South Lincolnshire Walking Festival
25th September – 31st October 2015

free guided walks

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family fun!
Celebrating Stamford’s Georgian heritage
‘Age of Enlightenment’
A three day festival ... including the famous Bull Run

EVENTS, MARKETS, SPECTACLES, RE-ENACTMENTS
TALKS, MUSIC, COSTUME BALL AND CARRIAGE RIDES

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Welcome to South Lincolnshire Walking Festival!

There is no better way to discover the hidden treasures of south Lincolnshire than by walking through the landscape. The area has witnessed ancient burials; Iron Age mints; Roman forts; the Knights Templar; deserted medieval villages; castles, cathedrals and monasteries and architecture at its finest.

But the festival isn’t only for history lovers! Whether you want to roam with ramblers, take your children on an adventure walk, brush up on your trees and birds on a nature trail, get snapping on a photography foray or get fit on a health trail, there is something for everyone.

Walks and activities

There are over 70 walks to choose from with distances to suit everyone and all are led by local, expert volunteers. Many of them are ‘talking walks’ where your walk leaders will be sharing information about the local area and points of interest. Some of the walks also involve some exciting activities and events! You will have the opportunity to explore a medieval tower normally closed to the public, discover the secrets of a Knights Templar tower, go bat detecting, hunt for molluscs, go pond dipping and spot birds and wildlife on the coast.

We are very grateful to all of the volunteer walk leaders, back markers and organisations that have been so enthusiastic about this brand new walking festival. They have offered advice, researched and registered walks and sat on our steering group. Most of our walks are free and all walk donations will go straight to the walk leaders’ nominated charities or to the organisation that has delivered the walk. Only the two Spires and Steeples Challenge Walks involve a cost.

Access: Some of our walks are suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Our walk symbols identify these accessible walks but please do contact your walk leader if you would like more information.
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Walks

Easy

Moderate

Energetic

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42. A Riverside Walk Across the Fields
43. A walk along the River Slea
44. A walk through Coastal Boston
45. Twyford Woods D-Day Walk
46. Grantham from the Top
47. Algarkirk and Sutterton
48. Surfleet Three Rivers
49. Bourne Woods Walking for Health Walk
50. Sleaford and the River Slea
51. Willow Tree Fen Dusk Walk
52. Spires and Steeples 26 mile challenge
53. Along the Lincoln Edge
54. The Gilbertines
55. Wing and a Prayer Walk
56. Spires and Steeples 13 mile challenge
57. Westgate and Jenny's Woods Circular
58. Following in the Footsteps of Pilgrims
59. Haven Mouth Walk
60. Discover Londonthorpe
61. Historic Spalding
62. Hobhole Pumping station and the ancient church of St Guthlac
63. Morkery Woods Munitions Walk
64. Railway Ramble: Ancaster to Sleaford
65. Willow Tree Fen
66. Road, Railway and Canal
67. In the footsteps of the Romans and Templars
68. Jerry Green Dog Rescue Woodland Walk
69. Surfleet River and Reservoir Walk
70. A walk through Coastal Boston
71. Frampton Marsh Walk
72. Pace Nordic Walking at Whisby
73. Newton's Heartland
74. Willow Tree Fen Tracks and Signs
75. Templars on the Heath
76. Willow Tree Fen Nature Night - Bat and Moth Walk
The Official #SLWF Launch!

Saturday 26th September 2015 10:00 – 18:00

Willow Tree Fen Nature Reserve, off Counter Drain Drove, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 3JH. Between Bourne and Spalding, south of the River Glen, the entrance is over a small bridge opposite Bank House Farm on Counter Drain Drove between Pode Hole and Tongue End.

Although the festival starts the day before, we are delighted to be holding our official launch at Willow Tree Fen Nature Reserve courtesy of Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust.

Willow Tree Fen is the largest area of wild fenland in Lincolnshire and over the last five years has undergone a transformation from arable land where beans and cereals were grown to a more traditional landscape of shallow meres, seasonally flooded pastures, hay meadows and reedbeds where wildlife now thrives. In January 2010, over 120 visitors helped Heritage Lincolnshire carry out a geophysical survey, field-walk the site, auger test deposits and dig test pits. Four trenches were dug crossing the site of a Roman drainage ditch. The fieldwalking yielded two new Iron Age/Roman saltmaking sites and a selection of Roman domestic pottery. You will also have the chance to find out what is happening in the local area, so make a day of it!

The launch event is perfect for the whole family and will include several guided walks around the site (including a bat walk at 18:00), crafts, den building, mini beast hunts, Nature Detectives, pond dipping and dissection of owl pellets.

Don’t forget to check southlincolnswalking.com for the latest updates, additions or changes to programme.
Walks Information

- A leader will be at the start of every walk, whatever the weather.
- Walk times are approximate, we recommend you overestimate this duration if paying for parking. Check car parking charges and times carefully.
- Unless otherwise stated, you will not be required to register for any of the walks.
- Walks start PROMPTLY at the time stated. Please arrive 10-15 minutes earlier if you wish to change into walking shoes, extra clothing etc.
- Please wear suitable clothing for the weather, including suitable footwear for muddy paths and rough terrain.
- Stay behind the leader and listen to their instructions. Please be aware that the majority of leaders are volunteers and should be treated with respect at all times.
- Any bus fares, car parking or entrance fees need to be paid for, unless otherwise stated.
- We recommend that you bring a drink on all walks for yourself/your family/your dogs.
- Children are very welcome, but under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.
- Dogs may also have to negotiate stiles, as not all walks will include gates or specific access for dogs. Poop scoops must be used.
- Vehicles parked are at the owner’s risk.
- Whilst we make all our walks as safe and enjoyable as possible, any event attended is done so at your own risk.
- In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the Walking Festival partners reserve the right to change or cancel a walk without prior notice.

Walking Close to Cows

The incidents of people being attacked or harassed by cattle are very rare, however we suggest you keep in mind the following advice when walking through fields with cattle:

- Be prepared for cattle to react to your presence, especially if you have a dog with you.
- Move quickly and quietly, and if possible walk around them.
- Keep your dog close and under proper control.
- If you have a dog and are threatened by cattle, let the dog go as the cow will chase after that.
- Report any problems to the highway authority.

- Get between cows and their calves.
- Put yourself at risk. Find another way round the cows and rejoin the footpath as quickly as possible.
- Panic! Most cows will stop before they reach you. If they follow you just walk on quietly.

Your walk leader will advise you of this along the route and walkers should follow advice given to ensure their safety.
Key to Symbols

- Easy
- Moderate
- Energetic

- Family friendly
- Light refreshments may be purchased
- Bring a packed lunch
- Accessible for wheelchair users
- Accessible for pushchairs
- Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a short lead at all times. Poop scoops and water should be carried
- Walk not suitable for dogs
- Toilet facilities are available at some point on the walk
- Walk is accessible by public transport
- Talking walk – a guided walk where the leader provides information during the walk
- Walking walk – a led walk
- This walk visits / passes sites of Lincolnshire’s heritage

- Consider other people
- Keep dogs under close control
- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
1. Willow Tree Fen

**Date:** 25.09.15  
**Start time:** 11:00  
**Distance:** 2.5 miles (3 hrs)

**Leader:** John Oliver 07879 554675  
**Organisation:** Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust  
**Grid reference:** TF 18165 21298 OS Explorer 248  
**Start point:** Willow Tree Fen PE11 3JH  
**Parking:** Willow Tree Fen Car Park, off Counter Drain Drove, opposite Bank House Farm  
**Terrain:** Tracks, fields  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

Join one of our expert wardens as we take a stroll around Willow Tree Fen nature reserve. Explore the past and future of this exciting new fenland reserve and experience the seasonal highlights.

