

# STEPPING OUT:

## BILLINGHAY AND WALCOTT



Moderate Terrain



### A 6 mile (10km) circular walk from the village of Billinghay in Lincolnshire.

The walking route follows a simple loop around the surrounding countryside, visiting the nearby village of Walcott along the way. 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, Billinghay village is home to a couple of pubs, take-away restaurants and a convenience store and Walcott also has a pub.

### Getting there

The village of Billinghay is located about 9 miles north-east of Sleaford, just off the A153. The walk starts and finishes at the village hall car park accessed from Ringmoor Close.

Approximate post code **LN4 4EX**.

If you are coming by public transport, there are bus stops on the main street in Billinghay. For information on bus transport, call Traveline on 0871 2002233 or visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel).

### Walk Sections



#### Start to Fields



Leave the village hall car park via the vehicle entrance and walk ahead along Ringmoor Close to reach the T-junction. Turn right and follow Fitzwilliam Place as it swings left to reach the junction with the High Street. Cross over and walk straight ahead down King Street. At the end of the road, turn left onto Victoria Street. Follow this road as it swings right to reach a T-junction. Turn left onto West Street and

**6 Miles  
Circular  
3 hours**

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### Access Notes



1. The walk is relatively flat, with just a few gentle slopes.
2. It follows a mixture of village pavements, grass tracks, field paths, quiet lanes and farm tracks. The tracks can get muddy after rain and are uneven in parts.
3. You will need to negotiate stiles, kissing gates and footbridges.
4. You will not be sharing any of the paths with farm livestock, but you will cross one field that is likely to be holding geese.
5. Please remember the Countryside Code. Some paths are provided by kind permission of the landowner, please only use the waymarked paths.
6. Where young stock may be present, please make sure your dog is under firm control in these areas.
7. OS Map Explorer 261.



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continue to the junction with Fen Road. Cross over and go ahead to join the footpath that runs between the site of a derelict school and a house. This path leads you out into fields.

## 1 → 2 Fields to Sprite Lane



Continue until you reach a fence with a stile. Cross over and walk straight ahead to cross a second stile. Continue ahead on the path through fields and cross a footbridge. Turn left and follow the footpath to cross a second footbridge. You will emerge out onto a roadside pavement. Turn left along the pavement (heading back towards Billingham village). Continue to pass the tall water tower on your right, then cross over to turn right along the lane called Sprite Lane.

## 2 → 3 Sprite Lane to Walcott Field



Follow Sprite Lane leading you ahead and then bending right. Keep ahead on the footpath with a ditch on your left. Cross over

a footbridge and follow the path through the hawthorn bushes. Cross the next footbridge and turn left to continue on the grass path. Keep ahead on the path, crossing another footbridge and passing through a kissing gate. You will reach a stile, with the buildings of Walcott village visible ahead. NOTE: You are likely to come across geese in this field..

## 3 → 4 Walcott Field to St Oswald's Church



Cross the stile to enter the geese field. Cross the field and exit via another stile at the far side. Follow the enclosed stretch of path, emerging out to the road in Walcott village. Turn right along the pavement. Ignore the first side road on the left and turn left into the second side road (School Lane, which has vehicle no entry road signs). Continue for just a few metres to reach the corner of the school playing field. Turn right along the tarmac path (The Smoot), passing the school field on your left. You will emerge out on to Walcott High Street, directly opposite St Oswald's Church.

## 4 → 5 St Oswald's Church to Car Dyke



Take time to explore the Grade II listed church should you wish. When you are ready to continue, stand facing the church and turn right along the High Street, passing the Plough Inn on your left. As you leave the village, pass the last bungalow on your left and then turn left onto the tarmac and grass track (signed as a public footpath). Follow this track leading you ahead. Where the track bends left, keep ahead on the cross-field path. At the end of this field you will reach a footbridge over Car Dyke

Keep ahead along the pavement to reach the derelict school site on your right (which you passed earlier). From this point you will be retracing your steps back to the start. Turn left into West Street, right into Victoria Street and right again into King Street. Cross over the High Street and continue ahead along Fitzwilliam Place. Turn left into Ringmoor Close to reach the village hall where the walk began.

## 5 ➡ 6 Car Dyke to Billingham Outskirts



Cross the bridge over Car Dyke and walk straight ahead over the next crop field (if this path has not been left by the farmer, you may need to divert around the field edges instead). At the far side of the field you will emerge onto a country lane via a wooden footbridge. Turn right along the lane. Follow this for about a mile to reach a triangular road junction. Turn right and, as you approach the edge of Billingham, you will be able to join a roadside pavement.

## 6 ➡ 7 Billingham Outskirts to End



### 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.





