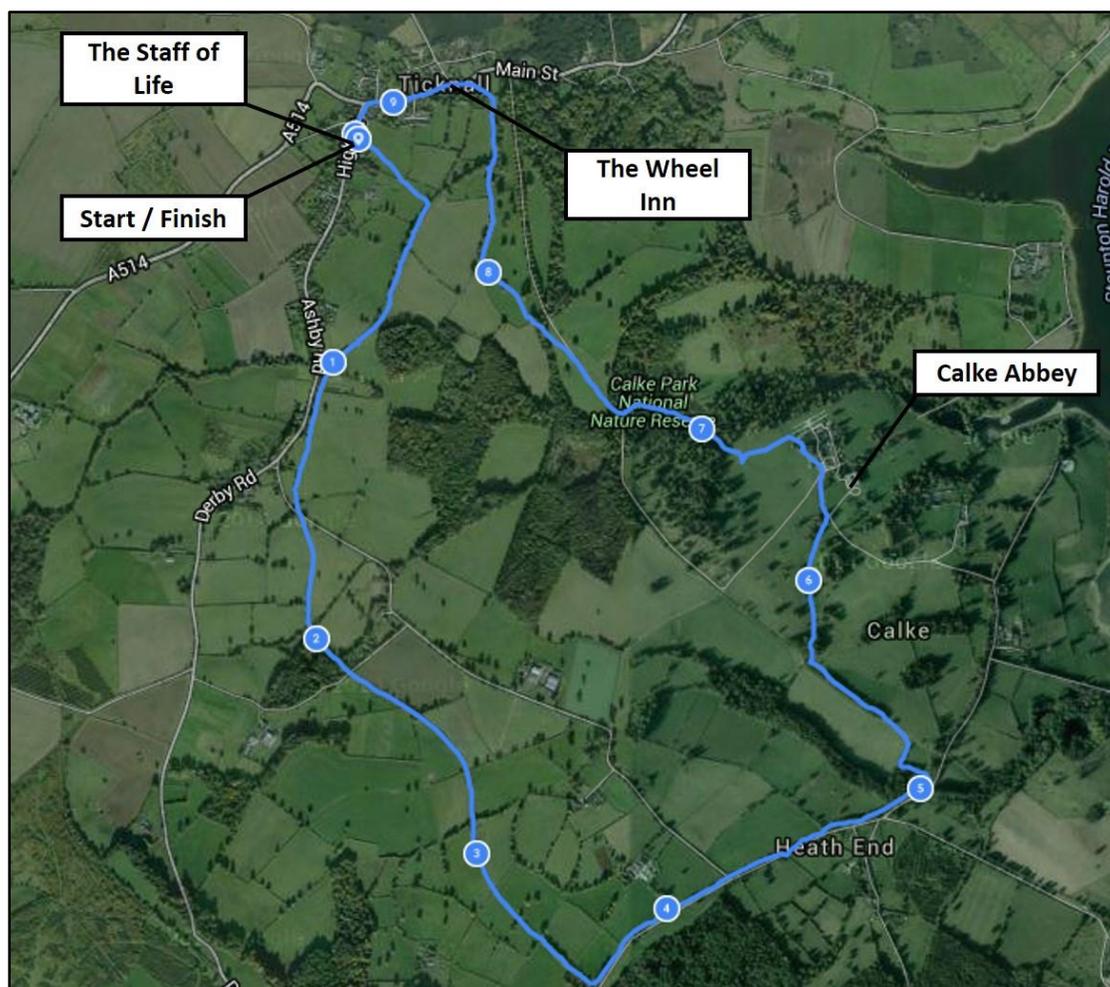
**Dog Friendly:** Yes

**Ascent/Descent:** Easy (+/- 213 metres)

**Toilets:** At the pub and the Abbey

**Wildlife:** Deer, damselflies, various flora

**Endomondo route:** [View/Download here](#)



*The Calke Abbey and Ticknall circular walking route (Google Maps)*

**Starting location:** at the Staff of Life pub on High Street, Ticknall (satnav: DE73 7JH). On street parking is available.

1. Standing with your back to the pub, set off left down the street. After 100m, there is a footpath sign, heading off to the left. Take this path and cross two grass fields. You will now come to a gate. Go through the gate and join the route of the old tramway, setting off to your right.

2. Continue on the track, passing through a gate. You will come to a tunnel and then cross a road. You will pass some cottages on your left with a gravel track. Continue straight on the path and you will pass under a bridge. Soon after this, the tramway comes to a road; here, turn left just before the road and follow the pathway along.



3. The path continues on, passing under another bridge and over another road. The path soon narrows and, where you come to a squeezer stile on your right, turn left up a path through the trees. Follow the path along; you will pass through two pedestrian gates near to a barn. After a few hundred meters, you pass through a further gate into Calke Park National Nature Reserve.

4. After passing through the gate, bear right on a clear track, heading towards the [National Trust property Calke Abbey](#), which should be visible now. At the road, in front of some green gates, turn left and walk along the road to the café/restaurant area. Following the buildings along (with them on your right), pass through a gate next to a cattle grid into a surfaced car park. Head off left through a hand gate into the park land. After passing through the gate, head diagonally right and down a hill towards a pond. Pass through a gate and walk between two ponds.



5. Soon after the path forks, take the left-hand fork and when you reach a gravel track, turn left. Then, at the tarmac road, turn right and follow it uphill. Just before the admissions hut, there is a gap in the fencing with a gravel track going off through some trees; follow this track. The track eventually comes to a pond on your right. Here, continue straight on, passing through two gates and emerging on the road in Ticknall.

6. When the road is reached turn left and follow the road along passing (we suggest going in!) The Wheel Inn pub on your left. When you reach High Street / B5006, turn left back to the starting point.

### **Pub 1: The Wheel Inn**

The Wheel Inn is a bright and cosy pub and restaurant serving innovative and traditional home-cooked food. The pub is very community-orientated and welcomes walkers and dog walkers. You can view their opening times and menu [here](#).





## **Pub 2: The Staff of Life**

The Staff of Life is a traditional inn and is very walker-friendly; they really don't mind muddy boots! The pub knows the importance of offering good ales and good food; four real ales to sample at any one time (they boast 150 different guest ales over the course of a year!) and a hearty menu that offers hearty, well-made classics with no pretention. You can view their website [here](#).

### **Tips**

There are no tips for this walking route.