

In the Footsteps of Roman Legions



A circular walk of 7 miles from Fulletby



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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INTRODUCTION

This walk links the villages of Fulletby, Tetford and Belchford and the hamlet of Salmonby. It is a walk with great variety - woods, fields, lakes and fine views.

The route takes in a section of the Viking Way long distance footpath and, for a while, follows the course of a Roman Road.

Look out for the flash of blue of a kingfisher



Many fields are red with poppies in the summer



The walk is mainly on paths and tracks (although some sections can be muddy). There are a number of stiles and gates as well as a few slopes.

Allow 4 hours walking at a leisurely pace. Stout shoes or boots are recommended. For times of buses to Fulletby, phone Traveline 0871 200 22 33 www.traveline.info

This walk is on Ordnance Survey Explorer map 273.

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

THE ROUTE

The route is waymarked with an alder leaf.



Start the walk on the edge of Fulletby, at the 'T' junction of the High Street and Belchford Road. Take the footpath in the corner of the field going downhill

Cross the field to Salmonby Carr. 'Carr' is an old Norse word derived from 'kjaar' - a marsh. Alders flourish in such boggy locations where few other trees will grow.



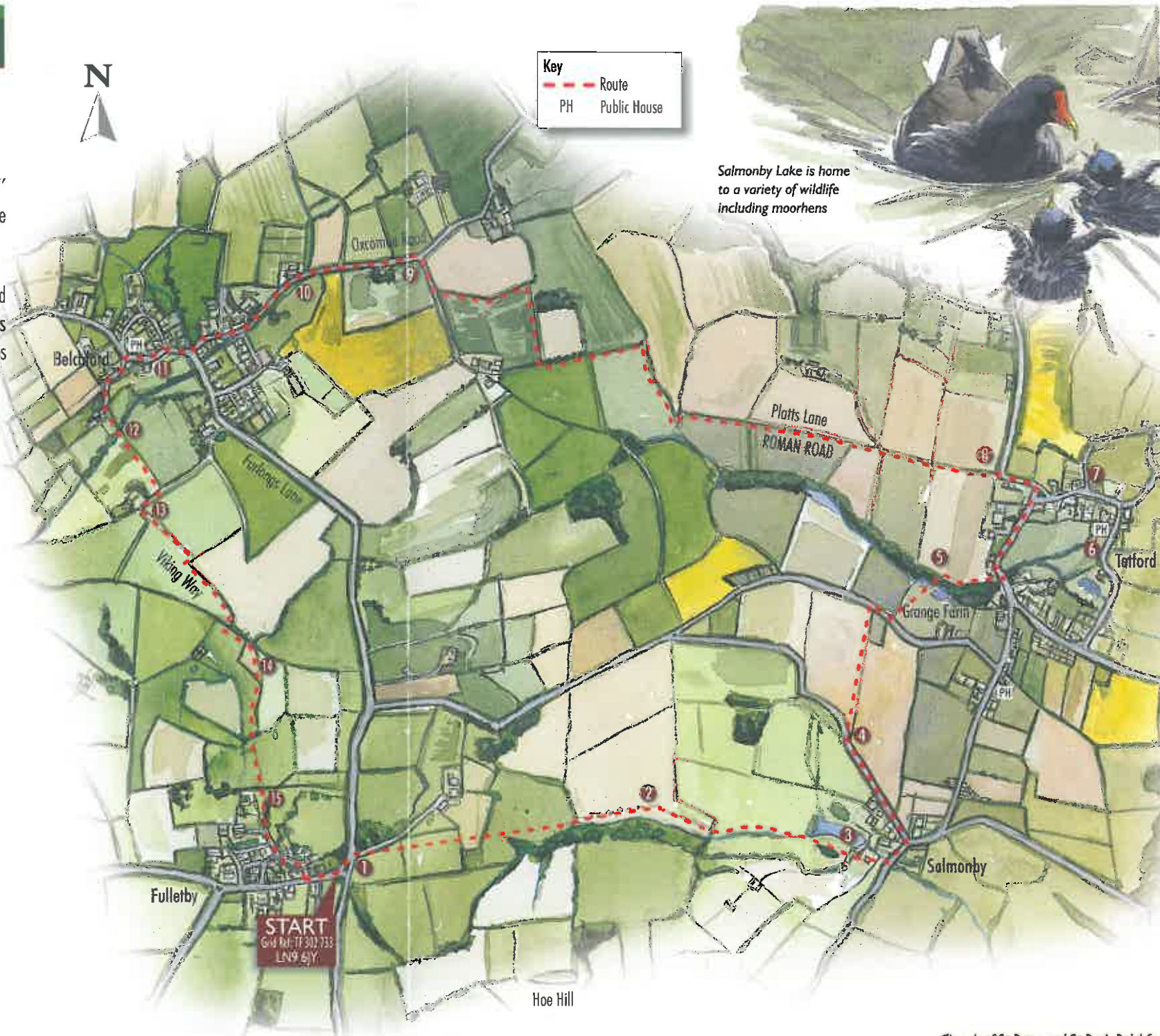
Alder leaves

After Salmonby Carr, the path eventually cuts through the hedge and kissing gate towards Salmonby Lake. A variety of water birds can be seen throughout the year here, including mute swans, Canada geese, moorhens, coots and ducks.

Follow the path towards the lake and cross the stream. Go to the left of the wood, and cross the field, with the wood on your right. Leave this field in the right hand corner and cross another, before turning left down a driveway.



Key	Route
PH	Public House



Salmonby Lake is home to a variety of wildlife including moorhens



Turn left at the road, and turn left again at the next junction. Take the first footpath on the right

Turn right at the road then left along the footpath. Walk along the edge of the field to the lakes. Follow the path between the lakes bearing left before turning right over a bridge. You may just be lucky enough to see the brilliant flash of blue as a kingfisher whizzes by.

Continue into Tetford, turning left at the road. If you need refreshments Tetford has an inn, The White Hart and a village shop. The Dymoke family are connected with the village and church. They have been the hereditary 'Champions of England' from the time of Richard II and carry the Standard of England flag at coronations.

Follow the road left and continue to the outskirts of the village. Where the road turns sharp right, go straight ahead on the brideway. The brideway, Platts Lane, is part of a Roman 'salt road' - one of a number linking the east coast salt producing area with Lincoln. Salt was of major importance to the Romans for preserving meat, fish and beans.



Barn owls like derelict buildings as nesting sites



Continue as the brideway turns right along a farm road. When you meet a public road, turn left and continue to Belchford.

South of Oxcombe Road is a classic 'English' hedgerow. The hawthorns have been laid, and there are mature ash and sycamore trees every 15 metres. The glauconite in the Spilsby sandstone has weathered the church of St. Peter and St. Paul to the typical green colour - hence the local name of 'greenstone'.

In Belchford, opposite the Blue Bell Inn, turn left into Dams Lane. Turn left down the footpath, following the Viking Way, to cross the stream. The Viking Way is a 147 mile long distance footpath running from the Humber to Oakham in Rutland.

Go left through the gate and follow the path, going through another gate. At a track, turn right and then left through a gap in the hedge. Continue along the edge of the next field, with the hedge on your right then left.

Bear left along the edge of the next field. At the corner of the field near the telegraph pole, turn right along the field boundary. Descend the next small field to cross the stream at the bottom. Go straight across the next two fields heading for the corner of the second, near the bungalow.

At the road turn left. Leave the Viking Way and continue straight up the hill to High Street. Turn left and return to the start.

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Church of St Peter and St Paul, Belchford built of local 'greenstone'