

## LINCS WOLD WAY

### Day 2 – South Ormsby to Donington on Bain

**Total walking time is 6 hours and 20 minutes for both routes.**

**Total distance is 24 km or 15 m**

Option 1. The Northern Route takes in the village of Tetford and its local pub, and stays on the valley floor.

Option 2. The southern route takes in the birthplace of Alfred, Lord Tennyson the poet laureate, and has fine panoramic views, but has 1.5 m/ 2.4 Km of road walking, albeit on very quiet country roads.

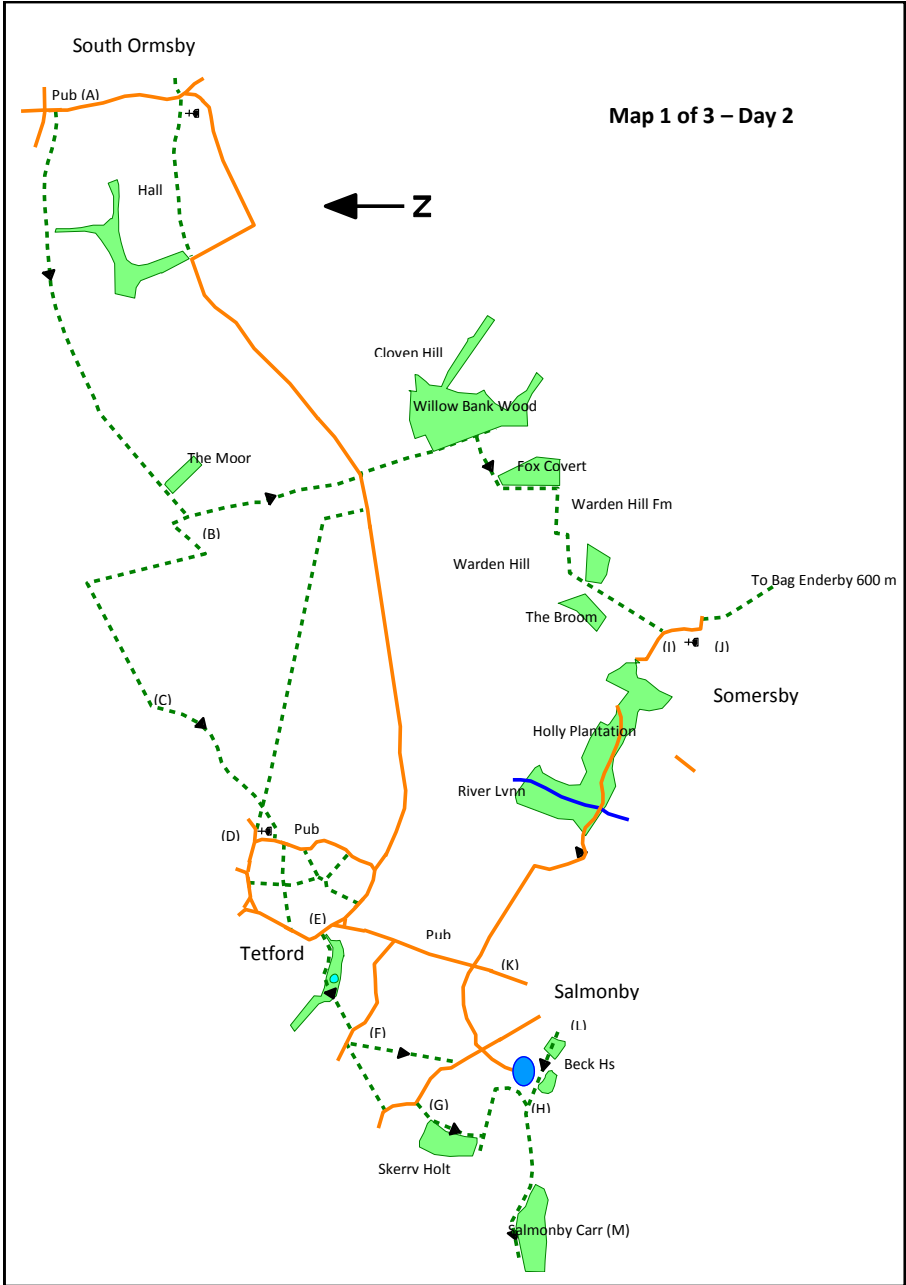
#### **Option 1.(Northern Route) Section 1 – South Ormsby to Tetford**