2. Whisby VIPs

**Date:** 25.09.15  
**Start time:** 11:00  
**Distance:** 4 miles (1.5 hrs)

**Leader:** Brian Smith 01522 685541/0775 8572881  
**Organisation:** North Kesteven Social Strollers  
**Grid reference:** SK 91099 66257 OS Explorer 272  
**Start point:** Whisby Nature Park, Moor Lane, Thorpe-on-the-Hill, Lincoln LN6 9BW  
**Parking:** Whisby Nature Park. Moor Lane turn off A46 Lincoln by-pass. Cost £2.00 for all day.  
**Terrain:** Flat, wide paths around the park lakes, no hills  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

A stroll along flat, wide paths around beautiful lakes with lovely trees, birds and wildfowl. There will actually be two circular walks, enabling a choice between a two or a four-mile walk. We can then all meet up for a great lunch and drinks in the superb centre restaurant.

3. Frampton Marsh Walk

**Date:** 25.09.15  
**Start time:** 14:00  
**Distance:** 1.2 miles (1 hr)

**Leader:** Rosemary Saunders 07970 630137  
**Organisation:** Walking for Health  
**Grid reference:** TF 356 392 OS Explorer 249 & 261  
**Start point:** RSPB Frampton Marsh Visitor Centre PE20 1AY  
**Car park:** Visitor centre car park  
**Terrain:** Hard surface  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Donations to RSPB please

A gentle stroll around the reserve on a surfaced track. You will be able to spot many birds and there are two hides for further observation. Children will enjoy the wildlife in the ponds and hedgerows.

4. Willow Tree Fen Dusk Walk

**Date:** 25.09.15  
**Start time:** 18:00  
**Distance:** 2.5 miles (2 hrs)

**Leader:** John Oliver: 07879 554675  
**Organisation:** Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust  
**Grid reference:** TF 18165 21298 OS Explorer 248  
**Start point:** Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  
**Parking:** Willow tree fen car park off counter drain drive opposite Bank House Farm  
**Terrain:** Tracks, fields  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

A gentle stroll around Willow Tree Fen Nature Reserve at dusk on the lookout for some of our favourite fenland species. A chance to see typical dusk active species such as barn owl, badger and muntjac deer. Includes free owl pellet dissection activity for kids.
5. Urban Nordic Walking in Heighington

Date: 25.09.15  Start time: 19:00  Distance: 3-5 miles (1-2 hrs)

Open to walkers and Nordic Walkers. Dogs and pushchairs welcome, but won’t be able to use the poles. The walk is open to beginners and advanced. Poles are provided, so booking is essential. More challenging than normal walking.

6. Pace Nordic Walking at Whisby

Date: 26.09.15  Start time: 10:30  Distance: 6-8 miles (2 hrs minimum)
Leader: Martin Thomas 07966 174878  Organisation: Mandarin Leisure  Grid reference: SK 910 662 OS Explorer 272  Start point: Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  Parking: Car park, £2.00 per car.  Terrain: Tracks and paths  Level: Moderate  Cost: Free but recommended donation of £5.00 for LIVES.

Open to walkers and Nordic Walkers. As the title suggests this is a fast and constant paced walk. Tuition will be given en route. The walk is open to intermediate and advanced exercisers. Poles provided, so booking is essential. This is a challenging pace for fitter walkers.

7. Willow Tree Fen Tracks and Signs

Date: 26.09.15  Start time: 11:00  Distance: 1.75 miles (2 hrs)

Come along and join us as we stroll around Willow Tree Fen, discovering what tracks have been left behind by the reserve’s inhabitants. Learn more about the wildlife present on site and how to identify some common footprints. Plaster casts can be taken.

8. River Witham Walk from Witham Way Country Park with visit to Maud Foster Windmill

Date: 26.09.15  Start time: 13:00  Distance: 3 miles (2.5 hrs, with visit to windmill)

A gentle, circular stroll through Witham Country Park, along the banks of the River Witham and Maud Foster Drain, visiting the Maud Foster Mill en route.
9. Walking around livestock

Date: 26.09.15  Start time: 14:00  Distance: 2.5 miles (2 hrs)
Leader: John Oliver 07879 554675  Organisation: Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust  Grid reference: TF 18165 21298 OS Explorer 248
Start point: Willow Tree Fen PE11 3JH  Parking: Willow Tree Fen Car Park, off Counter Drain Drove, opposite Bank House Farm
Terrain: Track, fields  Level: Easy  Cost: Free

There is more than wildlife at Willow Tree Fen - the reserve is home to livestock, which aid management. Ever wondered what these beasts actually do and how to safely move around them? Join us and one of our graziers as we learn more about these conservation machines.

10. Nordic Walking for Beginners at Whisby

Date: 26.09.15  Start time: 14:00  Distance: 1-2.5 miles (1 hr)
Start point: Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.
Parking: Car park. £2.00 per car.
Terrain: Tracks and paths  Level: Easy  Cost: Free but recommended donation of £5.00 for LIVES.

Suitable for all beginner Nordic Walkers. Learn how to use the Nordic Walking poles properly while enjoying a social chat and a few laughs along the way.

11. Willow Tree Fen Bat and Moth Walk

Date: 26.09.15  Start time: 18:00  Distance: 2.5 miles (2 hrs)
Leader: John Oliver 07879 554675  Organisation: Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust  Grid reference: TF 18165 21298 OS Explorer 248
Start point: Willow Tree Fen PE11 3JH  Parking: Willow Tree Fen Car Park, off Counter Drain Drove, opposite Bank House Farm
Terrain: Track, fields  Level: Easy  Cost: Free

Come along to our Nature Night and join Annette Faulkner from The Lincolnshire Bat Group and moth experts as we explore what's around Willow Tree Fen at night. The evening includes a stroll around the reserve with bat detectors and a chance to see what the moth traps lure in.

12. Boats and Trains

Date: 26.09.15  Start time: 10:30  Distance: 9.5 miles (4 hrs)
Start point: Woolsthorpe by Belvoir Village Hall Car Park, Main Street, Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, Grantham NG32 1LT  Parking: Woolsthorpe by Belvoir Village Hall Car Park
Terrain: Generally level, canal and disused railway paths plus fields and quiet roads. Note: 700mtr stretch of busy road without pavement  Level: Moderate  Cost: Free

A pleasant ramble largely along a canal towpath and track-bed of a disused railway, so fairly level walking. The estate village of Denton is explored and there are good views of Belvoir castle.
13. The Bourne Blunder

**Date:** 27.09.15  
**Start time:** 08:30  
**Distance:** 20 miles (8.5 hrs)

**Leader:** John Wright 01673 860857  
**Organisation:** Ramblers  
**Grid reference:** TF 079 203  
**OS Explorer 248**  
**Start point:** Bourne Wood picnic site and car park NG33 4QD  
**Parking:** Bourne Wood picnic site and car park. Off A6121 1.5 miles west of Bourne  
**Terrain:** Undulating, tracks, cross field, field edge paths, some minor roads  
**Level:** Energetic  
**Cost:** Free

From Bourne Wood we pass through six villages or hamlets - Edenham, Swinstead, Creeton, Castle Bytham, Holywell and Little Bytham. We walk through the grounds of Grimsthorpe Castle, along an ancient drove road and past an eleventh century castle mound. A pleasant surprise for those who thought Lincolnshire was flat!

14. Navenby Then and Now

**Date:** 27.09.15  
**Start time:** 10:00  
**Distance:** 2 miles (2 hrs)

**Leader:** Ian Cox 01529 413969  
**Organisation:** Navenby Archaeology Group  
**Grid reference:** SK 987 572  
**OS Explorer 272**  
**Start point:** Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  
**Parking:** The Venue, Navenby. Southern end of village on east side of Grantham Road (A607)  
**Terrain:** Tracks, fields and pathways  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

A gentle walk around Navenby environs. Discover over three thousand years of history from prehistoric to 21st century development. Navenby is one of Lincolnshire's Cliff Villages, rich in history and wildlife. Situated on the Lincoln ridge, it enjoys views across the Witham and Trent flood plains. 25 walkers max.

