

LINCS WOLD WAY

Day 5 - Wold Newton to Louth

Walking time is 5 hours and 40 minutes.

Distance is 26 km or 16.2 miles

As the crow flies, this is the shortest section, but the route takes an indirect line, partly as there is no direct path but mainly as it is designed to take in the best places en route and to provide the best ever views and entry in the Louth. There are also excellent views en route of the coastal plain and on a clear day views to the coast.

Section 1 – Wold Newton to North Ormsby

Walking time is 1 hours and 50 minutes.

Distance is 9 km or 5.6 miles

The best place to park cars is off the road in front of the barns to North Farm at G. R. 243972 (A). Walk up the road to the bend where you will find



a footpath signs pointing to the left. Go through the concreted yard to the woods and follow the path to the church. The church of All Hallows (B) is strange in today's terms in that there is no road at all to it and it is reached from the village via a footpath up hill from the east.

Fig. 5.1 All Hallows at Wold Newton

The village of Wold Newton was once had a turnpike which was used by travellers going to and from Grimsby as it provided a route above the surrounding marshland of the time. The toll house still stands on the north side of the road on the west side of the beck.

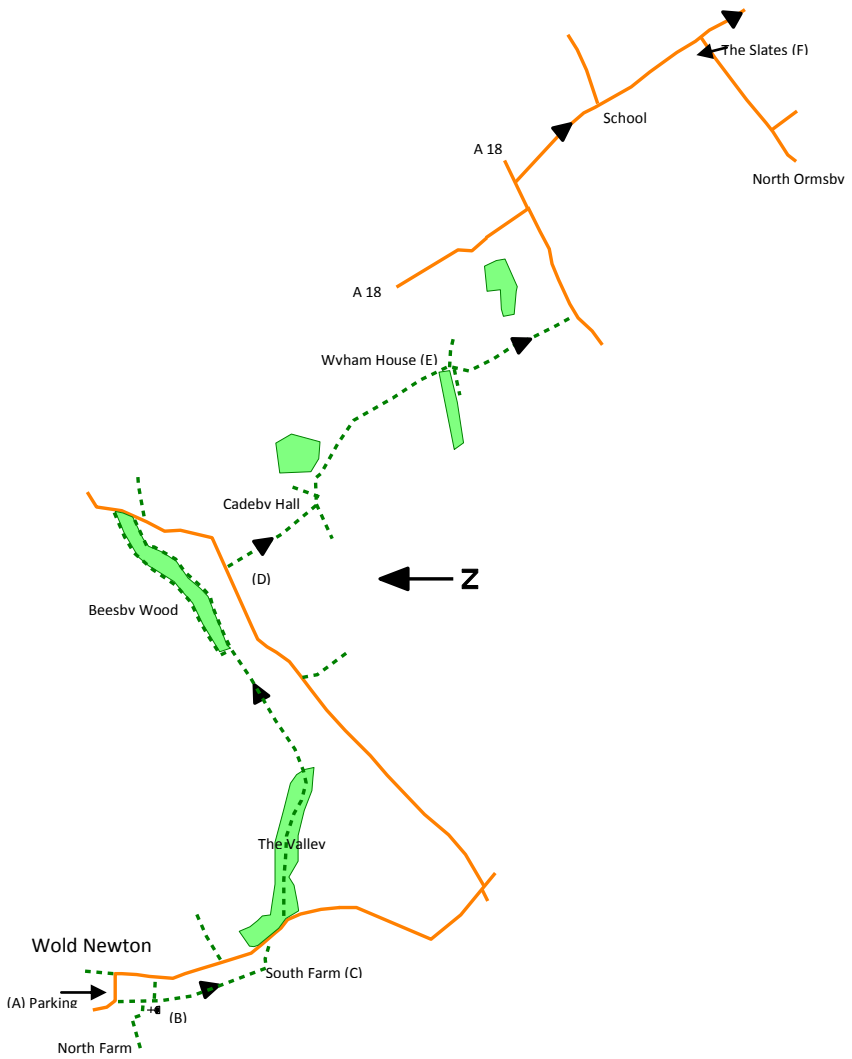
The village has some fine houses which you will see if from the church you head down the footpath from the church and walk along the road. The other route is to walk directly south along the footpath that runs parallel to the road until the footpath & road join at South Fm. (C).

