INTRODUCTION

The Round Louth Walk circles the historic market town, journeying into the surrounding countryside of the Wolds and Marsh. Although the full walk is 14 miles long, there are shorter circular routes using various public footpaths back into the town if you don’t want to do it all in one day.

This added to the wealth generated from the wool trade. As the town prospered, it grew. Many of the fine buildings from this time are still in the town centre.

In 1920 disaster struck the town when the river and canal flooded, destroying large areas of Louth and killing 23 people. The waterway finally closed in 1924, after a period of decline following the opening of the East Lincolnshire Railway Line in 1848. Passenger trains stopped running in 1970 when stations closed, with goods trains operating until 1980.

LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION

For bus services to Louth contact Traveline on 0871 200 2233 or www.traveline.org.uk
Louth Community Access Point and Tourist Information Centre,
Cannon Street, Louth
The route is marked by a spire logo.

From the southern end of Hubbard's Hills, turn right and walk along Hallington Road and under the bypass. Ignore the footpath on your right, continuing until you reach a bridge over the river.

Hubbard's Hills was given to the people of Louth in 1907 by the trustees of Augustus Alphonse Parke, a teacher at the Grammar School. Since then the valley has been enjoyed by the town's residents and visitors alike.

Go through the gate, cross the grass field and through another gate to join a track. Follow this track, ignoring any other paths until you reach the A157 road.

This is a busy road so please take care as you cross straight over and turn right to follow the road to the junction of the A631. Here go left, taking care as you cross the road to join the tarmac footway towards South Ellington.

Just past Brickyard Cottages, take the right turn up a farm track. This section of the walk is permissive, agreed with the landowner and is only available to walkers. Continue through Atherpe Top staying on the track as it continues to Atherpe Farm.

There are some fantastic views from up here - look back to the town and to the coast.

As you enter Louth, turn left at the crossroads, following Reddington Road past Scartho Road, until you take the footpath on your right (before Elm Drive). Follow this down crossing another road to reach Louth Canal. Cross the canal by the weir footbridge.

Turn left walk along the canal towpath, until you reach another footbridge on your left. Ignore this and turn right over another footbridge. Go through a gate and cross the field to astile and the road.

Carefully cross the road to join the tarmac footway and turn left, ignoring the first footpath on your right. Take the second footpath on your right that passes close to the remains of Louth Abbey (no public access) to

At the road go straight ahead, then follow the road to the right. Stay on Streton Lane, ignoring a footpath on the left to take the second left footpath, over a footbridge. Follow the path round the edge of the fields, with a hedge on your right.

Go over a footbridge and turn left towards some houses. Cross another bridge. Go straight on down the paved road, turn right at Blanchard Road and then take the first left. Cross the road and take the footpath next to Bridle Close. Ignore the turning on the right and continue to the end of the cul-de-sac. Take the narrow footpath straight ahead, between two farmer's. Turn left onto Florence Wright Avenue.

At the main road turn left and cross the road at the island. Turn into Kimber Road, then turn right over a stile onto a footpath. Follow the edge of the two fields, then turn right. Turn left past a farmhouse. Follow the edge of the playing fields to the car park.

As you emerges onto London Road, turn right uphill and walk past the cemetery. As the road starts to go downhill, turn left into Marston View. Turn left into Bluestone Ave. Almost immediately, turn right between two fences. Continue along the road, following it right downhill. Turn left at the Franknace Road, going uphill, then cross the road.

Follow the road downhill past a house (Wolds End) then turn right on a footpath crossing the golf course. Go down the steps to Hubbard's Hills, you starting point.
ROUTE INFORMATION

Distance: 14 miles, 22km; 6 miles, 9.6km; 2 miles, 3km

Time: Approx. 7 - 8 hours at a leisurely pace for the longest route
       Approx. 3 hours at a leisurely pace for the second route
       Approx. 1 hour at a leisurely pace for the shortest route

Maps: OS Landranger 122 and OS Explorer 282

Parking: Parking at northern end of Hubbard's Hills and numerous car parks throughout the town - please check for parking tariffs.

Terrain: Some road walking, good footpaths and bridleways which can be muddy at times. Mainly level walking with few steep climbs.

Refreshments: Cafe at northern end of Hubbard's Hills, cafes, pubs and shops in Louth.

Toilets: Public toilets at the northern end of Hubbard's Hills, on Eastgate behind the Market Hall and at the Bus Station, Church Street.

Stiles: A few. Many are stock-proof and therefore maybe difficult for some dogs.

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THE LINCOLNSHIRE WOLDS

The Lincolnshire Wolds is a nationally important and cherished landscape. Most of it was designated as 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.

For more information contact: Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service, Navigation Warehouse, Riverhead Road, Louth, Lincolnshire LN11 0DA. Tel: 01507 609740 Website: www.lincswolds.org.uk Email: aonb@lincswolds.org.uk

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