15. Views of the Welland Valley

**Date:** 27.09.15  
**Start time:** 10:00  
**Distance:** 11.8 miles (6 hrs)

**Leader:** Ali & Jon Crow 01780 755681  
**Organisation:** Ramblers  
**Grid reference:** TF 052 063  
**OS Explorer 234**  
**Start point:** Burghley House, Stamford PE9 3JY  
**Parking:** Visitors car park, Pilsgate entrance, Barnack Road (B14443), Stamford  
**Terrain:** Roads, tracks, field margins  
**Level:** Energetic  
**Cost:** Free

A day walk through park and villages along the river with views of Welland Valley. Option of shortening walk to 8 miles.

16. Views of Belvoir

**Date:** 27.09.15  
**Start time:** 10:00  
**Distance:** 8 miles (3 hrs)

**Leader:** Rob Eddington 07834 121220  
**Organisation:** Lincolnshire Vikings Walking Club  
**Grid reference:** SK 842 351  
**OS Explorer 247**  
**Start point:** The Rutland Arms, Woolsthorpe Wharf, Woolsthorpe NG32 1NY  
**Parking:** The Rutland Arms car park just outside the village. Follow the signs for the ‘Mucky Duck’.  
**Terrain:** Towpath, tracks, fields, lanes  
**Level:** Moderate  
**Cost:** 50p donation to cover insurance cost

Walking along the Grantham Canal towpath towards the grand Belvoir Castle, taking in splendid views of the castle, surrounding estate and picturesque villages.
17. Swinstead Walk

Date: 27.09.15  Start time: 10:30  Distance: 6.25 miles (3.5 hrs)
Start point: Market Cross, village centre NG33 4PA  Parking: Wide streets in the village  Terrain: Field paths, farm tracks, minor roads.  Level: Moderate  Cost: Free

This is a moderate walk which may be muddy in places with two ascents and descents. We pass through Swinstead Valley and walk along part of The Drift, an ancient highway. We may see deer and birdlife near the woods and hedgerows.

18. The Water Rail Way Walk

Date: 27.09.15  Start time: 10:30  Distance: 8 miles (4.5 hrs including stops)
Leader: Patrick White 07944 451958  Organisation: Ramblers  Grid reference: TF 318 455 OS Explorer 261

A moderate, full day walk along the gentle waterways north of Boston. We will no doubt see plenty of water wildlife as we wend our way through Boston Cemetery to Maud Foster and Cowbridge, returning via Anton’s Gowt and the Witham Way Country Park.

19. The Bull Run

Date: 27.09.15  Start time: 11:00  Distance: 2 miles (1 hr)
Leader: Rachael Smith and Debbie Nicholls 01476 406080 Mon-Fri office hours  Organisation: South Kesteven District Council  Grid reference: TF 028 806 OS Explorer 234
Start point: Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  Parking: Bath Row Car Park or Cattlemarket (Station Road). £1.80 (up to 3 hrs)  Terrain: Pavements  Level: Easy  Cost: Free

For 700 years Stamford staged its Bull Run, inspired by a nobleman’s hunting instincts after chasing a runaway bull and prompting an annual event only banned in 1839. Walk streets that echoed to the chase, learn more about Stamford’s bull and how it inspires Stamford’s Georgian Festival carnival parade.

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20. “Horrible” Stamford

Date: 27.09.15  Start time: 14:30  Distance: 2 miles (1 hr)
Leader: Rachael Smith and Debbie Nicholls 01476 406080 Mon-Fri office hours  Organisation: South Kesteven District Council  Grid reference: TF 031 073 OS Explorer 234
Start point: Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  Parking: Stamford Corn Exchange  Terrain: Pavements  Level: Easy  Cost: Free

A public flogging was the penalty for stealing a leg of lamb in 18th century Stamford. Walk down streets little changed since Georgian times and reflect on a bygone age, celebrated the same weekend with Horrible Histories Georgian Festival stage shows, fresh from the West End www.stamfordgeorgianfestival.co.uk
21. Freiston High Tide Walk

Date: 27.09.15  Start time: 17:00  Distance: 3 miles (2 hrs)

Leader: Chris Andrews 01205 724678 Mon-Fri office hours  
Organisation: RSPB  
Grid reference: TF 396 423 OS Explorer 261  
Start point: Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  
Parking: Car parking in reserve car park, signposted from A52 north of Boston  
Level: Easy  
Cost: Donations to RSPB please

A gentle, early-evening stroll along the edge of The Wash. As the tide rises, some of the spectacular birds that live here will fly over our heads. A magical experience.

22. Roman Ancaster Health Walk

Date: 02.10.15  Start time: 11:00  Distance: 3 miles (1.5 hrs)

Leader: Rachael Smith and Debbie Nicholls 01476 406080 office hours  
Organisation: South Kesteven District Council  
Grid reference: SK 984 439 OS Explorer 272  
Start point: Booking essential.  
Parking: Ancaster playing fields  
Level: Easy  
Cost: Free

Discover Roman Britain on our Ancaster walk, its Ermine Way leading north from Londinium and a Roman fort on an Iron Age settlement that expanded into a small town with defensive wall and towers. A Team Team dig unearthed buried treasure, interpretation signs tell the story and rare orchids bloom.

23. Frampton and Wyberton Churches

Date: 02.10.15  Start time: 09:30  Distance: 6 miles (3 hrs)

Leader: Karen Bridges 01205 364321  
Organisation: Walking for Health  
Grid reference: TF 323 427 OS Explorer 261  
Start point: St Thomas Church Hall, London Road PE21 7EJ  
Parking: Limited parking at church hall  
Terrain: Public footpaths, stiles and country lanes  
Level: Moderate  
Cost: Free

A moderate walk along footpaths to St Leodegar’s church Wyberton (open for a short time) and St Mary’s church, Frampton for a short talk on the history of the church. We return along the country lanes of Wyberton and Frampton. Toilets half way.

24. Ruskington and Haverholme Autumnal Photo Foray

Date: 02.10.15  Start time: 11:00  Distance: 4.8 miles (3 hrs)

Leader: Beverley Gormley 01529 461499  
Organisation: Heritage Lincolnshire  
Grid reference: TF 08397 51341 OS Explorer 272  
Start point: Ruskington Village Hall NG34 9HS  
Parking: Ruskington Village Hall, Parkfield Road, NG34 9HS  
Terrain: Paths, roadside paths, river banks, field paths and lanes. Muddy in places.  
Level: Easy  
Cost: Free

Bring your camera to capture some great photo opportunities as we take a circular route from Ruskington to Haverholme. We’ll pass the ruins of Haverholme Priory, over the footbridge at the derelict Haverholme Lock and along the River Slea before heading over the fields back to Ruskington.
25. North Kesteven Church Ramble

Date: 03.10.15  Start time: 09:30  Distance: 9 miles (3 hrs)
Leader: Matthew Godfrey 01522 504048  Organisation: Diocese of Lincoln  Grid reference: TF 14429 44233  OS Explorer 248 and 272  Start point: Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  Parking: Car Park on Heckington village green to the south of the church plus on-street parking.  Terrain: Mainly on road/grass verge, one section of footpath  Level: Moderate  Cost: Free

A gentle ramble around some of North Kesteven’s most picturesque churches. Starting at Heckington then to Howell, Ewerby and Asgarby finishing off back in Heckington. The walk leader Matthew Godfrey will give a brief tour at each church highlighting interesting features and architecture. Refreshments available en route.

26. Branston & Heighington Meander

Date: 03.10.15  Start time: 10:00  Distance: 7.5 miles (3 hrs)
Start point: Jubilee hall, High Street, Heighington, Lincoln LN4 1JS  Parking: Rear of jubilee hall, some street parking available  Terrain: Tracks, fields and some pathways. No stiles a few gates and one or two roads to cross with caution  Level: Moderate  Cost: No charge- but if you could make a small donation to MacMillan Cancer support it would be greatly appreciated.

