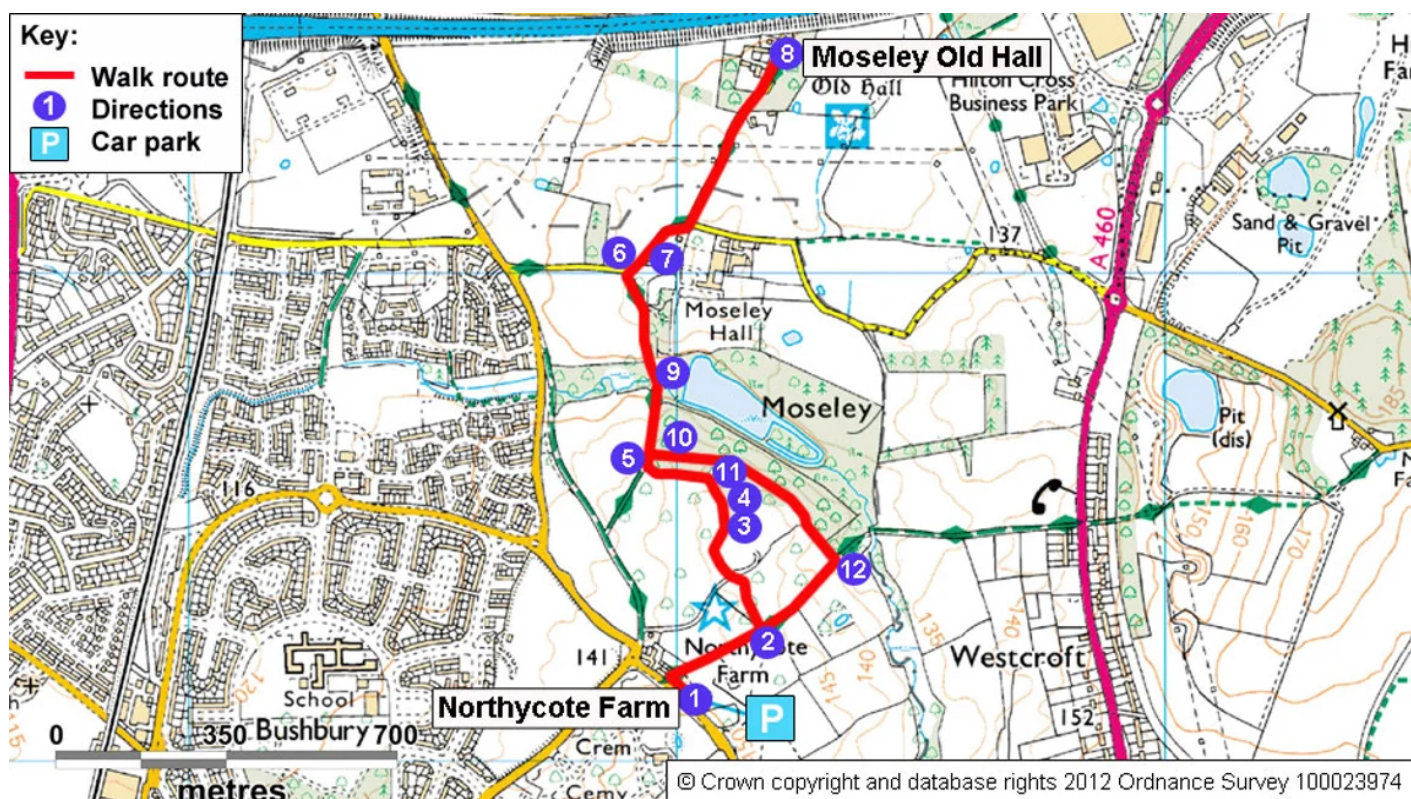


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Northcote Farm to Moseley Old Hall walk

Trace the footsteps of a king as you join up with the Monarch's Way in the West Midlands. In 1651, King Charles II escaped parliamentary soldiers by walking part of this route, which mostly winds its way through woods and parkland.



Information

Address: Northcote Farm and Country Park, Underhill Lane, Bushbury, Wolverhampton, WV10 7JF

OS map: Landranger 139

Activity: Walking

Easy: Trail along footpaths and grassy fields. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead at all times.

Full trail: Miles: 3 (km: 4.8)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 1 hour

Terrain

This route runs along fairly flat, woodland paths that can become muddy, as well as grassy fields and made tracks.

Total steps: 12

Start point: Northcote Farm car park. Grid ref: SJ929032

1. From the car park at Northcote Farm, head towards the farm buildings and animal paddocks. At the gateway to the paddocks, you'll see a wooden sign indicating to turn right along a footpath. Follow this path, which has a tall hawthorn hedge along its left side.
2. A short way along the path, it's crossed by another, well-marked path. You should turn left on this path and go through the hedge. The path then swings slightly to the left, heading towards a group of pine trees.
3. At the foot of the pine trees, you'll see some white iron railings. These mark what was once the entrance drive to Moseley Court. Continue straight ahead on the path into the wooded area.
4. You're now in the grounds of Moseley Court (now demolished), home to the Whitgreave family from when they left Moseley Old Hall in the early 19th century until the 1920s.
5. The path leads to a white kissing gate on the left. Go through the gate and turn right. Follow the bridle path downhill until it crosses a stream by a wooden bridge. Continue to follow the path.
6. You'll come to a junction with a lane, marked by a black metal barrier. Turn right onto the lane (beware of traffic as it's a public highway).
7. Walk along the lane and, on the right, you'll pass the entrance gates and driveway to the 18th-century Moseley Hall. Continue onwards until you spot the brown National Trust sign for Moseley Old Hall on the left. Turn left along the lane and you'll reach Moseley Old Hall.
8. From Moseley Old Hall, you can take a slightly different route back to the car park at Northcote Farm. Turn right out of the main drive of Moseley Old Hall. Beware of traffic on these public highways. Walk to the end of the lane and turn right at the T-

junction. You'll pass, on your left, the entrance gates and wide driveway to Moseley Hall (see step 7). Shortly after this, turn left at the black metal barrier onto the bridle path (see step 6). Follow this path as it goes through trees.

9. After a while, cross a bridge over a stream. Continue uphill until you see a white kissing gate on the left.
10. Go through the white kissing gate (see step 5) and take the left-hand path through the woods.
11. On the right-hand side of this path, towards the end of the woods, note the remnants of an old brick wall. This was once the boundary wall of Moseley Court's kitchen garden.
12. At the end of the woods, the path continues a short way through parkland until it meets a main track at a T-junction. Turn right and follow the track to return to Northcote Farm.

End point: Northcote Farm car park. Grid ref: SJ929032
