



Visiting Naseby Battlefield

Access

Once in the battlefield area there are relatively few footpaths to give the visitor access to the ground itself and the roads are narrow and ill-provided with parking places. Much of the viewing has to be done by looking over hedges and by walking on roads.

As this is countryside consisting of working farms, care must be taken not to trespass on private land, to leave gates as you find them, and to park without causing obstruction to roads or to farmers' gateways. Remember that modern farming machinery is huge! Not only does it take up a lot of room, but it is more formidable than a World War II tank and capable of inflicting similar damage on carelessly parked cars or on jaywalkers. We have never encountered anything but a friendly welcome; one just has to respect that those who live here are striving to make a living and not just amusing themselves by playing at gardening on a big scale.

Please follow the 'Countryside Code' a copy of which is available to download from this website.

Car Security

If leaving the car to walk, even the short distance between the lay-by and the Cromwell Monument on the Naseby to Sibbertoft road, be sure to lock it and secure or cover up any valuables. It is not unknown for thieves to target visitors' vehicles.

Equipment & Reference Materials

It is possible to enjoy a visit without any reference material, however, to get the most out of the experience it is suggested that Ordnance Survey maps are taken. For the serious visitor the 1:25,000 Explorer 223 is ideal. This covers the entire area of operations of 14 June 1645 as well as a good deal of the terrain over which the armies approached and departed, from Market Harborough in the north to Northampton in the south. Two of the 1:50,000 Landranger maps are needed if wider coverage but less detailed scale is wanted. Numbers 152 and 141 deal with the southern and northern sectors respectively. An ordinary road atlas will answer the rest of the traveler's needs.

People intending to walk the footpaths should be aware that even a little rain makes a lot of mud around here and walking boots or rubber boots are needed. In addition a compass will be useful for orientation, although the battle area is not hard to understand as the Naseby to Sibbertoft road runs virtually south to north and the Clipston to East Farndon road is almost parallel to it. Wide open country is a feature of north Northamptonshire and it is possible to see a very long way, given reasonably clear weather. A pair of field glasses or binoculars will be useful to identify features at a distance.