A Walking for Health walk that is suitable for all the family. We will see the picturesque parts of the two villages and meander along lanes and open countryside where panoramic views abound.

27. Navenby Photo Walk

Date: 03.10.15  Start time: 10:00  Distance: 2.6 miles (3-3.5 hrs)

A gentle walk with informal photography tuition from a professional photographer. Starting from the village of Navenby, this walk will take in stunning views across the Witham Valley and typical Lincolnshire countryside.

28. Baston Fen

Date: 04.10.15  Start time: 10:00  Distance: 1 mile (1 hr)

Join us for a stroll around Baston Fen SSSI nature reserve as we explore what this reserve has to offer and the management it undergoes. There are some steep banks and cattle may be present.

Southlincswalking.com for changes and updates
29. Bardney and Nocton Nordic Walk

Date: 04.10.15  Start time: 10:00  Distance: 8-10 miles (3 hrs)


Start point: Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking. Parking: On-street parking. Terrain: Tracks, paths and fields

Level: Moderate  Cost: Free but recommended donation of £5.00 for LIVES.

Suitable for all beginner Nordic Walkers. Learn how to use the Nordic Walking poles properly while enjoying a social chat and a few laughs along the way. Non-Nordic Walkers are very welcome.

30. Newton’s Grantham

Date: 04.10.15  Start time: 11:00  Distance: 2.5 miles (1.5 hrs)

Leader: Rachael Smith and Debbie Nicholls 01476 406080 Mon-Fri office hours  Organisation: South Kesteven District Council  Grid reference: SK 9152335805 OS Explorer 247

Start point: Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking. Parking: Watergate Car Park, Watergate, Grantham, NG31 6NS  Terrain: Paths  Level: Easy  Cost: Free

Inscriptions on the King’s School wall, former lodgings at a Grantham apothecary and an old post mill at Great Gonerby, inspiring his modelling talents … Isaac Newton memories are everywhere in Grantham. Our walk around the town that nurtured one of the greatest thinkers starts with a fascinating Newton talk.

31. Swineshead Abbey and Manwaring Earthworks

Date: 04.10.15  Start time: 11:00  Distance: 4 miles (2.5 hrs)

Leader: Rowenna Spencer 07958 697711  Organisation: Walking for Health  Grid reference: TF 288 142 OS Explorer 261 & 249

Start point: Church Hall, Market Square, Swineshead PE20 3JQ  Parking: Market Place  Terrain: Pathways, tracks, fields and roads  Level: Easy  Cost: Free

A pleasant, gentle stroll along country lanes and winding our way along field tracks. The walk takes in Swineshead Abbey grounds and returns through The Manwarings where the earthworks of a motte and bailey castle can be seen.

32. Central Park, Witham Bank and Witham Way Country Park Circular

Date: 04.10.15  Start time: 11:00  Distance: 2.5 miles (1 hr)


Start point: Central Park, Park Gate, Boston PE21 6RF  Parking: The Green, Bargate, Boston, PE21 6RF  Terrain: Pathways  Level: Easy  Cost: Free

A gentle morning circular stroll through a Victorian park, along the bank of the River Witham and into the Witham Way Country Park.
This walking festival has been co-ordinated by Heritage Lincolnshire, a local charity.

- Providing opportunities for education, volunteering and leisure activities
- **Preserving and protecting** Lincolnshire’s historic buildings
- **Conserving the rich history** of the county
- Archaeology, historic buildings, traditions and culture

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This is the very first South Lincolnshire Walking Festival and we’d love to know what you thought of it!

It’s important to us to find out what YOU think about this Festival, and the walk(s) you attended, as this helps us to plan for the future. We would be grateful if you could complete this feedback form about the walk you took part in. If you wish to be entered into our prize draw for a local produce hamper (donated by Lincolnshire Co-operative Ltd) please ensure you return your form (or fill out our online form at www.southlincswalking.com/feedback) by 1st December 2015.

Thank you very much!

Walk number or title ........................................................................................................
Date of walk ....................................................................................................................
Your full postcode ...........................................................................................................
Are you: Male…… Female……
Which age category do you belong to?
Under 18 □  18-30 □  31-45 □  46-60 □  61-70 □  Over 70 □

How would you rate this walk?
Very enjoyable □  Fairly enjoyable □  Adequate □  Not very enjoyable □
Not enjoyable at all □
Please Comment ............................................................................................................

Did you see anything that really interested you on this walk? ...................................
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Did you stop at any type of business along the way e.g. pub, tearoom, ice cream?
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Do you intend to take part, or have taken part, in any other walks in this festival?
Y □  N □

Have you travelled from home today? Y □  N □
If ‘Yes’, how far have you travelled? 0-5 miles □  6-15 miles □
16-30miles □  30+ miles □
If ‘No’ where are you staying?  Guest house/B&B □  Caravan/Camping □
Hotel □  Chalet/Cottage □  Friends/Family □  Youth Hostel □
Other...........................
How many nights are you staying?..............................................................................

After the walk will you: Go straight home □  Do some shopping □
Buy a meal/snack □  Go for a coffee/drink □  Other □

Not including travel costs, approximately how much do you think you will spend in the area today? Nothing □  Up to £10 □  Up to £20 □  Over £20 □

What type of walker are you?
Serious walker (8+ miles) □  Leisure walker (3-8 miles)□
Stroller (1-3 miles) □  Short distance (up to 1 mile) □
Before hearing about the walking festival, had you ever considered walking in south Lincolnshire? Y □ N □

If this is the first time you’ve visited the area do you plan to return? Y □ N □

How did you hear about the South Lincolnshire Walking Festival?
Walking Festival Website □ Word of mouth □
Magazine (which?) ...........................................................................................................
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Newspaper (which?) ........................................................................................................
Already on the mailing list □ Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival □
Tourist Information Centre □ Library □
Other..................................................................................................................................

Would you take part in a walking festival in Lincolnshire again? Y □ N □

We’re always trying to improve. Do you have any comments about the walks or the walking festival in general? .................................................................

To ensure that we can continue to offer the festival, HTL may need to request donations from participants, in the future would you be willing to make a donation? Y □ N □
If yes, how much? .........................

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Please include me in the prize draw □
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Please hand in your evaluation form to the Walk Leader, or mail it to:
South Lincolnshire Walking Festival, Heritage Lincolnshire, The Old School, Cameron Street, Heckington, SLEAFORD NG34 9RW

Alternatively, scan this QR code and fill it in online at www.southlincswalking.com/feedback

Thank you for taking the time to complete this evaluation form. Data collected from this consultation exercise will only be used for the purpose of service improvement and will be processed in accordance with relevant legislation, in particular the Data Protection Act 1998.
33. Boston stroll, visiting Skirbeck church and Hussey Tower

Date: 09.10.15  Start time: 09:30  Distance: 3.3 miles (2 hrs)

Leader: Karen Bridges 01205 364321  Organisation: Walking for Health  Grid reference: TF 331 444

A stroll along Maud Foster drain to Mount Bridge and Skirbeck church. We will walk along the riverbank and visit Hussey Tower which will be open especially for you. Staff from Heritage Lincolnshire will provide information on the tower. Returning through Market Place, Wormgate and Central Park.

