

Directions

Leave Edwinstowe along Church Street and turn left just before reaching the cricket ground.

Walk past the fairground and follow the bridleway that is signed to Gleadthorpe.

After about 400m turn left at the crossroads of paths and follow a bridleway.

Continue for about 1.5km with fields to your left and woodland to your right.

Pass through a gap in the magnificent holly hedge and turn left along the broad grassy ride of The Neutral Ground.

Continue for about 800m then turn right to walk parallel to the main road.

After about 250m follow the path as it veers to the right away from the road and continue with farmland to your left and woodland to your right. At the junction of paths after 500m take the left branch.

After another 600m you will see the cross marking the site of St Edwin's Chapel in the hedgerow on your left. Continue another 200m and cross the tarmac forest road (Clipstone Drive) and in a further 80m you will reach the Thynghowe Trail at point B.

Turn right and follow the trail, keeping left as you approach the hill of Thynghowe. After about another 1km you will reach a crossroads of paths marked by a fingerpost (point M). To return to Edwinstowe turn right along the forest road (although you may first wish to explore the remainder of the Thynghowe Trail).

After 500m you will reach the corner of Budby Common. Turn right along the National Cycle Route.

After 1km at the top of a hill follow the bridleway signed to the left. Continue with the fenced woodland enclosures initially to your right and then on both sides. At a major junction of paths after about 1.5km keep straight on up the slope and in another 400m you will rejoin our outward route. Keep straight on to return to the cricket ground.

A Walk from Edwinstowe to the Thynghowe Trail

This walk takes us from the village of Edwinstowe to its boundaries with Clipstone, Warsop and Budby. The section along the Thynghowe Trail marks some of the events of over a thousand years of history. This area was once border territory between the kingdoms of Northumbria and Mercia with the hill of Thynghowe, possibly playing an important role in this era. Later it became the pleasure grounds for royalty and nobility who contributed to the remarkable story of this area. Throughout these times the forest also provided a living for the common people from the villages around its edges.

The leaflet describing the Thynghowe Trail provides more information about the history of the area.

Most of the walk is on good paths although a few sections may be muddy following wet weather. The route follows public footpaths, bridleways and permissive paths. Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 28 – Sherwood Forest is recommended if you are not familiar with this area.

This walk is about 12 kilometres (7.5 miles) and should take between 2.5 hours and a whole day, depending on how long you spend exploring the Thynghowe Trail.

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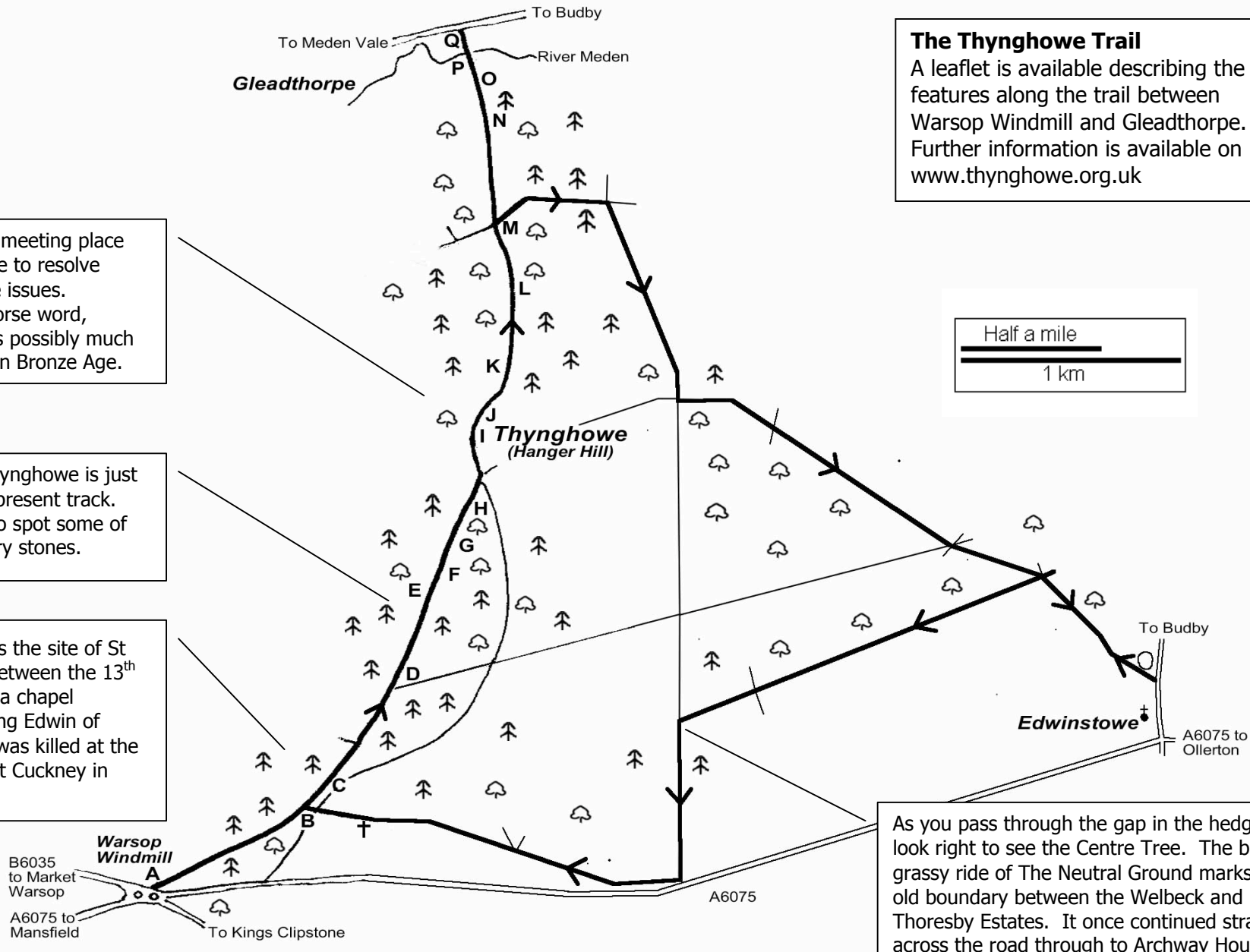
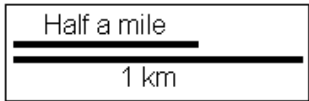
To Meden Vale
 To Budby
 River Meden
Gleadthorpe

The Thynghowe Trail
 A leaflet is available describing the features along the trail between Warsop Windmill and Gleadthorpe. Further information is available on www.thynghowe.org.uk

Thynghowe was a meeting place where people came to resolve disputes and settle issues. Thynghowe is a Norse word, although the site is possibly much older, perhaps even Bronze Age.

The old path to Thynghowe is just to the east of the present track. You may be able to spot some of the parish boundary stones.

The cross † marks the site of St Edwin's Chapel. Between the 13th and 16th centuries a chapel commemorated King Edwin of Northumbria who was killed at the battle of Hatfield at Cuckney in 633.



As you pass through the gap in the hedge look right to see the Centre Tree. The broad grassy ride of The Neutral Ground marks the old boundary between the Welbeck and Thoresby Estates. It once continued straight across the road through to Archway House.