**Walking time is 1 hour, 7 mins**

**Distance is 4.7 km or 2.9 miles**

*Note: The last section of this route passes through an area of 'Conservation Walks' which require walkers to pass over a wooden bridge and 2 stiles which have seen better days. Alternative route is shown via a footpath and road.*

Directly opposite the Massingberd Arms (A) there is a footpath sign by a gate in the metal fencing. Go straight ahead through this across the parkland of Ormsby estate. If bolted use the five bar gate in the corner of the field to your right and return to the path. Continue ahead over the main drive to the hall then through a copse of trees. The path runs to the right of a head to a field. At the end of this section splendid views give out ahead and across the valley. Keep ahead with the hedge on your right for 500 m where the path crosses to the other side of the hedge, passing over a gravel track before becoming a gravel track itself. Keep ahead until you reach a track T junction (B) where you turn left right to follow a zig zag track to Fen Farm where you turn left and follow a tarmac track.



After 600 m. there is a finger post on your left (C) pointing diagonally across a field. You are heading for a stile situated halfway along the length of the opposite field side. Continue ahead crossing a footbridge, 2 stiles and another footbridge. You enter into a small newly planted plantation and exit on the opposite side. Bear slightly right towards the junction of tracks by a line of small trees. Bear right again heading towards the church. Enter the graveyard & follow the path keeping the church (D) on your right. Until you come to the road.

St. Mary's church has been a place of worship for over 900 years. The present building erected in the 14th century is built of local greenstone and had a tower added in the 15th century. Tyso Boswell and Edward Hearn (or Heron) double grave at Tetford. Outside the north-east of the chancel is a headstone to two gypsies, Tyso Boswell and Edward Hearn, killed by lightning on the eve of Horncastle Fair in 1831. Inside the porch you will find a number of leaflet about walks in the area.

## Section 2 – Tetford to Fulletby

**Walking time is 1 hour, 25 mins**

**Distance is 5.2 km or**

**3.2miles**

Upon leaving the church (D) turn left along the road past the White Hart Inn which doubles up as the Tennyson Tea Room, stopping for refreshments should the time and your desire be appropriate. If not stopping continue for a short while to



Fig. 2.1 White Inn & tea room at Tetford

a finger post pointing right down a cul-de-sac and at the end continue past a garden and out onto open fields which you cross keeping ahead till you come to the road. Turn left and follow the road to an easy bend where shortly you will find a sign on the left pointing to a footpath on the right. (E) The path goes past a garden on your right and out onto open fields with a wood on your left. After some 100 m take the footpath sign to the left passing between two small fishing lakes. Keep ahead until you come to the road. (F) Turn right for some 50 m where there are finger posts on your left. Take the right hand one which goes diagonally across a field and out onto another road. Turn left for 200 m. Where the road bears left go ahead to a small wooden bridge and a stile. This is marked as a Conservation Walk (G) and you follow the waymarking signs which follows the edge of the field keeping the boundary on your right. The path goes slightly uphill with a wood on your right and at the top there is a metal gate but you keep ahead with the field boundary on your right. The path then turns left at the corner of the field and you follow this to the next field corner where there is a stile just before another metal gate. Bear left and then immediately right to follow another field, this time with the boundary on your left. Go past a lake on your left and then bear right to follow the field edge. After some 300 m you will see a kissing gate (H) on your left.

At this point the north and the south route join. The route description continues on page 5.

Alternatively at G take the footpath before the other and head to the road where you bear left at the road and right at the T junction and right again a Beck House following the footpath past a lake to the kissing gate (H).

## **Option 2. (Southern Route) Section 1 – South Ormsby to Somersby**

**Walking time is 1 hour, 20 mins**

**Distance is 5.1 km or 3.2 m**

Directly opposite the Massingberd Arms (A) there is a footpath sign by a gate in the metal fencing. Go straight ahead through this across the parkland of Ormsby estate. If bolted use the five bar gate in the corner of the file to your right and return to the path. Continue ahead over the main drive to the hall the through a copse of trees and then the path runs to the right of a head to a field. At the end of this section splendid views give out ahead and across the valley. Keep ahead with the hedge of your right for 500 m where the path crosses to the other side of the hedge passing over a gravel track before becoming a gravel track itself. Keep ahead until you reach a track T junction (B) where you turn left until you reach a road. Cross the road heading uphill to Willow Bank Wood. At the top there are fabulous views ahead to the south and behind you to the Bluestone Heath Ridge. Carry on half way down the hill and take a footpath to the right, and bear left around Fox Covert (wood). The path is now a gravel track which

Somersby is the birth place of Alfred, Lord Tennyson (Poet Laureate) and there is a small display about him in the church. It is an ancient sandstone building, constructed some time before 1612, and restored between 1863 and 1865.. Alfred, Lord Tennyson, was baptised in St Margaret's.

turns to the left and right going downhill till you reach the road at Somersby House Farm (I). Bear left at the road for a short distance till to come to a T junction with St. Margaret's Church on your right.