34. The Wild Marshes of the Wash

Date: 09.10.15  Start time: 10:00  Distance: 4.5 miles (2 hrs)


Easy and moderate walks to see the wonderfully wild and remote marshes of The Wash. Don’t forget to bring your binoculars as there are many species of birds to see. You can either do one of the walks or, if you are feeling particularly energetic, do both!
35. The Wild Marshes of the Wash II

**Date:** 09.10.15  
**Start time:** 13:00  
**Distance:** 7 miles (3.5 hrs)

**Leader:** Derrick Venn 07900 091468  
**Organisation:** Ramblers  
**Grid reference:** TF 357 390 OS Explorer 249

**Start point:** RSPB car park, Frampton Marsh, Frampton Roads, Frampton, Boston PE20 1AY

**Parking:** RSPB car park  
**Terrain:** Country roads, surfaced, grass, mud paths and sea banks  
**Level:** Moderate  
**Cost:** Free

Easy and moderate walks to see the wonderfully wild and remote marshes of The Wash. Don’t forget to bring your binoculars as there are many species of birds to see. You can either do one of the walks or, if you are feeling particularly energetic, do both!

36. Around Ancaster

**Date:** 09.10.15  
**Start time:** 14:00  
**Distance:** 3.5 miles (2 hrs)

**Leader:** David Mellor 01529 461192  
**Organisation:** Ramblers  
**Grid reference:** SK 984 445 OS Explorer 247

**Start point:** Car Park, Station Approach, Ancaster Station NG32 3QY

**Parking:** Ancaster Railway Station car park  
**Terrain:** Tracks, pathways, some field paths, roads  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

A gentle stroll over tracks and paths in an area visited by the Romans. We wend our way to Woodland Waters, then along the Valley returning via Ermine Street.

37. Crowland and The Deepings

**Date:** 10.10.15  
**Start time:** 09:00  
**Distance:** 15 miles (8 hrs)

**Leader:** Ian Marshman 01529 461499 (office hours only)  
**Organisation:** Heritage Lincolnshire  
**Grid reference:** TF 2412 1032 OS Explorer 235

**Start point:** Crowland Abbey, East Street, Crowland PE6 0EN

**Parking:** Free parking at the Abbey and in West Street  
**Terrain:** Tracks, paths, pavements and some country lanes  
**Level:** Energetic  
**Cost:** Free but donations welcomed for Heritage Lincolnshire

Our energetic walk through the Fenland of south Lincolnshire begins before the statue studded west front of the ancient Crowland Abbey. We follow the Welland into a corner of Cambridgeshire through pretty villages before crossing the river on Deeping Gate Bridge into Deeping St. James. We return to Crowland through farmland.

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38. Bus Walk: Wellingore to Lincoln

**Date:** 10.10.15  **Start time:** 10:00  **Distance:** 11 miles (5 hrs)

**Leader:** Stuart Parker 01522 534655  **Organisation:** Ramblers  **Grid reference:** SK 981 568 OS Explorer 272

**Start point:** Memorial Hall, West Street, Wellingore (we do not return to Wellingore) LN5 0JA

**Parking:** Please come by bus  **Terrain:** Footpaths, several swing gates, lanes  **Level:** Energetic  **Cost:** Free

An energetic linear walk, following the Viking Way through delightful Lincoln Cliff villages with extensive views across the Witham Vale (can be shortened by catching the bus at any village along the way). Stagecoach Interconnect No 1 bus departs Lincoln (09:05) or Grantham (09:00) to Wellingore.

39. Boston – Anton’s Gowt circular

**Date:** 10.10.15  **Start time:** 10:30  **Distance:** 6.9 miles (2.5 hrs)

**Leader:** Steve Carnes 07539 837700  **Organisation:** Walking for Health  **Grid reference:** TF 32880 44348 OS Explorer 261

**Start point:** Central Park, Boston PE21 6AE  **Parking:** Wide Bargate  **Terrain:** Roads, tracks, pathways  **Level:** Moderate  **Cost:** Free

A pleasant 7-mile walk starting in the heart of Boston. Within minutes the town will be left behind as we follow waterways and country roads to the Lincolnshire hamlet of Anton’s Gowt. The return leg is a riverside stroll along the Witham to Sluice Bridge and Central Park.

40. Deer Stalking Health Walk

**Date:** 10.10.15  **Start time:** 11:00  **Distance:** 4 miles (2 hrs)

**Leader:** Nigel Brigginshaw  **Organisation:** South Kesteven District Council  **Grid reference:** TF 069 172 OS Explorer 273

**Start point:** Booking essential. Please contact Community Health Walks Officer on 01476 406080 Mon-Fri office hours. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  **Parking:** The hotel car park  **Terrain:** Tracks, fields etc. Can be muddy underfoot  **Level:** Easy  **Cost:** Free

We cannot promise sightings, but you will certainly see tracks as our nature walk follows the footsteps of reclusive red deer, fallow deer and muntjac, all living in this beautiful area with hares and an abundance of wildlife. Look up and we could be watching buzzards and red kites.

41. Take a Walk on the Slow Side of Life

**Date:** 11.10.15  **Start time:** 10:00  **Distance:** 2.5 miles (2 hrs)

**Leader:** John Redshaw  **Organisation:** Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust  **Grid reference:** TF 18165 21298 OS Explorer 248

**Start point:** Willow Tree Fen PE11 3JH  **Parking:** Willow tree fen car park off counter drain drove opposite Bank House Farm  **Terrain:** Tracks, fields  **Level:** Easy  **Cost:** Free

Join local mollusc expert John Redshaw on an amble around willow tree fen as we search for our mollusc friends and look more closely at these fabulous creatures. Explore the seasonal highlights of the reserve while kids can enjoy free pond dipping throughout the day.
42. A Riverside Walk Across the Fields

**Date:** 11.10.15  
**Start time:** 10:00  
**Distance:** 10 miles (5 hrs)

**Leader:** Keith Thompson 01529 300104  
**Organisation:** Ramblers  
**Grid reference:** SK 930 415 OS Explorer 247

**Start point:** At the junction of West Street and the A607, Barkston NG32 2NH  
**Parking:** Barkston Village Hall which is on the south side of the village on the A607 near the junction with Main Street as you head towards Grantham. NG32 2NJ

**Terrain:** Mainly footpaths across fields, a short length of road and some hardcore based pathways

**Level:** Moderate  
**Cost:** Free

A circular walk using footpaths across fields and generally following the River Witham from Barkston Grange to Marston Hall and Hougham Manor where we will leave the river and return via Barkston Gorse. At one point we cross the river on purpose made concrete stepping stones.

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43. A walk along the River Slea

**Date:** 11.10.15  
**Start time:** 11:00  
**Distance:** 3 miles (1.5 hrs)

**Leader:** Susan Stubley 01205 722771  
**Organisation:** Walking for Health  
**Grid reference:** TF 067 454 OS Explorer 272

**Start point:** Car park opposite railway station, NG34 7SJ  
**Parking:** Car park opposite railway station

**Terrain:** Pathways and roads  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

A pleasant, gentle stroll that passes the site of Sleaford Castle before winding along paths beside the River Slea. The walk returns via Sleaford town centre. Accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs although paths are narrow.

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44. A walk through Coastal Boston

**Date:** 11.10.15  
**Start time:** 11:00  
**Distance:** 1.6 miles (1 hrs)

**Leader:** Caroline Wallis 07765 114822  
**Organisation:** Coastal Boston  
**Grid reference:** TF 32717 44243 OS Explorer 261

**Start point:** Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  
**Parking:** Pay and display parking available in the Library/Old Session House car park. Access via Fountain lane at weekends

**Terrain:** Pavement, some cobbles  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

This gentle walk through Boston will give an introduction to the town’s maritime heritage, with sights of interest pointed out by the guide. Ending at the Black Sluice Riverside Café, a Select Lincolnshire venue, hot and cold drinks and lunches may be bought and enjoyed. Walkers to return at leisure.
45. Twyford Woods D-Day Walk

**Date:** 11.10.15  **Start time:** 16:00  **Distance:** 3 miles (2 hrs)
**Leader:** Rachael Smith and Debbie Nicholls  
**Organisation:** South Kesteven District Council  
**Grid reference:** SK 947 239 OS Explorer 224  
**Start point:** Booking essential. Please contact Community Health Walks Officer 01476 406080 Mon-Fri office hours. Start point will be provided at time of booking.
**Parking:** Twyford Woods car park on A151, half a mile east of the A1, Colsterworth roundabout  
**Terrain:** Tracks, pathways, some field paths, roads  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

D-Day was underway the moment C-47 Dakota aircraft took off on 5th June 1944 from RAF North Witham, known today as Twyford Woods near Colsterworth, carrying American combat paratroopers behind enemy lines as Pathfinders for the main airborne assault. Walk along airfield runways amidst dense woodland - and back to WW2.

