

# Stepping Out

## Bloxholm Circular



Moderate Terrain



**5 Miles  
Circular  
3 Hours**



### 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, farm tracks, quiet lanes and a small section of walking on a wide grass verge next to the B1188 which is a 50mph section of road. Some sections can be very muddy.
3. You will need to negotiate stiles, gates, and footbridges.
4. You will cross through some fields that contain livestock and horses.
5. Please remember the Countryside Code. Some paths are provided by kind permission of the landowner, please only use the waymarked paths.
6. Where livestock are present please make sure your dog is on a lead and under firm control in these areas.

**A five mile circular walk around the countryside taking in parts of the Spires and Steeples route. The walk will take you through Bloxholm, Dorrington, Digby and back to Bloxholm**

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 there are pubs in the villages of Dorrington and Digby.

### Getting there

Bloxholm is about 5 miles north of Sleaford just off the B1191. Please park your car sensibly and legally along The Lane as you enter Bloxholm.

If you are travelling by public transport please check the route by calling Traveline on 0871 2002233 or visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel)

### Walk Sections

#### Go 1 Start To Roundhouse

1. Start the walk from parking sensibly and legally along the main road or layby (what3words location Passions.Erupts.Contracting) Turn right passing the Round House on left hand side. Continue along the road bearing right until a finger blade and bin is seen.
2. Walk up to the restricted byway as far as the next finger blade post. Carry on straight ahead along public footpath to the next Stepping Out way marker.
3. At the wooden way marker post walk straight ahead following a line of wooden pylon poles along a narrow margin between two crop fields that can be muddy when wet.



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**1** → **2**

## Bloxholm to Moor Lane

1. Follow the pylon poles until a finger blade post on a minor road called Moor Lane is reached. Turn left down Moor Lane and follow to the B1188 road junction.

**2** → **3**

## B1188 to Musicians Arms



1. Upon reaching the B1188 junction exit Moor Lane cross the road with care and turn left along the footpath, passing Ruskington Poultry Company. Carry on along the footpath until reaching the Musicians Arms pub, Dorrington. A great place to stop off for refreshments, check ahead of your journey for opening times.

**3** → **4**

## Main Street to Playgarth Estate

1. At the Musicians Arms turn right into Main Street. Carry on ahead until Playgarth Estate is reached bearing left into a play area.

**4** → **5**

## Playing Fields to Dorrington Fields

1. Bear diagonally left following an existing Spires and Steeples blade and Stepping Out finger blade across the play area until reaching the next finger blade post in the hedge line.

2. Turn right along a narrow tree lined alley with a garden to the right hand side.
3. At the end of the alley cross over a bridge and stile into a horse pasture that may also at times be used to stock cattle. Please keep dogs on a short lead.
4. Cross the pasture until reaching a second stile
5. Cross the stile into ridge and furrow grassland that may be used to stock cattle – please keep dogs on a short lead until reaching a third stile. A derelict wind pump is visible in the hedgerow to the far LHS.
6. Cross the stile following the way markers across a crop field that can be muddy when wet, until reaching a bridge traversing a ditch. Digby village church spire will be seen in the distance.

**5** → **6**

## Field Bridge to Digby Village

1. Cross the bridge to enter a second crop field which can be muddy when wet. Cross the field walking straight ahead.
2. Exiting the field cross a bridge with a catchment pond immediately to the left.
3. Follow the path with Springwell Brook to the left hand side until a second bridge is reached.
4. Continue along the path until a stile is reached. Cross the stile into a small orchard area. This is a privately owned space. Please remain on the path straight ahead, keeping close to the fence line on the left. Dogs must be kept on a short lead. Exit the orchard at the far side over a stile near the beck.

**6** → **7**

## Digby Beck Through Village

1. Continue along the Beck until a stone footbridge is reached. Cross the bridge into Church Street. Adjacent finger blade post diagonally opposite the Red Lion Pub in Digby.
2. Turn left into Church Street, Digby village. Carry straight on and look out for a finger blade on the left hand-side pavement approximately 100 metres before the B1188 road junction. Turn left through the railings into a hedge lined alley.



- Exit the alley looking for a finger blade in the left hand side hedgerow



## 7 → 8 Village to Field

- Walk straight ahead towards a metal field gate. Turn right along a narrow path to the rear of the houses until reaching a stile.
- Cross the stile entering a small field. Continue diagonally across the field to the exiting stile on the B1188.



## 8 → 9 B1188 to Lavender House

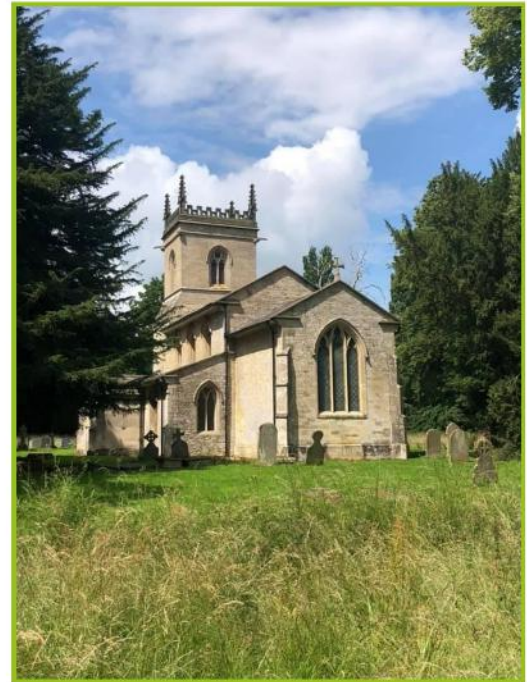
- After crossing, exit stile with care stay on the amply wide left hand side grass verge (approx. 10 minutes walking) alongside the B1188 Arches sculpture until directly opposite Lavender House across the road.

