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CAISTOR

Caistor is an attractive little market town whose population swells a little each week with the Saturday market gathering around the town pump.

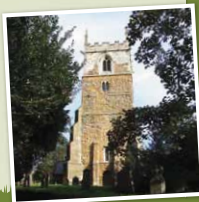
There are 56 listed buildings in Caistor, and the town makes a good centre for exploring the Wolds and walking the long distance Viking Way.

Market Day: Saturday

Early closing: Wednesday

Tourist Information Centre:
Caistor Multi Use Centre,
19 South Street,
Caistor

Tel: 01472 859017



MARKET RASEN

Market Rasen is a quiet market town on the western edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds. Where quiet roads, well-marked public footpaths and beautiful countryside mean the simple pleasures of walking and cycling are easy to enjoy.

Market Rasen is home to the only racecourse in Lincolnshire and has jump racing every month, race evenings and special events throughout the year.

Market Day: Tuesday

Farmers Market: 1st Tuesday of the month

Early closing: Thursday

Tourist Information Centre:
Community Access Point,
Festival Hall,
Market Rasen

Tel: 01427 676666



HORNCASTLE

Lying at the south-west foot of the Wolds, Horncastle is a bustling market town, renowned for its shops specialising in antiques, collectables and bric-a-brac.

There are some notable historic buildings, including the 12th-century Church of St Mary and it is a good base from which to explore the surrounding countryside.

Market Day: Thursday and Saturday

Farmers Market: 2nd Thursday of the month

Early closing: Wednesday

Tourist Information Centre:
Community Access Point & Library,
Wharf Road,
Horncastle

Tel: 01507 601111 ext 167

Bus, Cycling and Walking Routes



CallConnect
An on demand flexible bus service that operates only in response to pre-booked requests. This fully accessible minibus service operates Monday to Saturday from 0700 to 1900. For information or to book, call 0845 234 3344. Lines open: Monday to Friday 0830 to 1700 Saturday: 0830 to 1600



LOUTH

The capital of the Wolds, Louth is an intricate network of charming streets and fine Georgian and Victorian buildings. Mercer Row and Eastgate are the main shopping streets.

The Cornmarket is the place to be on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays for all of the market stalls. The surrounding farmland provides mouth-watering, fresh produce for the local shops, cafes and tea rooms, pubs and restaurants.

Market Day: Wednesday (open air auction), Friday and Saturday

Farmers Market: 2nd Friday & 4th Wednesday of the month

Cattle Market in Newmarket: Thursday morning

Early closing: Thursday

Tourist Information Centre:
Louth Customer Access Point,
Cannon Street,
Louth

Tel: 01507 601111 ext 161

ALFORD

Alford is a pleasant market town situated on the eastern edge of the Wolds and within easy distance of the coastal resorts of Mablethorpe and Sutton on Sea.

Alford has a mixture of Georgian and Victorian buildings surrounding the Market Place and is renowned for its popular craft markets that are held in the grounds of the magnificent Manor House during the summer months.

Market Day: Tuesday and Friday - complemented in the summer months with the Craft Market

Early closing: Thursday

Tourist Information Centre:
Alford Manor House,
West Street,
Alford

Tel: 01507 461073



SPILSBY

Spilsby is a busy little market town, with an imposing bronze statue of the town's most famous son, explorer Sir John Franklin dominating the Market Place.

Situated on the southern edge of the Wolds, at the edge of the fens, Spilsby is wonderful cycling and walking country. There are a number of cycling and walking routes signposted around the town.

Market Day: Monday

Early closing: Tuesday

Tourist Information Centre:
Louth TIC

Tel: 01507 601111 ext 161



EXPLORE THE LINCOLNSHIRE WOLDS

Many people think Lincolnshire is flat and are surprised by the rolling hills in the Wolds. As you discover the Wolds more you will find villages nestling in the hillside, quiet streams and hidden valleys. It is an area treasured by residents and visitors alike.

Much of it was designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1973 – a national designation that recognises that the quality of the landscape is equivalent to that of National Parks.

The Lincolnshire Wolds AONB is the only protected landscape in the East Midlands. It stretches from Market Rasen in the west to Louth in the east and from Caistor in the north to Spilsby in the south.

It is a working landscape of rolling hills, deep-sided dry valleys, with pockets of trees and villages nestling into the hillside. From the tops of the hills, you can get views to the Pennines in the west and to the coast in the east.

The big, open skies give that sensation of being on top of the world, or on top of the Wolds at least! It is hard to beat being in one of the most tranquil places in the country, to blow the cobwebs away.

Take the time to discover one of the numerous deserted medieval villages and try to imagine how people lived centuries ago. Walk through the countryside that inspired Alfred Lord Tennyson to write his poems, or cycle along quiet country lanes. After all that fresh air, warm up and sample good quality local produce at one of the tearooms or pubs in the villages.