46. Grantham from the Top

**Date:** 16.10.15  **Start time:** 11:00  **Distance:** 4.5 miles (2.5 hrs)
**Leader:** Rachael Smith and Debbie Nicholls 01476 406080  
**Organisation:** South Kesteven District Council  
**Grid reference:** SK 916 365 OS Explorer 247  
**Start point:** Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.
**Parking:** Wyndham Park has its own free car park, and there is street parking on the roads around the park.
**Terrain:** Paths, tracks and footpaths. Can be muddy underfoot. Some hills!  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

For a walk with a view, beautiful built heritage, ducks on the river and an uphill muscle stretch, this is unbeatable. Who knew that such a walk was accessible from Grantham town centre with that stunning view of Grantham as a reward from the top of the 'hills and hollows'?

47. Algarkirk and Sutterton

**Date:** 16.10.15  **Start time:** 13:00  **Distance:** 4 miles (1.5 hrs)
**Leader:** Steve Carnes 0753 9837700  
**Organisation:** Walking for Health  
**Grid reference:** TF 29121 35166 OS Explorer 261  
**Start point:** Village Hall, Church Lane, Algarkirk PE20 2HH  
**Parking:** Village Hall, Church Lane, Algarkirk and surrounding streets  
**Terrain:** Fields, tracks, roads  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

An afternoon stroll from Algarkirk, taking in some of the country lanes in and around Sutterton. There will be a short break at Bell Mere Pool with the opportunity to feed the ducks. Arrive early and visit Algarkirk church to find out more about their exciting plans for its restoration.

48. Surfleet Three Rivers

**Date:** 17.10.15  **Start time:** 10:30  **Distance:** 7 miles (3 hrs)
**Leader:** Mike & Judy Chapman 01775 680404  
**Organisation:** Ramblers  
**Grid reference:** TF 254 285 OS Explorer 249  
**Start point:** Surfleet Village Hall, Station Road, Surfleet PE11 4DB  
**Parking:** Village Hall Car Park  
**Terrain:** Minor roads and river banks  
**Level:** Moderate  
**Cost:** Free

A moderate walk taking in old sea walls, a reservoir which is not a reservoir, sea-going vessels, an old oak tree where a murderer's body was left to rot in a gibbet and a church whose spire leans more than the leaning tower of Pisa!
49. Bourne Woods Walking for Health Walk

Date: 17.10.15  Start time: 11:00  Distance: 3 miles (1.5 hrs)
Leader: Debbie Nicholls and Rachael Smith  Organisation: South Kesteven District Council  Grid reference: TF 075 201 OS Explorer 247  Start point: Booking essential. Please contact Community Health Walks Officer 01476 406080 Mon-Fri office hours. Start point will be provided at time of booking. Parking: Bourne Woods Car Park. By road, a car park is signposted off the A151 half a mile west of Bourne  Terrain: Tracks  Level: Easy  Cost: Free

Walking through Bourne Wood is always a treat with its quiet, ancient woodland, mixed conifers and broad-leaved trees. Visitors can access the ponds where kingfishers and herons can often be seen. The Friends of Bourne Woods organise events throughout the year and are always looking for volunteers.

50. Sleaford and the River Slea

Date: 17.10.15  Start time: 13:00  Distance: 3 miles (2 hrs)

A short walk with no hills following the River Slea westwards through Sleaford almost to the bypass and returning via the road. Learn something of the history of Sleaford and the part the river played in its development.

51. Willow Tree Fen Dusk Walk

Date: 17.10.15  Start time: 17:00  Distance: 2.5 miles (3 hrs)

A gentle stroll around Willow Tree Fen Nature Reserve at dusk on the lookout for some of our favourite fenland species. A chance to see typical dusk-active species such as barn owl, badger and muntjac deer. Includes free owl pellet dissection activity for the kids.
52. Spires and Steeples 26 mile challenge

**Date:** 18.10.15  **Start time:** 08:30  **Distance:** 26 miles (Up to 9 hrs)

**Organisation:** 1Life  **Grid reference:** SK 975 718 OS Explorer 272  **Start point:** Booking essential. Please contact organisers on 01522 870273. Start point will be provided at time of booking.

**Parking:** City of Lincoln car parks  **Terrain:** Multi terrain. Tracks, fields, pathways, village streets

**Level:** Energetic  **Cost:** £18

Are you ready for the challenge? Take part in Lincolnshire’s unique annual challenge taking in the beautiful scenery along this energetic trail. Join hundreds of others in walking either 13 or 26 miles and feel the buzz as you pass through the finish line in Sleaford. www.1life.co.uk/spiresandsteepleschallenge

53. Along the Lincoln Edge

**Date:** 18.10.15  **Start time:** 10:30  **Distance:** 8.5 miles (4.5 hrs)

**Leader:** Geoff Mullett 07816 543538  **Organisation:** Ramblers  **Grid reference:** SK 949 504 OS Explorer 272

**Start point:** Playing field car park at Fulbeck NG32 3JL on the A607  **Parking:** Playing field car park at Fulbeck on the A607  **Terrain:** Mostly field paths (some cropped cross-field paths) and short stretches of quiet roads

**Level:** Moderate  **Cost:** Free

Starting at Fulbeck the walk will follow a section of the Lincoln Edge, visiting villages on the spring line and affording good views.

54. The Gilbertines

**Date:** 18.10.15  **Start time:** 10:30  **Distance:** 8.5 (4.5 hrs)

**Leader:** David White 07770 652722  **Organisation:** Ramblers  **Grid reference:** TF 073 336 OS Explorer 248

**Start point:** Market Place, Folkingham NG34 0SE  **Parking:** Free parking in and around the Market Place. The A15 runs through the Market Place.  **Terrain:** Footpaths around and across some fields, good tracks and some minor roads.

**Level:** Moderate  **Cost:** Free

A moderate circular walk with brief history talks on the ruined Folkingham Castle, House of Correction, Sempringham Abbey, Priory and a visit to the commemorative site to the last ‘native’ Princess of Wales. Enjoy tea rooms and the House of Chocolate at the end.

55. Wing and a Prayer Walk

**Date:** 18.10.15  **Start time:** 11:00  **Distance:** 3 miles (2 hrs)

**Leader:** Debbie Nicholls and Rachael Smith  **Organisation:** South Kesteven District Council  **Grid reference:** SK 9389448565 OS Explorer 272

**Start point:** Booking essential. Please contact Community Health Walks Officer on 01476 406080 Mon-Fri office hours. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  **Parking:** On-street parking is available in the village of Caythorpe, especially along Old Lincoln Road  **Terrain:** Mixture of tracks and pathways

**Level:** Easy  **Cost:** Free

Rarely can a village church have become such a shrine to airborne forces as St Vincent’s Church in Caythorpe. Our walk circuits this delightful Lincolnshire stone village with a local historian waiting at the church to explain its Arnhem aisle, memorial plaques, stained glass windows and displays.
56. Spires and Steeples 13 mile challenge

**Date:** 18.10.15  
**Start time:** 11:00  
**Distance:** 13 miles (Up to 6 hrs)  
**Organisation:** 1Life  
**Grid reference:** TF066613 OS Explorer 272  
**Start point:** Booking essential. Please contact organisers on 01522 870273. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  
**Parking:** Metheringham Playing fields car park, Princes Street LN4 3BX  
**Terrain:** Multi terrain. Tracks, fields, pathways, village streets **Level:** Energetic  
**Cost:** £15

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57. Westgate and Jenny’s Woods Circular

**Date:** 18.10.15  
**Start time:** 11:00  
**Distance:** 2.5 miles (1 hr)  
**Leader:** Frances Taylor 07798 611124  
**Organisation:** Boston Borough Council  
**Grid reference:** TF 316 414 OS Explorer 261  
**Start point:** Wyberton Parish Hall, 295 London Road, Wyberton, Boston PE21 7DE  
**Parking:** Wyberton Parish Hall  
**Terrain:** Pathways, some across fields **Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

A gentle morning stroll through woodland, suitable for all the family. We wend our way across a public field pathway to the woods. At the end of the walk, you could visit the Pincushion Inn for Sunday lunch. Contact 01205 838499 to book your lunch, if required.

