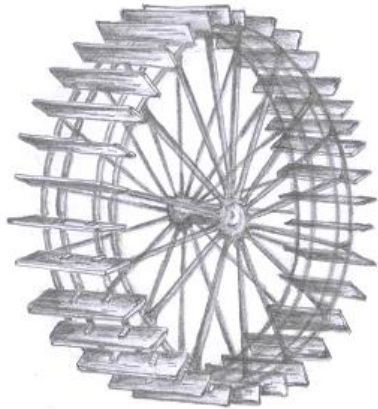


MILL RUNDLE WALK

Length 5.2km or just over 3¼ miles



Mill Rundle Walk

Introduction

Starting and finishing at the Manor House, this fairly easy level walk takes you around the busy market town of Alford on a circular tour across open farmland along the route of the Mill Rundle. There may be muddy patches at times on the more sheltered sections so it is unsuitable for wheelchairs.



Points of Interest

Alford Manor House

The 17th century Manor House is a very rare example of a composite structure, featuring a wooden frame with reed and plaster. Reputedly the largest thatched Manor House in England, it is home to the Museum of Rural Life and a tearoom serving lunches, homemade cakes and biscuits.

Gateway Walks

The Mill Rundle Walk compliments the Lincolnshire Wolds Alford Gateway Walks. The *Around Historic Alford*, *Well Walk & Ramble To Rigsby* are linked by the Mill Rundle Walk www.lincswolds.org.uk

Barn Owls

A barn owl box was installed near the sewage works in 2016, part of a county wide programme undertaken by the Internal Drainage Boards which has resulted in Lincolnshire having more Barn Owls than any other county.

Water Voles

These small rodents are regularly seen along the open section of the Mill Rundle drain. The Lindsey Marshes are one of the most important areas in the country for this endangered species.

East Lincolnshire Railway

This line opened in 1848, running between Grimsby to Boston until it finally closed to passengers in 1970.

The Mill Rundle's current route dates from the mid 1970's when the Drainage Board and the District Council re-routed the watercourse. Prior to the re-routing of the Mill Rundle, localised flooding occurred in Alford and development was limited by the existing surface water systems, many of which are now culverted.



Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board

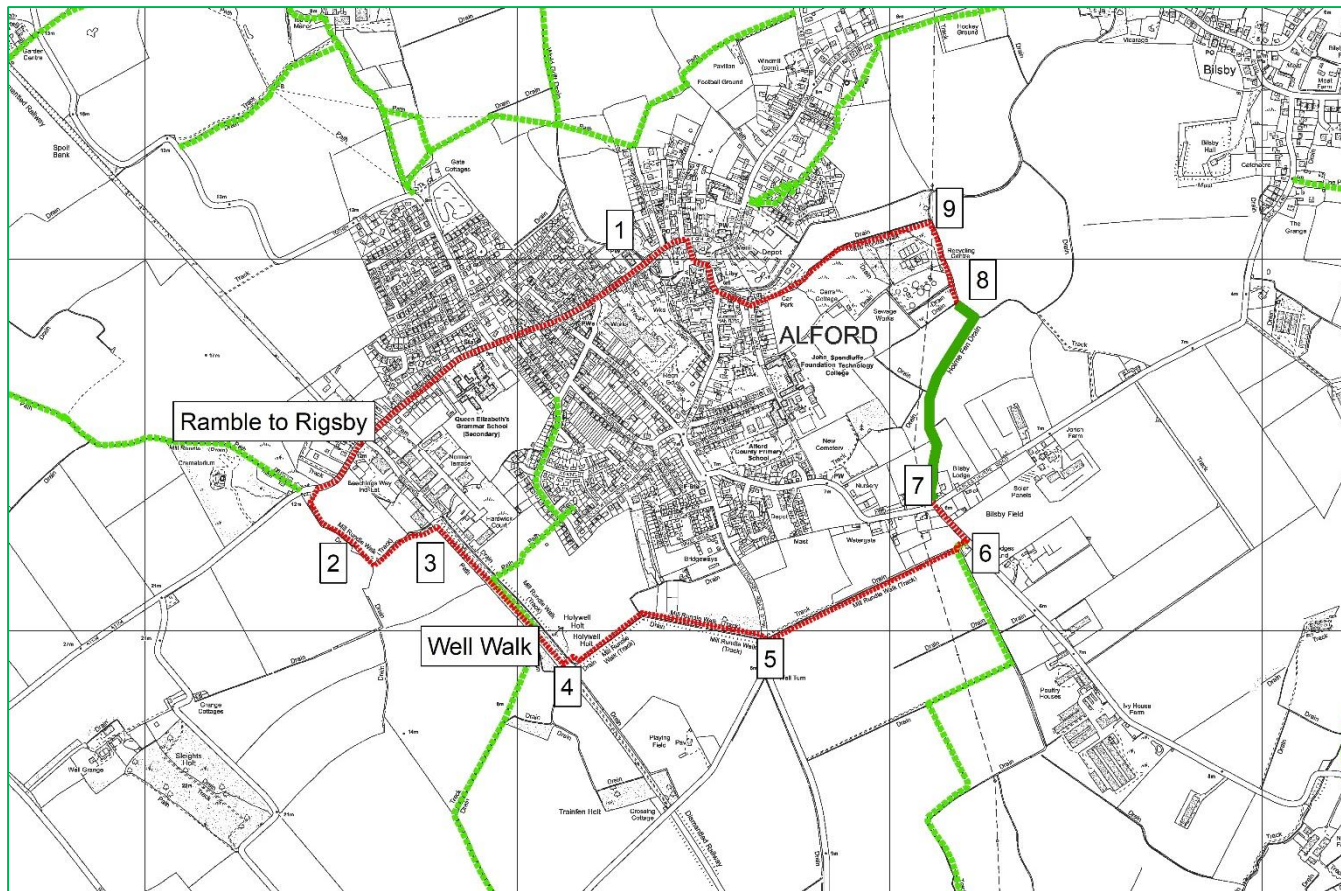
Water Management Consortium

This walk follows permissive footpaths created and managed by Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board and with the kind cooperation of Willoughby Farms Limited. With support from the Lincolnshire Wolds Small Grant Scheme.



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The Route

1 Leave the Manor House and head west towards Ulceby. Continue past the thatched cottages, then the Grammar School and Beechings Way with the old railway station on your left until you arrive at the white painted Toll Bar Cottage.

Public rights of way - - - - -

No Dogs on this section ————

- 2 Turn left, following the Mill Rundle Walk signs. This stretch of the walk follows the original Mill Rundle channel, it is fringed by a hedge of hawthorn with dog-rose and ash trees.
- 3 Turn right, along the new section of Mill Rundle which runs along the old railway line.

- 4 At the next sign and culvert follow the path as it crosses over the Mill Rundle channel and continue with the channel now to your right.
- 5 This section follows the south bank of the Mill Rundle across open countryside. This is an excellent place to look for the many water voles.
- 6 Turn left and continue for approximately 130 metres to the junction with Back Lane where the Mill Rundle Walk is signposted.

A note for Dog Owners
 The section of the walk from the junction of Back Lane and Farlesthorne Road through to the Sewage Works is across grassland, dogs are not allowed. **Section 7-8**
Please clean up after your dog

- 7 Cross the stile and walk along the headland of the field over the culverted section of the Mill Rundle which soon reverts to an open watercourse. If you have a dog turn left and return to Alford along Farlesthorne Road past the cemetery.
- 8 The path now crosses a narrow section behind the sewage works.
- 9 Take the steps on the left by the sewage works, keep along the path to Caroline Street and return via the Market Place to the Manor House.