LOUTH AREA

PLACES OF INTEREST

St James Church
Louth Museum
Hubbard's Hills
Spout Yard Park
Meridian Leisure Centre
Louth Garden Centre
Red Hill Nature Reserve (near Stenigot)
Rushmoor Country Park, South Cockerington
Wolds Railway at Ludborough
Cadwell Park, Motor Racing Circuit

WALKS

Louth Gateway Walks:
Round Louth Walk - A circular walk of 2, 6 or 14 miles
Hills and Hamlets - A circular walk of 6½ miles
Vales and Views - A circular walk of 7½ miles
On Top of the Wolds - A circular walk of 5½ miles
Two Churches and a Canal - A circular walk of 6 or 8½ miles
Lincolnshire Walks:
Legbourne - A circular walk of 5½ or 7¾ miles

BUS SERVICES

Grayscroft 1 - Louth - Mablethorpe
InterConnect 9 - Louth - Mablethorpe - Skegness
InterConnect 51 - Louth - Grimsby
Stagecoach 10 - Lincoln - Louth
Translinc 3X - Louth - Ludford - Market Rasen
Translinc 3L - Louth - Binbrook - Market Rasen
Translinc 6C - Louth - Horncastle
CallConnect on demand service
(Call 0845 234 33 44 for CallConnect information and bookings)

CYCLE ROUTES

Louth to Grimoldby - Circular route of 7 or 11.5 miles
Louth to North Ormsby - Circular route of 18.7 miles
Legbourne to Authorpe - Circular route of 13.5 miles
Legbourne to Belleau - Circular route of 16.2 miles
Hubbard's Hills to Red Hill - Circular route of 6.5 or 11.8 miles
Hubbard's Hills to Welsdale Bottom - Circular route of 11.1 miles

HORNCASTLE AREA

PLACES OF INTEREST

St Mary's Church
Selection of Antique Shops
Crowthers Garden Centre
Horncastle Community Woodland, Boston Road
Banoallum Carr
Bain Valley Park, Hemingby Lane
Snipe Dales Country Park, Winceby
Somersby Village

WALKS

Lincolnshire Walks
Horncastle Town Walk - A circular walk of 1½ miles
Round Horncastle - A circular walk of 14 miles with shorter options
Horncastle Canal - A circular walk of 2 miles
Horncastle, Fulletby & West Ashby - A circular walk of 9 miles with a 5½ mile option
InterConnect 6 Bus Walks
Horncastle - Fulletby - Hagworthingham - A linear walk of 8½ miles, or a shorter 3 mile option
Greetham - Hagworthingham - Snipe Dales - Scrafield - A linear walk of 8½ miles
Wolds Walks
A Walk for All Seasons - Belchford - A circular walk of 4½ miles
In the Shadow of Juicetrump - Belchford - A circular walk of 4½ miles
In the Footsteps of Roman Legions - Fulletby - A circular walk of 7 miles
The Viking Way

BUS SERVICES

Brylaine 6 - Boston - Horncastle
InterConnect 6 - Lincoln - Horncastle - Spilsby - Skegness
PC Coaches 10 - Lincoln - Bardney - Horncastle
Translinc 6C - Horncastle - Louth
Translinc 65 - Horncastle - Woodhall Spa - Sleaford
CallConnect on demand service
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ALFORD AREA

PLACES OF INTEREST

St Wilfrid's Church
Alford Manor House & Hackett Barn Museum
Alford Five-Sailed Windmill & Tea Room
Alford Pottery

BUS SERVICES

Brylaine 96/96A - Mablethorpe - Alford - Spilsby
Hunts 7 - Alford - Skegness
CallConnect on demand service
(Call 0845 234 33 44 for CallConnect information and bookings)

WALKS

Wolds Walks
A Walk for All Ages - South Thoresby - A figure of eight walk of 4½ miles
3 Towns Walks
Walk around Alford - A circular walk of 4 miles
Alford to Spilsby - A linear walk of 8 miles
Alford to the Coast - A linear walk of 10¼ miles
Wainfleet All Saints to Alford - A linear walk of 18½ miles

SPILSBY AREA

PLACES OF INTEREST

Lincolnshire Aviation Centre, East Kirby
Gunby Hall, National Trust
Old Bolingbroke Castle Remains
Stockwith Mill, near Hagworthingham
Northcote Heavy Horse Centre, Great Steeping

BUS SERVICES

InterConnect 6 - Lincoln - Horncastle - Spilsby - Skegness
Brylaine 96/96A - Mablethorpe - Alford - Spilsby
Brylaine 113 - Spilsby - Boston - Spalding
CallConnect on demand service
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WALKS

