



# LINCOLNSHIRE WOLDS GATEWAY WALKS

## Following Woods and Mills

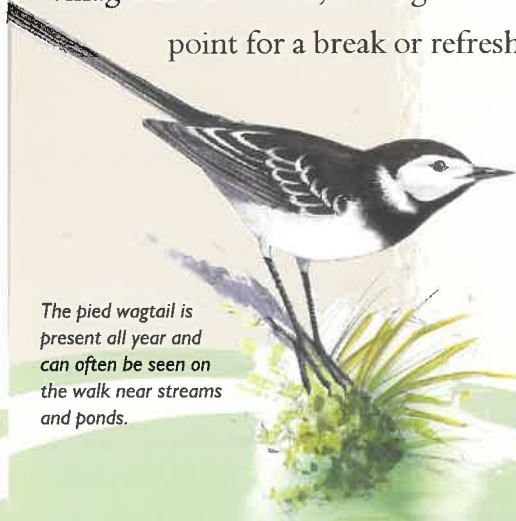


Two circular walks; one of 3½ miles, the other of 9 miles from Market Rasen, the longer one goes through Tealby village



### INTRODUCTION

Both walks start from Market Rasen and head through woods and fields towards the Wolds, the shorter one returning along a road. The longer walk takes you high into the Wolds for some fine views towards Lincoln on a clear day. Arguably, Tealby is one of the prettiest villages in the Wolds; it is a good stopping point for a break or refreshments.



The pied wagtail is present all year and can often be seen on the walk near streams and ponds.



Painted lady butterfly



Meadow vetchling is common in grassy places.

### LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION

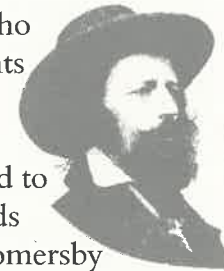
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### TEALBY

There were once 15 mills on the River Rase plus the sites of 3 more. The river had a major influence on the village for 800 years, firstly for grinding corn and then from the early 17th century until about 1830, for paper making. The chief raw material for making paper was cotton or linen rags imported from Europe.



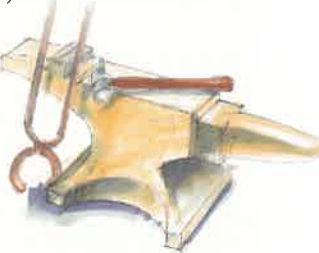
The church of All Saints is a listed building, parts of which date back to the late Norman period. The church is built of local Tealby Limestone and there are many features to link it to the Tennyson family, including memorials to George and Mary who were the grandparents of Alfred Lord Tennyson, The Poet Laureate. Alfred used to walk across the Wolds from his home in Somersby to Tealby - quite an energetic walk! George Tennyson lived at the original thatched Bayons Manor until 1833, two years before his death.



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It passed to his second son, Charles, who at the time changed his name to Charles Tennyson d'Eyncourt. Charles proceeded to spend seven years remodelling the old manor house into a 60 roomed moated and castellated mansion. It was used by troops during the war, and sold in 1944. After many years of neglect it was blown up in 1964. Within 120 years the house had been built, expanded and destroyed.

Employment of Tealby villagers has changed over the years - in 1851 there were 13 tailors; 8 shoemakers; 6 blacksmiths and even a brickmaker resident in the village.



Many people think frogs spend much of their time in water. In fact they spend most of their time on land, especially in the summer, looking for insects and slugs to eat.



# THE ROUTE

**1** Start in the car park in John Street, Market Rasen. Leave the car park by the John Street entrance and turn right.

**2** At the end, cross the main road into the Market Place. Go into the churchyard and follow the path to the left. Turn right, and then first left into Church Street. At the T-junction, turn left and continue to the end.

**3** Cross straight over the road to go down the footpath at the side of Waterloo House. Follow the path past the floodwater storage area.

**4** As you continue on this path, ahead of you is Hamilton Hill and Willingham Woods. The footpath continues straight across a field and through the wood.

