

LINCS WOLD WAY

Day 3 – Donington on Bain to Nettleton

Walking time is 6 hours and 45 minutes.

Distance is 29.8 km or 18.6 miles

This section follows, for the most part, the Viking way in a northerly direction. One consequence of this is that the route is quite well signposted with the symbol shown here. This section is also different in that it passes by tea rooms and pubs to break your journey. The route passes through the village of Ludford which requires more walking, including the busy A631, but does include a lovely descent into Tealby which has a tea room and a pub.



Section 1 - Donington on Bain to Ludford

Walking time is 2 hours 30 mins

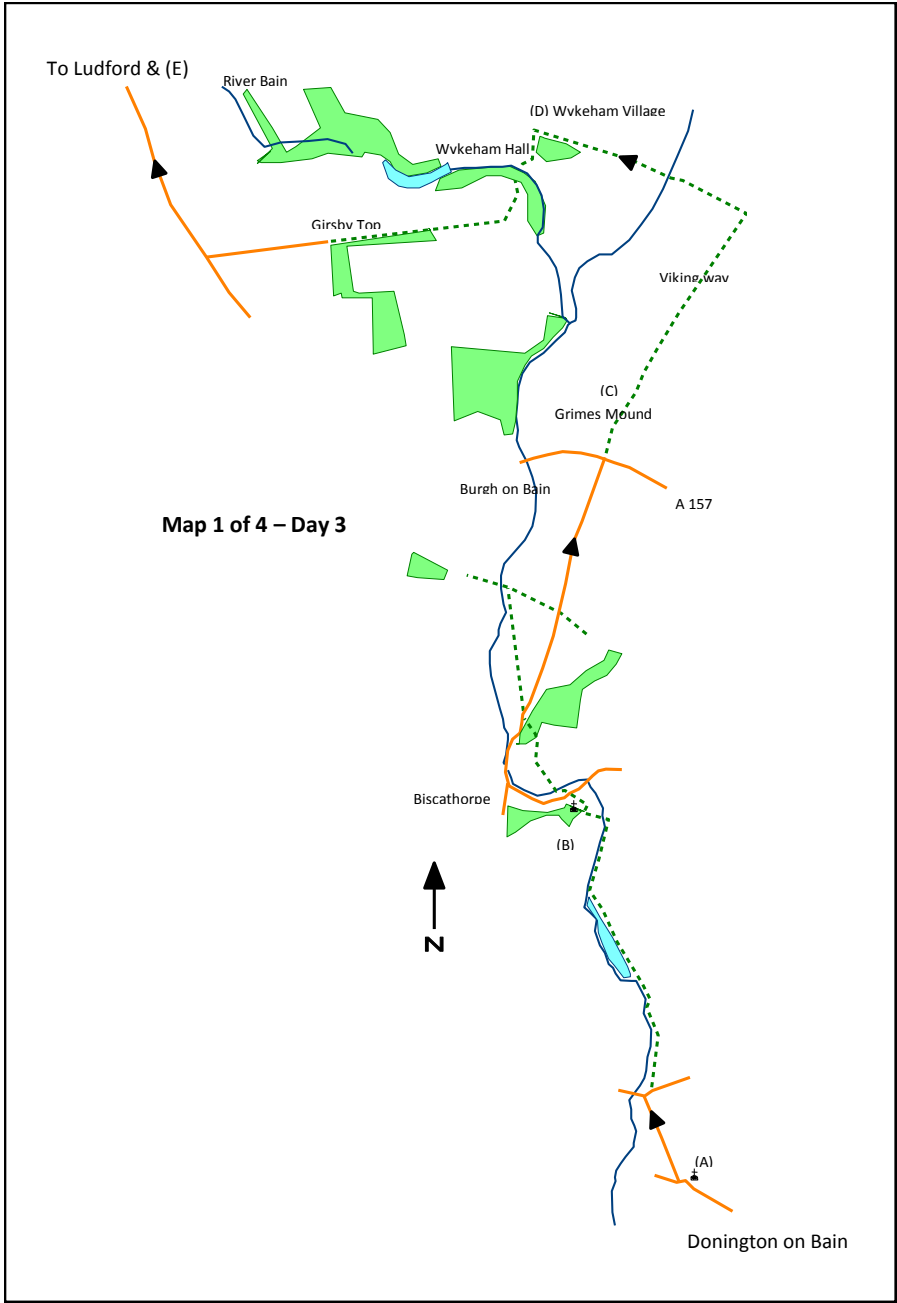
Distance is 11 km or 6.9 m



Fig. 3.1 St. Helen's at Biscathorpe

The route starts at either the Black Horse (A) or the church and walkers need to walk along the village road in a northerly direction continuing ahead when they leave the village until the road bears left at a T junction. The route then becomes a path heading straight ahead with Mill Cottage on the left. You now follow the River Bain for 1.5 km. passing a lake on your left which holds a

It is a Gothic style building of stone and brick, rebuilt in 1850 and restored in 1913. It seats about 60 people and is often visited by walkers on the Viking Way. Occasional services are held each year, including a well-attended Harvest Thanksgiving Service.



number of resident and migratory birds. At a footbridge bear left across it then bear right passing the church of St. Helen at Biscathorpe (B).

You are now in open parkland and the route crosses the road at heading diagonally left crossing a footbridge then heads up a gradient to the left of a small woodland until it reaches the road where walkers should bear right and follow it until you reach the A157 after 1.5 km. The route takes the path straight ahead but do take care crossing this road as there are bends hiding vehicles coming in both directions. The route follows high open countryside giving 360 deg panoramic views. You will pass a large mound of earth on the left on the track. This is Grim's Mound (C).