Lincolnshire Walks
East Keal - Three circular walks of 2, 2¼ or 3 miles
West East & Old Bolingbroke - A circular walk of 4½ or 6¼ miles
Holton Holegate - A circular walk of 3¾ or 5 miles
InterConnect 6 Bus Walks
Hundleby - Old Bolingbroke - East Keal - Hundleby - A circular walk of 8 miles, or a shorter 5½ mile option
3 Towns Walks
Walk around Spilsby - A circular walk of 4½ miles



CAISTOR AREA

PLACES OF INTEREST

St Peter and St Paul's Church
Caistor Roman Walls
Caistor Arts and Heritage Centre
Caistor Equestrian Centre
Caistor Quad Adventure
Brocksley Park, Great Limber,
Seasonal permissive access

WALKS

WLDC - Walkabout - Caistor
InterConnect 3 Bus Walks
Caistor - Circular walk of 2¾ miles
Cabourne to Laceby - Linear walk of 7½ miles
Laceby to Bradley Woods - Circular walk of 7 miles with a shorter 5½ mile option
Wolds Walks
In Ore of our Past - Nettleton - A circular walk of 5 miles
The Viking Way

BUS SERVICES

InterConnect 3 - Grimsby - Caistor - Market Rasen - Lincoln
CallConnect on demand service
(Call 0845 234 33 44 for CallConnect information and bookings)

CYCLE ROUTES

WLDC - Cycleabout - Caistor - Two different routes of 18 miles, one with an optional 2 miles extra

MARKET RASEN AREA

PLACES OF INTEREST

St Thomas Church, Market Rasen
Market Rasen Racecourse
Willingham Woods
Willingham Fayre, Ice Cream Parlour, North Willingham
High Ropes Adventure, Legsby Road
Ramblers Church, Walesby
Tealby Village

WALKS

Market Rasen Gateway Walks
To Legsby and Linwood and back again - Three circular walks of 3½, 4½ or 5¼ miles
Walks in the Woods - Two circular walks of 7 or 8 miles
From Cricket Fields to Green Lanes - Two circular walks of 4 or 5 miles
Following Woods and Mills - Two circular walks of 3½ or 9 miles
A Route with a View - Two circular walks of 6½ or 9½ miles
InterConnect 3 Bus Walks
Faldingworth to Market Rasen - Linear walk of 7¼ miles with shorter 6½ mile option
Market Rasen to Nettleton - Linear walk of 7¾ miles
Wolds Walks
Round Binbrook Walk - Binbrook - Two circular walks one of 2 or 3 miles
Babbling Becks and Brooks - Binbrook - A circular walk of 7 miles
Paths, Ponds and a Priory - Binbrook - A circular walk of 5½ miles
The Viking Way

BUS AND RAIL SERVICES

InterConnect 3 - Grimsby - Caistor - Market Rasen - Lincoln
Translinc 3X - Market Rasen - Ludford - Louth
Translinc 3L - Market Rasen - Binbrook - Louth
CallConnect on demand service (Call 0845 234 33 44 for CallConnect information and bookings)
Rail Services that serve Market Rasen:
East Midlands Trains - Lincoln - Market Rasen - Grimsby

CYCLE ROUTES

WLDC - Cycleabout - Market Rasen - Three different routes of 15, 21 or 34 miles
WLDC - Cycleabout - Woodlands - Willingham Woods to Market Rasen - Two routes of 3 or 6½ miles
No 1 National Cycle Route

This leaflet provides information to help you discover the market towns and countryside of the Lincolnshire Wolds. Its content provides a signpost to the facilities, places of interest and transport modes available within the area.

For more information, leaflets, maps and ideas:
About the Wolds, Wolds and Gateway Walks, InterConnect 3 Bus Walks & Wolds Cycle Routes, contact:

Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service
Navigation Warehouse, Riverhead Road
Louth, LN11 0DA
Telephone: 01507 609740
Or visit: www.lincswolds.org.uk

Three Towns Walks & Interconnect 6 Bus Walks
Contact: East Lindsey Tourism Unit
Tedder Hall, Manby Park, Louth, LN11 8UP
Telephone: 01507 601111
Or visit: www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/Leisure/sports/walking-routes.htm

WLDC Walkabout and Cycleabout
Contact: West Lindsey District Council
The Tourism Development Unit
Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough
DN21 2NA
Telephone: 01427 676666
Or visit: www.west-lindsey.gov.uk

Lincolnshire Walks, North Wolds and South Wolds Cycling Maps
Telephone: 01522 782070
Or visit: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/countryside

Public Transport Information
Visit: www.lincsbus.info
www.lincsinterconnect.com
www.traveline.info or call 0845 200 2233
www.nationalrail.co.uk or call 0845 748 4950

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