## 9 → 10 Across the Road

- Cross the road with care (50mph section of road) following the stepping out finger blade directly opposite and adjacent to Lavender house.
- Follow the public footpath passing Lavender house into open farmland. This will lead to the edge of Bloxholm Village. (Can be muddy in wet weather)

- The footpath exits at the Bloxholm Recreation Hall with an adjacent Stepping Out finger blade post.

## 10 → 11 Bloxholm to finish/Start



- After passing the hall turn left into Bloxholm village following the road passing the restricted byway finger blade at point 1 to the left hand side. Continue passing the roundhouse onwards back to the start of the walk.

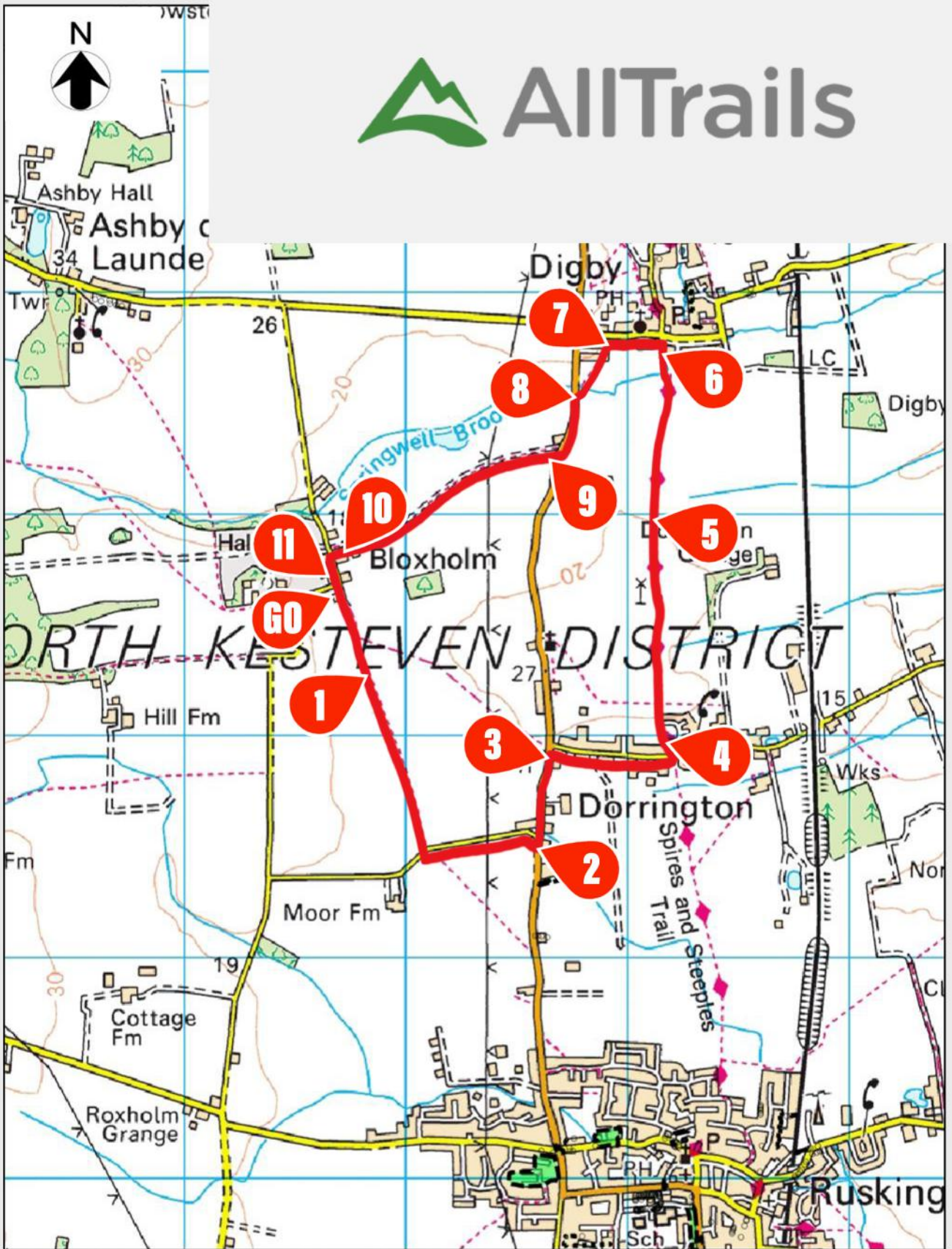
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### Walking Safety

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.





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