It is assumed that the name 'Grim's Mound' is associated with the legend of Grim, the Danish founder of the nearby town of Grimsby. The fields that surround Grim's mound are rich in flint and it could be that some of this flint was collected and passed up and down the ancient trackway now known as 'High Street' that runs a couple of miles to the west - High Street itself is associated with a number of Neolithic and Bronze Age barrows.

At a footpath junction some 1.25 km. from the main road, bear left and follow the path to East Wykeham Village (D), which has a DMV (deserted medieval village). At a gate take the track left and head downhill over a cattle grid and then bear right following the track though some trees. On your right is Hykeham Hall which survived the abandonment of the village, and stands to this day.

The ruined church, possibly re-built as a folly around 1800, now contains monuments to the Child family of Wykeham Hall and was probably designed to be seen from the house. The village earthworks are at Grid Ref. 225882. Markby Priory had a grange called Grat Tows at West Wykeham. This was one of the places where the rebels gathered in 1536 during the Lincolnshire rising.

You now follow the track westwards for some 1.5 km. until you reach a minor road where you turn right for 1.5 km. Approximately 300 m. (E) before you reach the main road at Ludford bear diagonally left to follow a footpath across a field towards the houses of Ludford. 100 m before you reach the houses bear diagonally left again and walk parallel to the house towards a footpath pole at the far end of the field. When you reach this go right and then through a tall hedge and into a house garden. Go right towards the road and cross a stream and continue along this road for a short distance until you reach the main road. If you look to the right you will see the White Hart pub (F) at which you may wish to pause for refreshment.