The walk can be extended by taking a small detour (see map) going through Bag Enderby as the church there contains a good display about Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

## Section 2 – Somersby to Fulletby

**Walking time is 1 hour, 30 mins**

**Distance is 5.1 km or 3.2 m**

Turn right out of the churchyard (J) and you will see the house in the photo follow the road towards Salmonby for some 2.5 km. At the T junction (K) bear left and continue ahead ignoring the minor road on the right. Head downhill for 100 m. to a footpath sign on the right (L). Take this and continue ahead through 3 kissing gates and over a small wooden bridge till you see a lake on your right. Head across the meadow keeping the lake on your right passing the edge of the wood on your left. Keep ahead to the field boundary and cross a stream on a footbridge and go diagonally uphill to a kissing gate (H) through the boundary wall.



Fig. 2.2 Somersby Manor

**At this point the north and south route join.**

Turn left and follow the field boundary for 1 km. with Salmonby Carr (wood) on your left (M). When the wood gives way you cross a field boundary and head into open fields heading uphill eventually making the road where you bear left and then immediately right along High Street and then right into Paradise lane, bearing left to St.



Fig. 2.3 St. Andrew's at Fulstow

Andrews Church, Fulstow (N). This is an ideal place to stop and rest and there is an interesting map in the porch dating from AD 2000.

### Section 3 – Fulletby to Scamblesby

**Walking time is 1 hour, 35 mins.**

**Distance is 6.4 km or 4 m**



Fig. 2.4 Winn Cottage, Fulstow

downhill into School Lane. Just past the display board is a footpath sign giving you the first of many Viking Way footpath signs. It is the Viking Way that you follow for the remainder of the Day. The Viking Way is a long distance footpath running from the Humber Bridge to Oakham in Rutland. Your path is generally straight in a northerly direction to Belchford with minor ups and downs with good views of the Wolds all around.

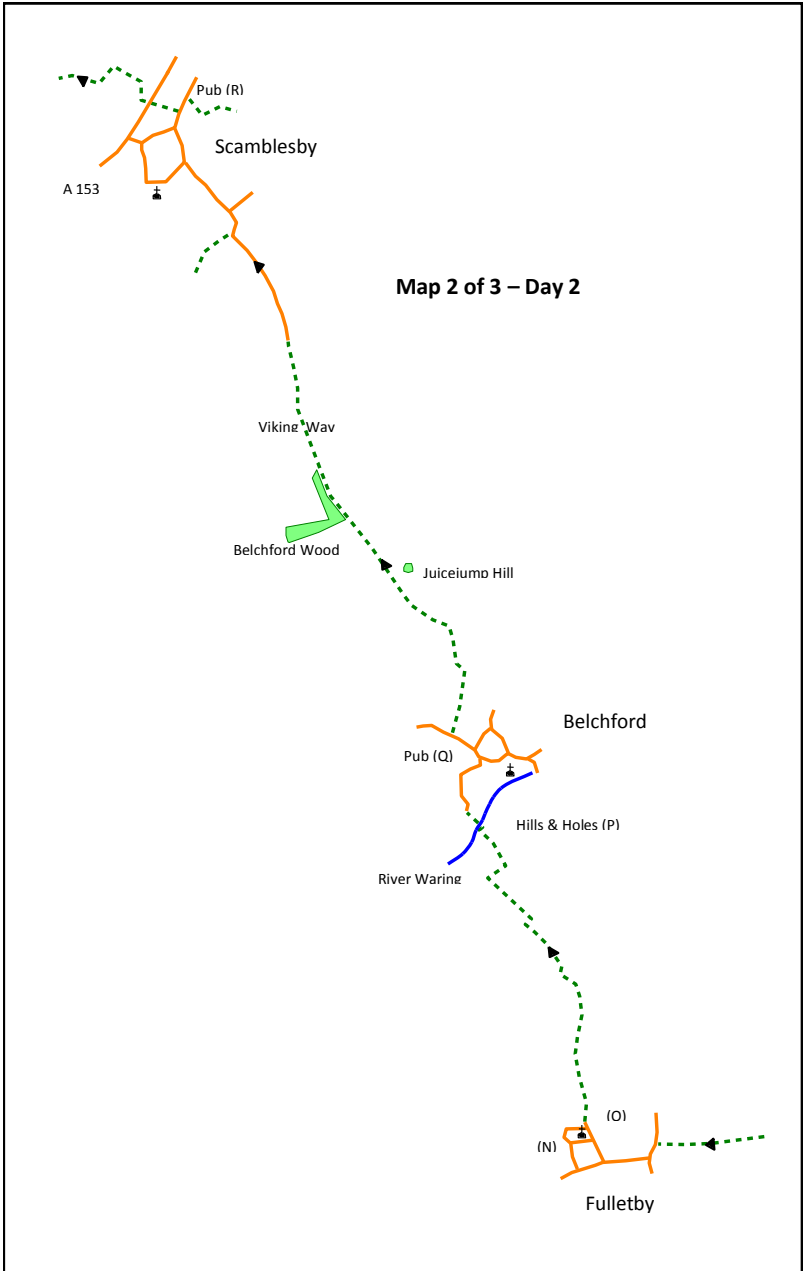
Turn left out of the churchyard and before returning to Paradise lane take a look at Winn Cottage (see

