

STEPPING OUT: TATTERSHALL BRIDGE TO DOGDYKE



Easy Terrain



A 2 mile (3km) 'there and back' walk from the hamlet of Tattershall Bridge in Lincolnshire.

The route follows a quiet lane (and its grass verge) along the banks of the River Witham to reach the adjacent hamlet of Dogdyke, returning the same way. This short walk is ideal for bird watching, giving you chance to take in the wildlife and views. The walk gives views over the fields towards the end of the runway at nearby RAF Coningsby and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. This walk is part of the Stepping Out network, published through a collaboration with North Kesteven District Council to inspire more people to enjoy the district's landscapes, ancient woodland, historic buildings and charming villages.

If you are looking for refreshments, The Royal Oak in Tattershall Bridge is at the start or end of the walk.

Getting there

Tattershall Bridge is a small hamlet, sitting just south of the A153 on the banks of the River Witham. The walk starts and finishes alongside the distinctive red-arched river bridge. There is some riverside parking here, or you could park at the nearby Royal Oak if you are taking refreshments before or after your walk.

Approximate post code **LN4 4JL**.

Walk Sections



Start to Dogdyke

**2 Miles
Circular
1 hour**

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Access Notes



1. The walk is almost entirely flat, with no gradient to speak of.
2. It follows a quiet lane, which has a grass verge, alongside the River Witham.
3. As the entire walk is on the roadside, you will need to be careful of occasional traffic, keeping dogs on leads and keeping children under close control.
4. There are no stiles, steps, gates or other obstacles on the route and you will not encounter any livestock. Please remember the Countryside Code.
5. Some paths are provided by kind permission of the landowner, please only use the waymarked paths.
6. OS Map Explorer 261.

From the parking spot, take a moment to enjoy the views



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of (and from) the beautiful red-arched bridge. When you are ready to begin, follow the quiet riverside lane with the River Witham on your left. Remember to take care of any occasional traffic, using the grass verge for your safety. You will be following this riverside lane for about 1 mile for this outward leg. After about 0.6 miles, you will pass a farm on your right – look across to the far riverbank at this point to see the red brick building, Dogdyke Steam Pumping Station. This steam engine was built in 1856 to drain a large area of farmland between the River Witham and River Bain, replacing an existing wind-driven pump. You can see the steam engine in action for a few open days each year (see dogdyke.com for dates). Remember to also look across to the far riverbank for a view over the fields towards the end of the runway at nearby RAF Coningsby. In the summer months you may be lucky enough to see a Spitfire or Lancaster in action.

Disclaimer

This walking route was walked and checked at the time of writing. We have taken care to make sure all our walks are safe for walkers of a reasonable level of experience and fitness. However, like all outdoor activities, walking carries a degree of risk and we accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal effects, personal accident, injury or public liability whilst following this walk. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies that result from changes to the routes that occur over time. Please let us know of any changes to the routes so that we can correct the information.

Walking Safety

For your safety and comfort we recommend that you take the following with you on your walk: bottled water, snacks, a waterproof jacket, waterproof/sturdy boots, a woolly hat and fleece (in winter and cold weather), a fully-charged mobile phone, a whistle, a compass and a map of the area. Check the weather forecast before you leave, carry appropriate clothing and do not set out in fog or mist as these conditions can seriously affect your ability to navigate the route. Take particular care on cliff/mountain paths where steep drops can present a particular hazard. Some routes include sections along roads – take care to avoid any traffic at these points. Around farmland take care with children and dogs, particularly around machinery and livestock. If you are walking on the coast make sure you check the tide times before you set out.

1 → 2 Dogdyke to End



After 1 mile you will reach the hamlet of Dogdyke, where the River Sleas joins the River Witham. There is a marina on the opposite bank and you are likely to see several boats moored on the banks. When you are ready to continue, turn around and retrace your steps back along the riverbank (with the river now on your right). Continue back to the red-arched bridge at Tattershall Bridge where the walk began.



