

WOLDS WALKS

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.



View toward Red Hill, Asterby



Six Spot Burnet Moth

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POINTS OF INTEREST

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.



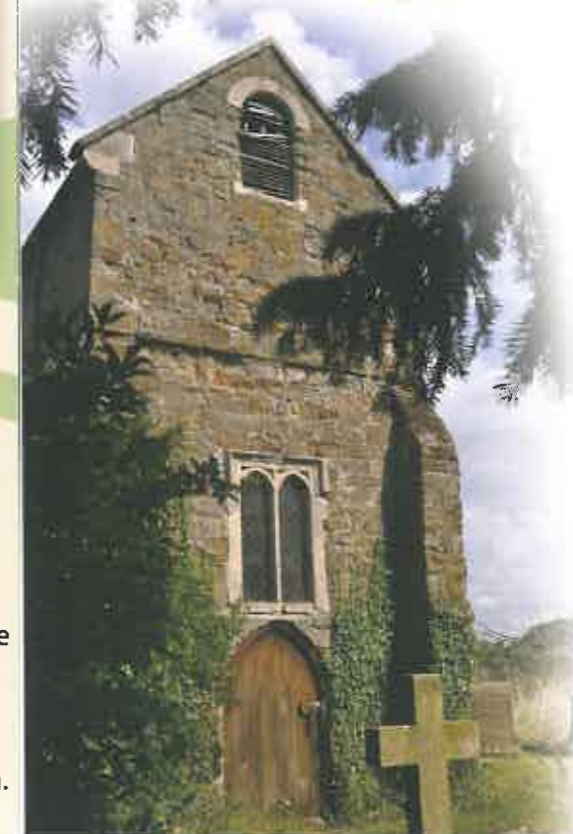
WILLIAM MARWOOD (1818 - 1883)

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 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 until you reach the stile at the end of Shop Lane.

2 Cross the stile and continue on the Viking Way, still keeping the stream on your right hand side 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 Peters' 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 From the Nature Reserve follow the road down towards Goulceby until you reach the road junction at the bottom of the hill. Cross over the road, through a gate into Manor Farm yard.

5 Follow waymarkers through the yard and along the farm track, then after the gate follow the mature hedge. Continue on the track, through two kissing gates and passing a third until you reach a fourth gate which leads to an old graveyard, the site of the first Goulceby church. At the exit from the graveyard, turn left, joining the Viking Way and continue down this track until you meet the main road.

6 Turn left if you wish to visit All Saints Church or cross the road and follow the footpath through the old village pinfold until you reach a kissing gate. Cross into the field and follow the left forking path until you reach the road.

7 Turn right, passing over the bridge and return to the Three Horse Shoes car park.

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 Horncastle 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 Horncastle 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.

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

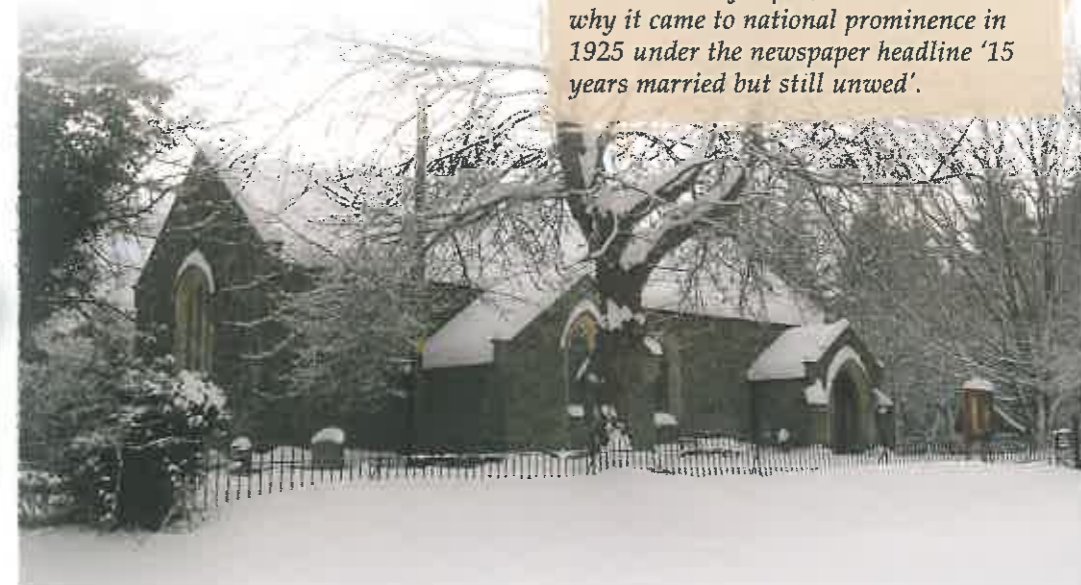
Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs



Meadow Pipit

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 unwed'.



RED HILL NATURE RESERVE
The Nature Reserve has something for everyone to see including an outcrop of rare red chalk, birds, butterflies, moths and flowers. Grazing is an important management tool for the reserve, so dogs are not allowed in.



ROUTE INFORMATION

Distance: Route 1 - 3½ miles or 5.6 km, route 2 - 3 miles or 4.8 km

Time: Approx: 1¼ hours at a leisurely pace for route 1
Approx: 1½ hours at a leisurely pace for route 2

Maps: OS Explorer 273 and 282

Parking: Parking in the car park of the Three Horse Shoes Public House (by kind permission of the landlord)
OS Grid Ref: TF 253 790, Postcode: LN11 9WA

Terrain: Some verge walking, good footpaths and bridleways but these can be muddy at times. Mainly level walking however both routes include one steep incline.

Refreshments: Refreshments and groceries are available at the Three Horse Shoes Public House.

Stiles: A few. Some are stock proof and therefore may be difficult for dogs.

Public Transport: For bus services to Goulceby contact:
Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or www.traveline.info



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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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