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your left as you head down School Lane (O). Do take time to look at this board at it tells of interesting aspects of Fulstow history including the resident of Winn Cottage. Continue to the end and turn left



Fig. 2.5 Wold View from Fulstow



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As you pass over a brick built bridge at the River Waring look to your right to the area known as 'hills and holes' (P). This is referred to on a display board outside the church in Belchford which you will find some 50 m. to



Fig. 2.6 Bluebell Inn, Belchford

your right once you are on the main road in Belchford which is reached via a minor road gained as the Viking Way approaches the village. Retrace your steps to Dams Lane and bear right to the Bluebell Inn (Q). You may well be there around lunchtime so it may make a welcoming stop for you as it is usually open at this time of day. Proceed along the road

directly ahead outside the Inn for some 100m to a footpath sign directing you to the right. Once again the Viking way path is well signposted heading in a northerly direction past the peculiarly named Juicetrump Hill. After a little over 2 km you reach a tarmac road on the other side of the hedge which take you into Scamblesby. At the junction by the school turn right to the footpath sign on the left. A little further along the road is the Green Man pub (R) which is sometimes opens at lunchtimes should you be early enough to make it for that time of day.

#### **Section 4 – Scamblesby to Donington on Bain**

**Walking time is 1 hour, 55 mins walking time**

**Distance is 7.4 km or 4.6 m**

Leave Scamblesby by the footpath some 50 m. before the pub (R). This crosses the A153 so care should be taken at this point. The path continues into a copse and at the end bears left. At this point it can be unclear as to the exact path to be followed. Follow the edge of the field until you come to a stream with electricity poles on the other side. Turn right and follow

the field edge to a wooden bridge and 2 footpath signs. Cross over the bridge and bear right into a wooded area and keep ahead until you reach the road to the south of Asterby (S). There are two footpath signs on the other side of the road. Take the right hand one crossing over a private road



Fig. 2.7 Three Horsehoes & campsite at

along Shop Lane. Go left at Butt Lane and right at Watery Lane. At the top is Top Lane where you turn left. Before you take the footpath to the right take time to look in All Saints Church (U). A humble church but one that can make one feel at peace. As you exit the churchyard bear left and then right along a farmers track which once again take you out into open countryside which is rather welcome after the low lying areas around Scamblesby and Goulceby. The track is obvious until you come upon a five bar metal gate to a large field (V). The path starts by following the field boundary to the

and into a wooded area by a stream forking right to walk on a raised board walk then a field edge to bring you to a road. This is Goulceby (T). Behind the village pub is a small but rather nice campsite where you could base yourself for the entire walk. However, go straight ahead



Fig. 2.8 Church at Goulceby

right, bear left the corner and turn left keeping to the field edge until you come to a footpath sign indicating left. Follow this uphill across the open field and when you reach the top look ahead for another footpath sign downhill and slightly to the left. Take care when walking to this sign as you pass through a rather boggy piece of meadow. At the sign bear right to a gate in the field edge. Go left though a copse and then right along the edge of a wood following the fenced off path until you come to road where you

