In the Footsteps of Kolkr

Two circular walks of 3 and 3 1/2 miles through the countryside surrounding Asterby and Goulceby.

Introduction

These pleasant walks circle the attractive parishes of Goulceby & Asterby and take you through gentle farmland, quiet lanes and along part of the Viking Way, offering stunning views over the Lincolnshire Wolds.

Kolkr

'Colchesbi' or Goulceby derives its name from the first major settler in the area, Kolkr the Dane. As the settlement expanded his 'Eystri' or eastern lands became known as Asterby.

Asterby, Goulceby and Ranby Parish Council is very grateful to the Parish Paths Working Party Volunteers and the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service for the use of material and assistance in the preparation of this leaflet and to the Lincolnshire Wolds Sustainable Development Fund and Lincolnshire County Council, through its Parish Paths Partnership Scheme, for funding its production.

Points of Interest

William Marwood (1818 - 1883)

William Marwood was born in Goulceby where he attended the village school and married. In 1874 he was appointed the Crown Executioner, becoming famous for pioneering 'the long drop', a method of hanging that ensured death was instantaneous. He was pre-deceased by his older brother, also called William, whose grave can be found in the old graveyard.

ST Peters Church

Asterby

The Grade II* listed St Peters Church is now closed to the public having been declared redundant in 1983. The present church building retains many C14th and late C15th masonry features which are still visible from the churchyard.
THE OLD GRAVEYARD
This is known locally as the ‘Viking’ graveyard as it is considered to be the site of the first Goulceby settlement.

Route Two
A. Turn right and follow Asterby Lane until you reach the Ranyards Lane road junction.
B. Turn left towards Romncastle and cross the road. In about fifty yards turn right onto the sign-posted bridleway.
C. Follow this ancient track, stopping frequently to take advantage of the outstanding views. After passing farm buildings on your left continue until you reach the Hamscastle Road.
D. Turn right and follow the road towards Goulceby village stopping at the Ranyards Lane road junction to enjoy fine views over the Wolds.
E. Follow the road as it bends left until you reach the first left turn into Shoe Lane returning to the Three Horse Shoes car park.

The Route
1. On leaving the Three Horse Shoes car park, head across the bridge and turn first right onto the Viking Way. Keeping the stream on your right hand side continue along Butt Lane, turn right into Shop Lane and continue to the public footpath heading straight on at the end of Shop Lane.
2. Continue on the Viking Way, still keeping the stream on your right hand side. Cross the former drive and continue until you reach Asterby Lane. If time permits, take the opportunity to turn right and climb the steps to a reservoir which abounds with bird life. You can now choose which route you would like to take:

Route One
3. Turn left and follow Asterby Lane towards St Peter’s Church, Asterby. Extra care should be taken at this point as there is a blind bend and the road is narrow. Continue for about half a mile until you reach the Top Lane road junction and turn right onto the marked footpath towards Red Hill. Continue on this footpath until you reach the Red Hill Nature Reserve and SSSI Meadow.
4. Turn left at the reserve entrance and continue as far as the car park.

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Countryside Code
- Respect other people
- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths
- Protect the natural environment
- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs on a lead
- Enjoy the outdoors
- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs

All Saints Church, Goulceby
All Saints church was completed in 1905 to replace the first church that had become derelict. Always open, a visit will reveal why it came to national prominence in 1925 under the newspaper headline '15 years married but still inward'.

RED HILL NATURE RESERVE
Named after its outcrop of rare red chalk, the site is considered one of the best chalk downland meadows in Lincolnshire. In June 2013, the reserve was named one of the UK’s 60 Coronation Meadows marking the 60th anniversary of the Queen’s Coronation. The Reserve is managed by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and dogs are not allowed.
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 358 square kilometres or 226 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.

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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