Section 2 - Ludford to Tealby

Walking time is 1 hour 15 mins, walking time

Distance is 5.7 km or 3.5 m

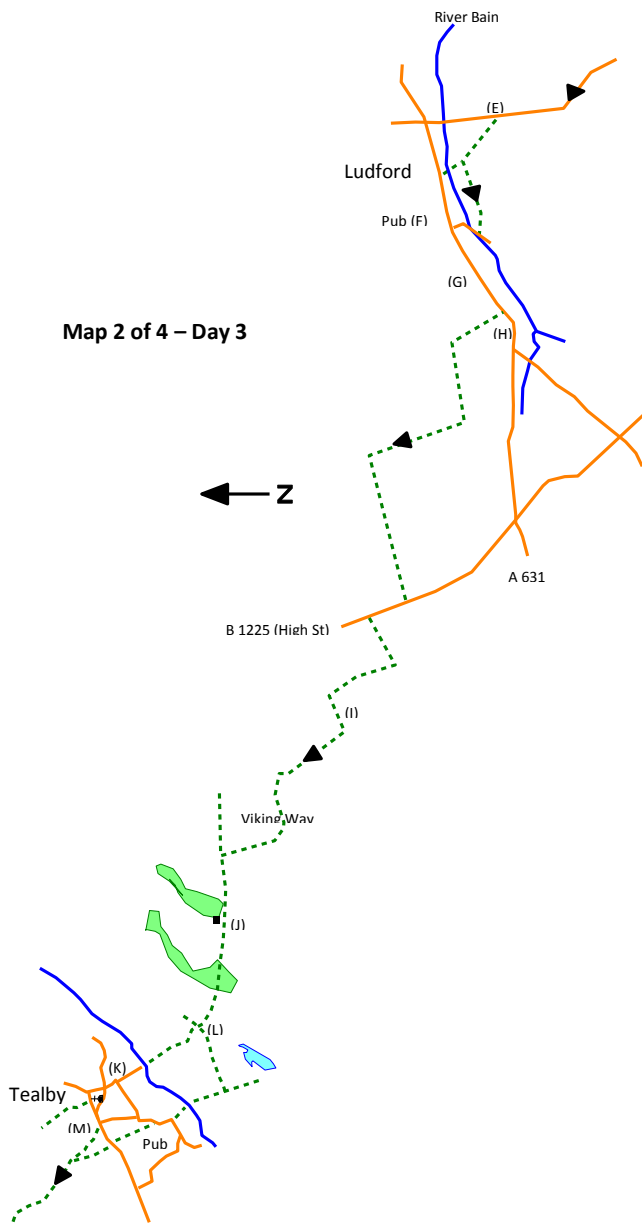
Whether or not you stop at the pub you will need to carefully cross the A631 and to continue your route go left along the roadside footpath. At the end of the village there is a tea room in a garden centre (G) which may make an alternative stop. Soon after leaving the village take the permissive path which is signposted (H) on the left hand side of the road pointing to the right, so bear right and follow this track past some chicken sheds until the path turns



Fig. 3.2 Kings Head at Tealby

sharp left at a sign. Follow this to the road and go right for 100 m. and then cross the road to go left along another track. Very soon the view becomes extensive as you have reached the western edge of the Wolds (I). Follow the path left and right as directed along field boundaries until you come to a wide track. At this point bear left, past a house on your right (J) and a

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small wood and continue downhill towards Tealby. As you enter the village you will cross a footbridge over a stream and ford. Head uphill, stopping perhaps at the village shop (K) on your right in a car park. If you wish to visit the Kings Head pub in the village turn left on a footpath some 150 m. before you enter the village, (L) turning right at a cross roads of footpaths. This path will bring out directly by the pub. Upon leaving the pub follow the road to the right and walk through the village and at the T junction you will come to the village shop (K). There is also a tea room and craft shop in the village, both being situated on the road between the shop and the pub.

Tealby, is often described as "the prettiest village in Lincolnshire" and has many stone buildings which are listed. The village sits astride the tumbling upper reaches of the River Rase, which centuries ago powered several water mills - one still exists and works - for milling and paper making.

Section 3 - Tealby to Normanby le Wold

Walking time is 1 hours 30 mins

Distance is 6.2 km or 3.9 m

From the village hall (K) head uphill to the main road and bear left. You will pass on the right set high, the church of All Saints.

Originally built in the 12th century from local orange-iron stone as are many of the houses in the village, All Saints Church holds memorials to the Tennyson d'Eyncourt family who donated amongst other places the village hall and school.