*Hamilton Hill was used as an assembly point by the people gathering for the Lincolnshire rebellion, when Henry VIII was dissolving the monasteries. Its shape - a dome sitting on a flat plain - is a feature of the last ice age. The material that formed it was deposited by a melting glacier.*

**5** At the junction where 5 paths meet under telegraph poles, the short and long walks separate.

## FOR THE SHORTER WALK

**A** Take the second left woodland path which is marked as a permissive path. Continue until you reach the Tealby Road.

**B** Turn left and return to Market Rasen using the footpath alongside the road.

## FOR THE LONGER WALK

**6** Continue on the main footpath under the telegraph poles. Continue ahead until you meet the Rasen Road.

**7** Cross the road then turn left; where the road bends to the left, go straight up the bridleway.



Male brimstone butterfly

**START**  
Grid Ref: TF 108 891  
Postcode: LN8 3HH

**8** Walk between the farmyard and house and follow the track. **9** Cross Catskin Lane and continue over the cattle grids towards the houses.

**10** Go through Risby Manor farmyard and follow the track to the road.

**11** At the road turn right, and then turn right again down the track to North Wold Farm.

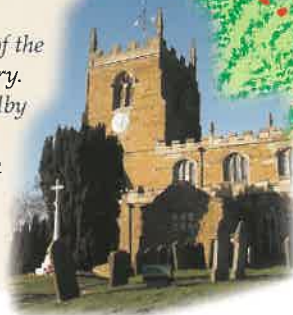
**12** Go left round the buildings, go through a gate and stay on the footpath to cross several fields.

*From the top of the hill you may be able to see Lincoln Cathedral on the horizon.*



**13** Go through the gate by Mill Farm and down the track into Tealby.

*The church of All Saints sits at almost the highest point of the village. Part of the church dates from the 12th century. The close connection between Tealby and the Tennyson and Tennyson d'Eyncourt families is reflected in much of the interior decoration, with numerous memorials to family members.*



	9 mile Route
	3 1/2 mile Route
	Public House
	Viking Way

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**14** At the road turn right, and cross the road at the end. Turn left down the footpath next to the Lincolnshire Wolds board.

*Tealby village shop, just on Beck Hill along Front Street, is run by the local community and is well worth a visit for refreshments, leaflets and local information.*



**15** Continue ahead, until you reach the King's Head sign. Follow Sandy Lane to the right, then bear left at the 'Y' junction.

**16** Turn right along the footpath by the stream. Go over the bridge and follow the young River Rase. Continue past the sewage works. **17** Where there are two stiles, continue ahead to the hamlet of Tealby Thorpe. **18** Turn left, then cross the bridge over the Rase and turn right. Follow the footpath to Dairy Farm. At the farm, the path crosses to the left of the buildings. **19** Turn left onto the main forest track, and turn right onto another track towards the buildings.

**20** Stay on the track, past the buildings on your left and cottage on your right. Continue straight ahead as the track becomes a narrow woodland path.

**21** At the junction where five paths meet under telegraph poles, turn left under the telegraph poles. Where the poles go sharp right, follow the path left.

**22** Retrace your steps back to Market Rasen.



A bright flash of colour is all you may see of the kingfisher as it darts along the riverbank.

## ROUTE INFORMATION

**Distance:** 9 miles, 14½ km or 3½ miles, 5½ km

**Time:** Approx. 4 - 5 hours at a leisurely pace for the longer route  
Approx. 2 hours at a leisurely pace for the shorter route

**Maps:** OS Landranger 113 OS Pathfinder 730 & 747  
OS Explorer 282

**Parking:** Car park in John Street, Market Rasen - Grid ref: TF 108 89  
Postcode LN8 3HH

**Terrain:** Good footpaths and bridleways which can be very muddy at times. Some verge walking. Gentle climbs.

**Refreshments:** Cafes and pubs in Market Rasen; Tealby Community Shop, Tealby; Sunnyside Up Farm Shop and Café, Tealby Road; The King's Head, Tealby; The Olde Barn Inn, Tealby.

**Toilets:** John Street, Market Rasen; Memorial Hall, Tealby (Obtain key from shop).

**Stiles:** Some. Many are stock proof and therefore maybe difficult for some dogs.



Tourist Information - Tel: 01427 676666



## 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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