

A Walk for all Seasons

INTRODUCTION

This walk starts in Belchford, nestling in the Wolds, and goes to the attractive hilltop village of Fulletby. Following part of the Viking Way, you can walk through an old meadow and on a clear day enjoy distant views of Lincoln Cathedral.

Absorb the heritage, scenery and wildlife in the heart of the Lincolnshire Wolds.

FULLETBY



Fulletby Church

Fulletby, at 137m above sea level, is one of the highest villages in Lincolnshire. Nearby transmitters make the village easy to spot on the skyline!

During the 19th century Fulletby was largely self-sufficient. The church, chapel, school, beer house, bakeries and post office catered for the needs of the villagers. It even had its own shoemaker, thatcher and blacksmith.

Henry Winn 1816 - 1914

Henry's 76 years as parish clerk won him an entry in *The Guinness Book of Records*. This remarkable man also held posts such as church warden, overseer of the poor, constable, schoolteacher and collector of taxes. He had 21 children all born in Winn Cottage - but only four survived to adulthood. All the family except one daughter are buried in Fulletby churchyard. Winn Cottage was also the village grocery and drapery store, and post office. Have a look inside the church to see more about Henry Winn.



Winn Cottage, Fulletby



Marsh marigold

Allow 2 - 2½ hours walking at a leisurely pace.

The paths can be muddy, so stout shoes or boots are recommended.

There are some stiles and slopes on the walk. For times of buses to

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This walk is on Ordnance Survey Explorer map 273.

Don't forget to follow the Countryside Code wherever you go - respect, protect, enjoy.

The Skylark

Skylarks are birds of open fields and feed entirely on the ground. In its distinctive song flight, the bird soars, hovers, then plunges toward the ground, levelling out from time to time, pouring out an unbroken stream of song.



A circular walk of 4½ miles from Belchford

Landscapes for life  LINCOLNSHIRE WOLDS One of the AONB Family



THE ROUTE

The route is waymarked with a skylark symbol.



Start at the Blue Bell Inn in Belchford. With the inn behind you, turn right along Main Road. After nearly a mile, turn left along a bridleway 1.

The bridleway descends to a bridge over the River Waring 2. As you cross the bridge, the large ash tree on your left is often used by tawny owls. Occasionally owl pellets can be seen on the ground nearby.

Heading uphill towards Fulletby, you pass tree plantations on your left 3. Conifers are planted around the edges to provide quick growing shelter for the broad-leaved trees inside.

At the road turn left along Hemingby Lane 4, following the Viking Way. The Viking Way is 147 mile long distance footpath running from the Humber to Oakham in Rutland.



Yew Tree Cottage is over 200 years old and was built in the local 'mud and stud' style with a thatched roof

Turn left down Mill Lane immediately after the garage. Follow the road to the right, passing the church 5 and Winn Cottage 6. Turn left along School Lane. At the start of the 'private road', turn right on to the footpath, keeping to the Viking Way.

The field 7 you are now crossing has very obvious lumps and bumps - the remains of medieval Fulletby when it was a much larger village.

Cross the meadow, heading for a gate. Grassland such as this is becoming increasingly rare - common knapweed and ladies bedstraw grow here. Cross the next field heading towards the left-hand tree in the valley. Go through the kissing gates and follow the uphill boundary of two fields.

From here 8 you may see the distant towers of Lincoln Cathedral. When you reach the corner of the field keep left along the field boundary, with the hedge on your right. Bear right at the signpost and continue with the hedge on your right.

Go downhill along a short stretch of grassy track, turning off right to stay on the footpath through the area known locally as 'Hills and Holes' 9, - possibly an ancient stone quarry.

Follow the track through the hedge and go right, then left with the fence on your right. Turn right at the stream, the River Waring 10, and after a few yards cross the bridge and continue to join Dams Lane. Turn right along the lane to return to Belchford.



On a clear day you may see Lincoln Cathedral

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THE LINCOLNSHIRE WOLDS

The Lincolnshire Wolds is a nationally important and cherished landscape. Most of it was designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1973. Covering an area of 558 square kilometres or 216 square miles, the AONB contains the highest ground in eastern England between Yorkshire and Kent, rising to over 150m along its western edge. Rolling chalk hills and areas of sandstone and clay underlie this attractive landscape.

The Lincolnshire Wolds has been inhabited since prehistoric times and the appearance of the countryside today has been greatly influenced by past and present agricultural practices.

A Countryside Service helps to protect and enhance the landscape through partnership projects with local landowners, farmers, parish councils, businesses and residents of the Wolds.



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