Shortly after passing a road on the right you will see a finger post directing you right on a track between 2 houses (M). Once past the house you enter open countryside.

This section of the route is the most challenging in terms of up and down gradients and is different to most areas of the Wolds as it is mostly used for grazing rather than arable crops. This is due to the nature of the terrain. Continue ahead keeping right at a fork by a footbridge. Head uphill to the aptly named Castle Farm and follow the path through metal kissing gates with Bedlam Plantation on your right. The path then takes off again over open countryside and dips down to pass Risby Manor Farm (N) on your right up the hill.

Continuing northwards you cross a track head gently uphill and then down again to a tall kissing gate which marks the boundary of an enclosed area to deer. The path then heads steeply uphill to a gate at the northern edge of this deer enclosure and out onto open countryside.

It is worth stopping at Risby Manor Farm to look at the information point that the owners have erected to inform passers of their Risby flock of pedigree Lincoln Longwool sheep which you may well have seen as you headed downhill to the farm. It is also worth stopping to look westwards to see if you can see the towers of Lincoln cathedral some 25 miles away. If the weather is half decent then this is usually quite possible.

Leave the churchyard at the northern edge and head downhill via a track which is often muddy at the bottom end. Once you reach the tarmac road of the village turn right and next left and follow the road to outside the village.

All Saints also known as The Ramblers Church stands in solitary dignity at Walesby escarpment overlooking the village of Walesby. Although St Mary's is the parish church now All Saints is still used and cared for by The Friends of the Old Church, formed in 1980. The path goes through the churchyard and it is well worth stopping for a short while to take a look inside the church as there is much interesting information displayed inside.

Some 50 m. past the National Speed Limit signs there is a finger post (P) pointing right which leads you down a cinder track. After 400 m take the right hand path at a fork and follow this uphill. Once the top is reached there are magnificent open views to the right over Otby (Q) which sits in a valley and to the left across the Lincolnshire Plain. The path continues ahead following field boundaries with Claxby Wood down the hill to your left. Ahead you will see the church of St. Peter at Normanby-le-Wold.