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58. Following in the Footsteps of Pilgrims

**Date:** 18.10.15  
**Start time:** 13:00  
**Distance:** 6.2 miles (2.5 hrs)  
**Leader:** Karen Bridges 01205 364321  
**Organisation:** Walking for Health  
**Grid reference:** TF 340 428 OS Explorer 261  
**Start point:** Fishtoft Sports and social club PE21 0DF  
**Parking:** Roadside and small parking area  
**Terrain:** Riverbank, lanes, wooded paths. Can get muddy **Level:** Moderate  
**Cost:** Free

A moderate circular afternoon walk following the river Haven to the Pilgrim Fathers memorial, making our way along rivers, drains and country lanes. There should be plenty of birds to see and you may see boats passing depending on the tides.
59. Haven Mouth Walk
Date: 23.10.15  Start time: 13:30  Distance: 6.25 miles (3-4 hrs)
Leader: Chris Andrews 01205 724678 Mon-Fri office hours
Organisation: RSPB  Grid reference: TF 363 385 OS Explorer 249
Start point: Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.
Parking: Car parking in reserve car park, signposted from A16 south of Boston Road, pathways (unmade)
Level: Moderate  Cost: Donations to RSPB please
A moderate afternoon stroll down The Haven. Running through RSPB Frampton Marsh Nature Reserve, we will keep our eyes open for wildlife along the way before reaching the mouth of the river in time for high tide. Upon or return there will be time for a cuppa in the Visitor Centre.

60. Discover Londonthorpe
Date: 23.10.15  Start time: 18:00  Distance: 3 miles (2 hrs)
Leader: Murray Brown 07909 893545  Organisation: Woodland Trust
Grid reference: SK 944 380 OS Explorer 247
Start point: Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.
Parking: Car park, Londonthorpe Wood
Terrain: Tracks, fields, some slopes to viewpoints
Level: Easy  Cost: Free but donations to the Woodland Trust very welcome
Discover Londonthorpe, a 15-17 year old woodland creation site on the edge of Grantham, one of Lincolnshire’s old market towns. This site was once part of the historic Belton Park. Enjoy the viewpoint, the history and the wildlife this wood offers.

61. Historic Spalding
Date: 24.10.15  Start time: 10:30  Distance: 2 miles (1.5 hrs)
Leader: Judy Chapman 01775 680404  Organisation: Ramblers
Grid reference: TF 250 223 OS Explorer 249
Start point: In front of Ayscoughhee Hall Museum PELL 2RA
Parking: The Vista pay & display car park, Churchgate. (Next to Ayscoughhee Hall)
Terrain: Town centre pavements and footpaths
Level: Easy  Cost: Free
An historic walk through Spalding Town Centre. Learn about the great fire, look for evidence of the C9 Benedictine Priory, discover Spalding’s maritime past and watch a blacksmith at work. Later you can look around Grade I listed Ayscoughhee Hall museum.

62. Hobhole Pumping Station and the Ancient Church of St Guthlac
Date: 24.10.15  Start time: 10:30  Distance: 7 miles (4.5 hrs including stops)
Leader: John Beaven 07713 652119  Organisation: Ramblers
Grid reference: TF 341 426 OS Explorer 261
Start point: Havenside Country Park, off Fishtoft Road, Boston PE21 OBJ
Parking: Havenside Country Park Car Park, off Fishtoft Road, Boston
Terrain: Country roads, surfaced, grass, mud paths and waterway banks
Level: Moderate  Cost: Free
A moderate walk along the Tidal River Haven to Hobhole Pumping Station which we’ll visit to see how the flat lands of The Fens are drained and kept flood-free. We will return via the Hobhole Waterway and the Ancient Church of Saint Guthlac at Fishtoft.
63. Morkery Woods Munitions Walk

Date: 24.10.15  Start time: 11:00
Distance: 3 miles (2 hrs)
Leader: Debbie Nicholls and Rachael Smith  Organisation: South Kesteven District Council  Grid reference: SK 947 239 OS Explorer 224
Start point: Booking essential. Please contact Community Health Walks Officer 01476 406080 Mon-Fri office hours. Start point will be provided at time of booking. Parking: The car park is located on the A151, half a mile east of the A1, Colsterworth roundabout
Terrain: Level: Easy  Cost: Free
Ancient woodland became natural camouflage for one of WW2’s bomb depots as a major supply point for the RAF. See hut bases, from the entrance guardroom to remains of more special storage huts for weapons, like the Barnes Wallace-designed Tallboy bomb responsible for sinking the Nazi’s battleship Tirpitz (49).

64. Railway Ramble: Ancaster to Sleaford

Date: 24.10.15  Start time: 11:30
Distance: 6.5 miles (3.5 hrs)
Leader: Stuart Parker 01522 534655  Organisation: Ramblers
Grid reference: SK 983 443 OS Explorer 247 & 272
Start point: Ancaster Station, Ermine Street, Ancaster NG32 3RA (we do not return to Ancaster)
Parking: Come by train!
Terrain: Footpaths, gentle uphill section, some stiles
Level: Moderate  Cost: Free
A moderate, linear walk, following public footpaths from Ancaster station via North Rauceby and alongside the River Slea to discover the remains of Sleaford Castle. Catch the train to Ancaster. Depart Boston 10:50; Heckington 11:04; Sleaford 11:12 to Ancaster or Lincoln 10:15 (change Sleaford).

65. Willow Tree Fen

Date: 25.10.15  Start time: 10:00  Distance: 2.5 miles (3 hrs)
Leader: John Oliver 07879 554675  Organisation: Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust  Grid reference: TF 18165 21298 OS Explorer 248
Start point: Willow Tree Fen PE11 3JH
Parking: Willow Tree Fen Car Park, off Counter Drain Drove, opposite Bank House Farm
Terrain: Track, fields
Level: Easy  Cost: Free
Join one of our expert wardens as we take a stroll around Willow Tree Fen nature reserve. Explore the past and future of this exciting new fenland reserve and experience the seasonal highlights.
66. Road, Railway and Canal

**Date:** 25.10.15  
**Start time:** 10:00  
**Distance:** 4 miles (3 hrs)

**Leader:** Stewart Squires 01673 863030  
**Organisation:** Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology  
**Grid reference:** SK 843 351 OS Explorer 247  
**Start point:** Canal Bridge by Rutland Arms (Dirty Duck) NG32 1NY  
**Parking:** Roadside parking on approach to pub  
**Terrain:** Tracks and pathways  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free, but donations requested to the SLHA

An easy guided walk looking at the Grantham Canal, Longmoor Lane and the old railway. Discover their history and the traffic they carried.