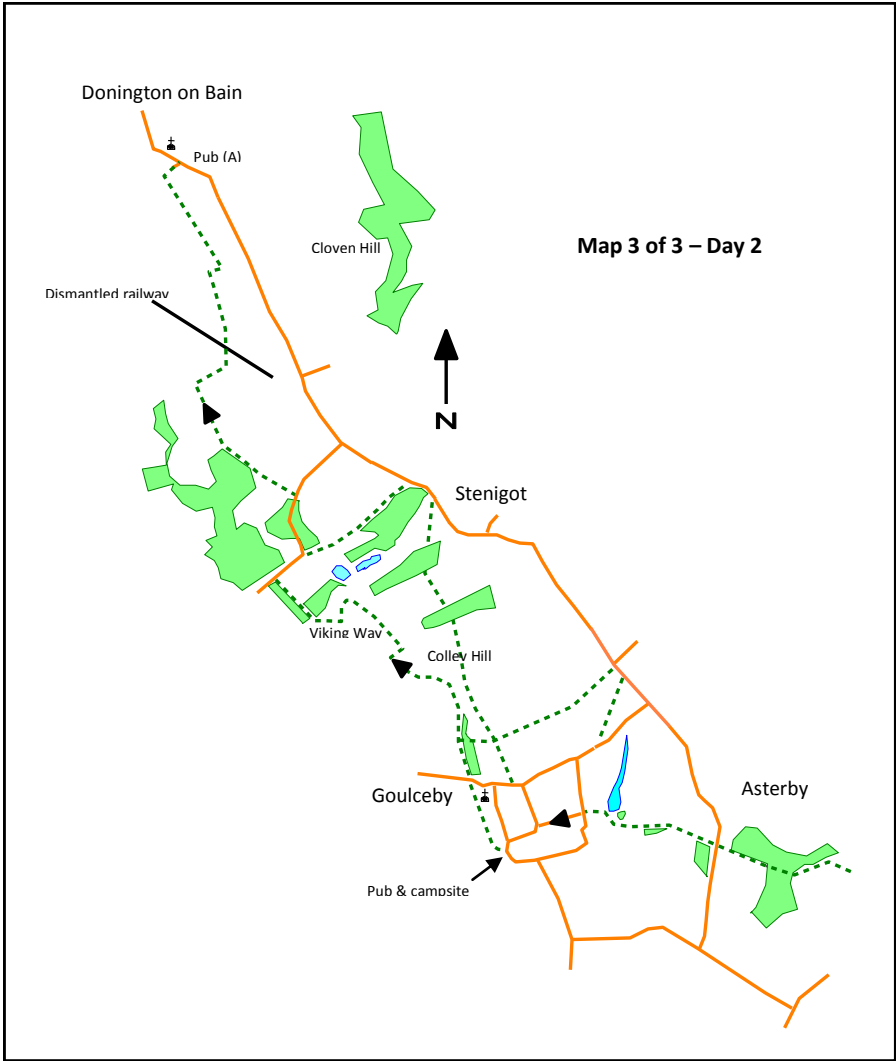
Straight ahead you will see the giant mast that is used for the transmissions of TV programmes and can be see as far away as Lincoln and the coast at night due to the number of red safety lights on the mast. Look to the right and you swill see an older mast left over from the Second World War and the Cold War.

bear right (X). The road then bears left through some woods and at the end of the woods take the footpath to the left. This is a permissive path and just ahead you will see two concrete bollards across the path. Go through these, keeping the woods on your left.

The track bears right and then left over a disused railway line (Y) and then when the track takes a U turn to the right go straight ahead through a metal gate. Follow this path straight ahead until you come to the village of Donington on Bain. The path brings you out onto a minor road and straight ahead you will see the signs of the Black Horse pub (Z) which has accommodation. This is your journeys end for day 2.



Fig. 2.9 Black Horse pub at Donington on Bain



Donington on Bain has two village shops, plus the church which is dedicated to St. Andrew. It has an unbuttressed Norman west tower and is thought to date from 11th century. The church may well have, in the past, been larger than it is at present. The chancel was rebuilt in 1855.

For many years a strange custom of “hassock throwing” took place when a wedding occurred. As the bride and groom walked down the aisle the elderly women in the congregation threw hassocks at them. The custom was brought to an abrupt halt towards the end of the 18th century when a misguided hassock hit the rector! The church building is in a reasonable state of repair, having recently been re-decorated internally.



Fig. 2.10 St. Andrew's church, Donington on Bain