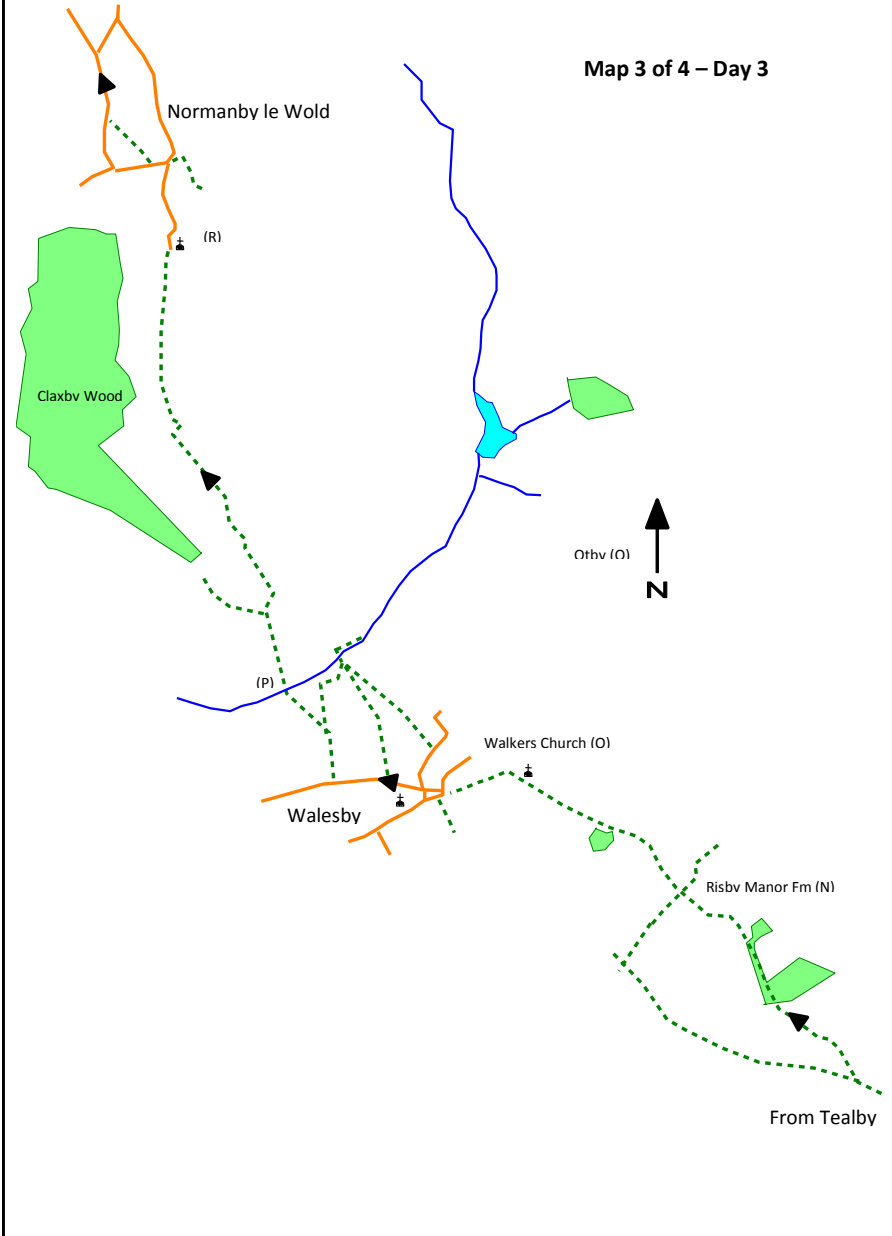
Fig. 3.3 Ramblers Church, Walesby

This tiny village now only has a population of between 60 and 70 and within its parish boundaries has the trig point for the highest point of Lincolnshire at 550ft (R). It is a farming community, mainly arable but with some livestock. St Peters church is used regularly for worship and the harvest festival and carol services are particularly popular, drawing visitors from the area as a whole.



Fig. 3.3 St. Peter's, Normanby le Wold

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Section 4 - Normanby le Wold to Nettleton

Walking time is 1 hours 30 mins

Distance is 6.9 Km or 4.3 m

Continue north along the road for 400 m. until a road turns off to the left. Take this and shortly bear right along a footpath with excellent views (S) westward down the hill and across the plain. The footpath ends at the road where you turn right. Soon the radar station (T) on your right comes into view. Ignore the turning to your right and continue northwards along the road which is very quiet. To make up for having to walk on tarmac the views

to the left down off the Wolds are really worthwhile. After 1.5 km. you come to Acre House which is a farm on your left and an aerial on your right (U). The route turns right at this aerial and then diagonally left through a gate after 0.3 km. The route here can be a little confusing. You would think that you follow a farm track, but in fact you need to head under the electric poles to a metal kissing gate in the far



Fig. 3.4 - The distinctive Golf Ball shaped
NATS radar Station

corner of the field (V). You then walk on a short section of boardwalk and pass through another gate to continue, following Nettleton Beck on your left. The field ends at another gate some 1 km. later. Passing through some woods you will see some old bricked up mine workings (W).

These old Ironstone works opened in 1929 and supplied the Scunthorpe steelworks until their closure in 1969.

Upon leaving the woods bear left along a concrete track then go right through a gate across meadows until you reach Nettleton Grange and its pond (X). At a T junction of paths don't go uphill, right but instead bear left over a stile (Y) dedicated to Nev Cole, one of the founders of the Wanderlust Rambling Club based in Grimsby. Bear right and follow the farm road into the village of Nettleton bearing right at the public road. The beck runs alongside the road in a leat which make a very pleasant feature. At the T junction in the village the Viking Way goes right, but you want to turn left past the church and onto the Salutation Pub (Z) which should be very welcome end at the end of a long days walk.



Fig. 3.5 Salutation pub at Nettleton

