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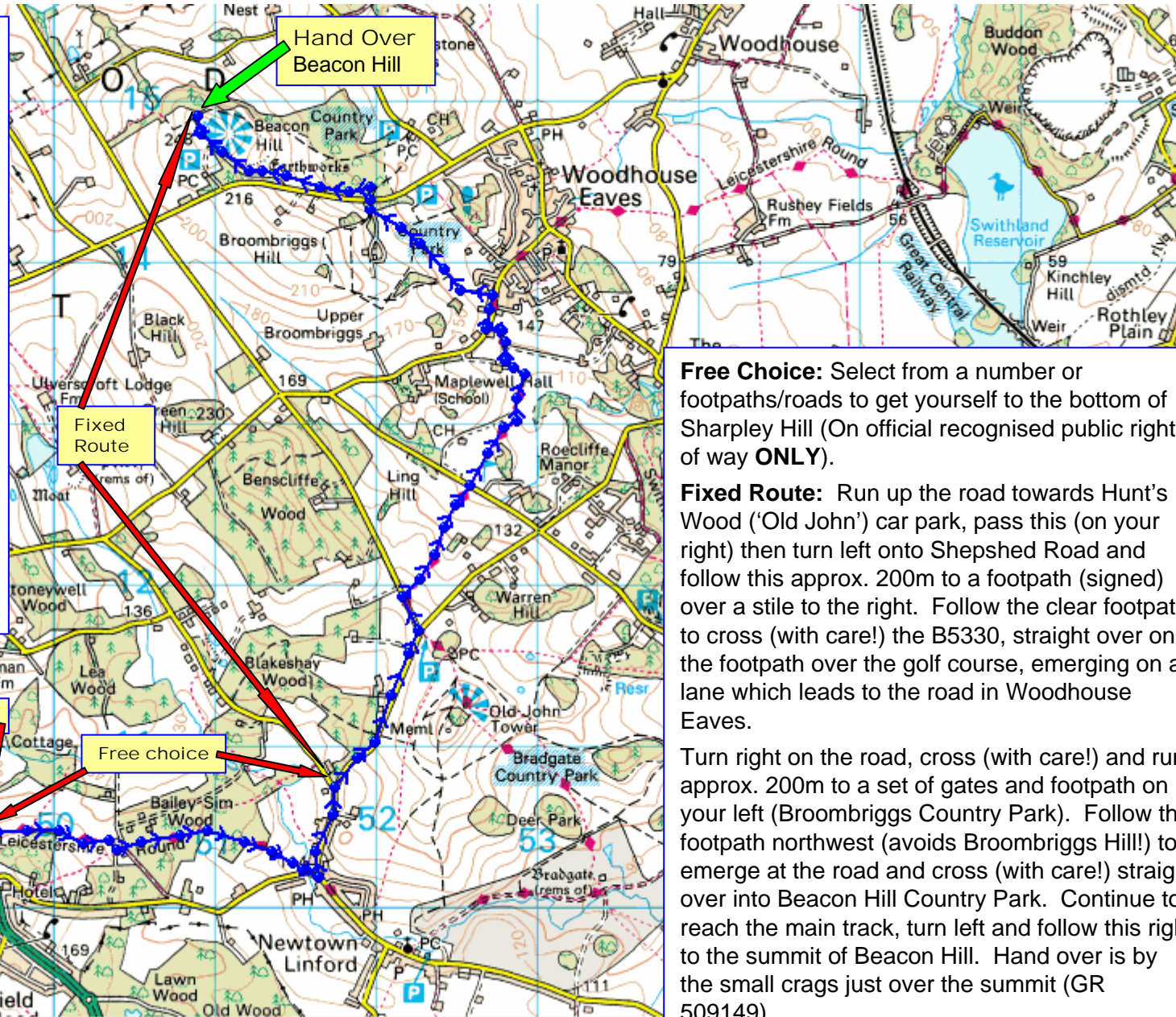
A FREE CHOICE ROUTE with COMPULSORY SECTIONS - approx 11.2km (7.0 miles).

This is a challenging leg that follows some of the Charnwood Hills route.

Free Choice from your start to Leicester Road. **Recommended route:** Follow to road up to Markfield village. Just after the Bulls Head pub turn left on to Main Street, go through the village then bear right at Leicester Road.

Compulsory: On Leicester Road, cross (with Care!) to LHS. Immediately after a bus stop follow the footpath sign through the A50 underpass. At the end of the underpass turn left, then follow the Leicester Round footpath to your right. Continue through a canopy of trees then keep straight on (approx. parallel to road) to a further footpath sign to the left. Go down the gully, over a stile, a further 20m, and a stile to the right.

Now go to 'Free Choice'



Free Choice: Select from a number or footpaths/roads to get yourself to the bottom of Sharpley Hill (On official recognised public rights of way **ONLY**).

Fixed Route: Run up the road towards Hunt's Wood ('Old John') car park, pass this (on your right) then turn left onto Shepsed Road and follow this approx. 200m to a footpath (signed) over a stile to the right. Follow the clear footpath to cross (with care!) the B5330, straight over on the footpath over the golf course, emerging on a lane which leads to the road in Woodhouse Eaves.

Turn right on the road, cross (with care!) and run approx. 200m to a set of gates and footpath on your left (Broombriggs Country Park). Follow this footpath northwest (avoids Broombriggs Hill!) to emerge at the road and cross (with care!) straight over into Beacon Hill Country Park. Continue to reach the main track, turn left and follow this right to the summit of Beacon Hill. Hand over is by the small crags just over the summit (GR 509149).