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67. In the footsteps of the Romans and Templars

**Date:** 25.10.15  
**Start time:** 10:00  
**Distance:** 6.5 miles (4 hrs)

**Leader:** Gary Taylor 01529 461618 office hours  
**Organisation:** Heritage Lincolnshire  
**Grid reference:** TF 008 537 OS Explorer 272  
**Start point:** Temple Bruer Tower, Near Welbourn, Sleaford LN5 0DG  
**Parking:** Park alongside tower. Take road signposted 'Welbourn' westwards off A15. (DO NOT take the road signposted Temple Bruer). After 1.5 miles there are farm buildings to the north - follow track towards tower.  
**Terrain:** Farm tracks, green lanes, some road walking  
**Level:** Moderate  
**Cost:** Free

A moderate walk on the Lincolnshire Heath looking at the Knights Templar site at Temple Bruer and following part of the Ermine Street Roman road.

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68. Jerry Green Dog Rescue Woodland Walk

**Date:** 25.10.15  
**Start time:** 11:00  
**Distance:** 3 miles (1 hrs)

**Leader:** Jo Hickson 01205 260546  
**Organisation:** Jerry Green Dog Rescue  
**Grid reference:** TF 302 420 OS Explorer 261  
**Start point:** Five House Lane, Wyberton, Boston PE21 7JA  
**Parking:** Car parks at beginning and end of walk on Five House Lane and Old Hammond Beck Bank Road  
**Terrain:** Woodland paths  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Donations to Jerry Green Dog Rescue

A gentle stroll through woodland that was created as a ‘woods on your doorstep’ wood. Follow a meandering, wheelchair friendly path through ash, oak, birch and willows with grassy glades, seating areas and rest spots. Very dog friendly and has a charming cafe called the Fisherman’s Rest at the entrance.

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69. Surfleet River and Reservoir Walk

**Date:** 25.10.15  
**Start time:** 11:00  
**Distance:** 3.75 miles (3 hrs)

**Leader:** Rowenna Spencer 07958 697711  
**Organisation:** Walking for Health  
**Grid reference:** TF 254 284 OS Explorer 249  
**Start point:** Surfleet Park  
**Parking:** Surfleet Park  
**Terrain:** Pathways, banktops, roads  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

Walking through the village of Surfleet, you follow the tranquil River Glen through to the picturesque Surfleet Reservoir. Along most of the route there is chance to observe plenty of wildlife. Returning to Surfleet village you walk along the bank top with a golf course to the left of you. Part of this walk is not suitable for wheelchairs and prams.
## 70. A walk through Coastal Boston

**Date:** 25.10.15  
**Start time:** 11:00  
**Distance:** 1.6 miles (1 hrs)

**Leader:** Caroline Wallis 07765 114822  
**Organisation:** Coastal Boston  
**Grid reference:** TF 32717 44243  
**OS Explorer 261**  
**Start point:** Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  
**Parking:** Pay and display parking available in the Library/Old Session House car park. Access via Fountain lane at weekends  
**Terrain:** Pavement, some cobbles  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

This gentle walk through Boston will give an introduction to the town's maritime heritage, with sights of interest pointed out by the guide. Ending at the Black Sluice Riverside Café, a Select Lincolnshire venue, hot and cold drinks and lunches may be bought and enjoyed. Walkers to return at leisure.

## 71. Frampton Marsh Walk

**Date:** 30.10.15  
**Start time:** 14:00  
**Distance:** 3 miles (2 hrs)

**Leader:** Rosemary Saunders 07970 630137  
**Organisation:** Walking for Health  
**Grid reference:** TF 356 392 OS Explorer 249 & 261  
**Start point:** RSPB Frampton Marsh Visitor Centre PE20 1AY  
**Parking:** Visitor centre car park  
**Terrain:** Hard surface, grass track and steps  
**Level:** Moderate  
**Cost:** Donations to RSPB please

From the sea bank you’ll be treated to panoramic views over Frampton Marsh, including one of the largest expanses of saltmarsh in the world.

## 72. Pace Nordic Walking at Whisby

**Date:** 31.10.15  
**Start time:** 10:30  
**Distance:** 6-8 miles (2 hrs minimum)

**Leader:** Martin Thomas 07966 174878  
**Organisation:** Mandarin Leisure  
**Grid reference:** SK 910 662 OS Explorer 272  
**Start point:** Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  
**Parking:** Car park, £2.00 per car  
**Terrain:** Tracks and paths  
**Level:** Moderate  
**Cost:** Free but recommended donation of £5.00 for LIVES.

Open to walkers and Nordic Walkers. As the title suggests this is a fast and constant paced walk. Tuition will be given en route. The walk is open to intermediate and advanced exercisers. Poles provided, so booking is essential. This is a challenging pace for fitter walkers.

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73. Newton's Heartland

**Date:** 31.10.15  
**Start time:** 11:00  
**Distance:** 5 miles (2.5 hrs)

**Leader:** Debbie Nicholls and Rachael Smith  
**Organisation:** South Kesteven District Council  
**Grid reference:** SK 9240924399 OS Explorer 247  
**Start point:** Booking essential. Please contact Community Health Walks Officer on 01476 406080. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  
**Parking:** Woolsthorpe Manor has designated parking on site  
**Terrain:** Mixture of tracks, paths and roads  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

Isaac Newton's Legacy is everywhere around Colsterworth, from his baptism record and mother's grave to his birthplace at Woolsthorpe Manor. Re-trace the family footsteps, including North Witham, home of his hated stepfather and the ford where servants idled on their mission to get help for the ailing baby.

74. Willow Tree Fen Tracks and Signs

**Date:** 31.10.15  
**Start time:** 11:00  
**Distance:** 1.75 miles (2 hrs)

**Leader:** John Oliver 07879 554675  
**Organisation:** Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust  
**Grid reference:** TF 18165 21298 OS Explorer 248  
**Start point:** Willow Tree Fen PE11 3JH  
**Parking:** Willow Tree Fen Car Park, off Counter Drain Drove, opposite Bank House Farm  
**Terrain:** Track, fields  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

Come along and join us as we stroll around Willow Tree Fen, discovering what tracks have been left behind by the reserve’s inhabitants. Learn more about the wildlife present on site and how to identify some common footprints. Plaster casts can be taken.

75. Templars on the Heath

**Date:** 31.10.15  
**Start time:** 14:00  
**Distance:** 2.5 miles (2 hrs)

**Leader:** Gary Taylor 01529 461618 office hours  
**Organisation:** Heritage Lincolnshire  
**Grid reference:** TF 008 537 OS Explorer 272  
**Start point:** Temple Bruer Tower LN5 0DG  
**Parking:** Park alongside tower. Take road signposted ‘Welbourn’ westwards off A15. (DO NOT take the road signposted Temple Bruer). After 1.5 miles there are farm buildings to the north - follow track towards tower.  
**Terrain:** Farm tracks, green lanes, some road walking  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

Arrive early to enjoy the Halloween event in the tower before taking a gentle afternoon stroll, looking at the Knights Templar site and other historical and archaeological remains nearby.

76. Willow Tree Fen Nature Night - Bat and Moth Walk

**Date:** 31.10.15  
**Start time:** 16:00  
**Distance:** 2.5 miles (2 hrs)

**Leader:** John Oliver 07879 554675  
**Organisation:** Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust  
**Grid reference:** TF 18165 21298 OS Explorer 248  
**Start point:** Booking essential. Please contact leader. Start point will be provided at time of booking.  
**Parking:** Willow Tree Fen Car Park off Counter Drain Drove opposite Bank House Farm  
**Terrain:** Track, fields  
**Level:** Easy  
**Cost:** Free

Come along to our nature night and join Annette Faulkner from Lincolnshire Bat Group and moth experts as we explore what’s around Willow Tree Fen at night. The evening includes a stroll around the reserve with bat detectors and a chance to see what the moth traps lure in.
This walking festival is a great way to explore the natural landscape and heritage of south Lincolnshire, including the limestone ridge that we call the Lincolnshire ‘Cliff’ or ‘Edge’ and wildlife-rich fens and saltmarshes.

The South Lincolnshire Walking Festival is a big team effort with many individuals and organisations giving their time, vision and energy to deliver this great programme of events alongside Heritage Lincolnshire.

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