Continue along the road a further 100m and turn left on a footpath into The Valley which is a beautiful wooded area. This path takes you gently downhill to open countryside and upon leaving the woods fine views extend eastwards towards the coast. Continue in this direction keeping Beesby Wood on your left. This wood has a wonderful display of bluebells in the Spring. When you reach the road turn right and head gently uphill for 0.5 km to reach a footpath on the left just before a house (D). Take this path and continue gently uphill and then down to Cadeby Hall. The path continues ahead passing the hall on your left and a pond on your right. After a little under a kilometre the path descends gently to Wyham House (E). At the cross roads of paths go straight ahead through a gate slightly to your right. Head downhill using the electricity pole as your guide to find a gate at the bottom of the field. The path goes across a field so head for a line of trees where you will find a footbridge over a path that takes you uphill until you reach a road.

At this point there is no public right of way ahead to North Ormsby Hall so you need to bear left downhill along a road until you reach the A18. Take the minor road to the right which is some 100 m ahead going past the school. Continue ahead to a turning on your right by The Slates (F). Turning right here and continuing through North Ormsby may seem the logical way to progress from inspection of the O.S. map. However, there is in fact no public right of way in front of the house.

As you walk to the hall you may see the tops of the roof to the old church which is now a private dwelling still in need of some TLC. The Hall at North Ormsby is believed to date from the 1860's and is a beautifully maintained private residence.

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Section 2 – North Ormsby to South Elkington

Walking time is 2 hours.

Distance is 8.7 km or 5.4 miles

From The Slates (F) continue ahead for 800 metres to a point where the road turns sharp left. Go straight ahead here along a bridleway. Bear right after 300 metres up into the Wolds, passing a footpath on the right which takes you to North Ormsby Manor. After another 100 metres take the footpath on your left (G) going diagonally cross field and just before you reach the top of the field there is another sign post directing you left.

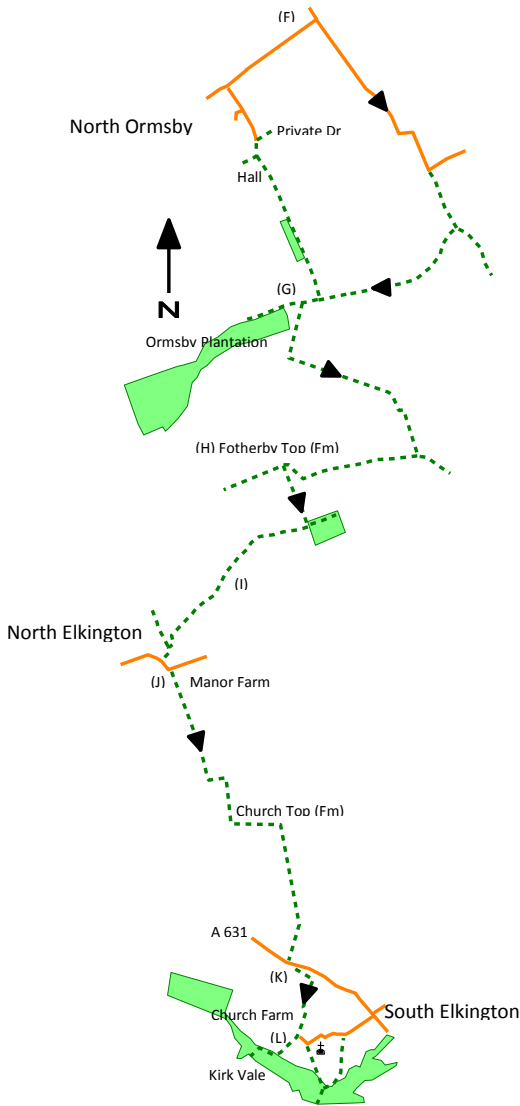


Fig. 5.2 Manor house at North Ormsby

This path also takes you across the field to the boundary. Continue ahead crossing from the right of the hedge to the left which brings you to another gravel farmer's track. There is no sign here but turn right to Fotherby Top (farm) (H). Upon reaching the farm go into the yard and turn right around the farmhouse keeping the house and trees on your left. As you come out into fields turn left downhill passing through the hedge before the field bottom. Keep heading downhill to the field corner and look for a style on your right.

After crossing the style you would think that the path follows the valley bottom but in fact you need to bear slightly left heading diagonally uphill crossing the remains of the cultivated fields left over from the deserted medieval village just ahead. You are heading for a style about halfway up the slope on the far side of the field (I) which when crossed enables you to follow the next field boundary with the fence on your left. The footpath sign at the end of this line of fencing directs you slightly too far to the left. Instead head just to the left of the white houses ahead which will take you to a gate on the far side of the field. This is North Elkington. Turn left on the

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gravel track until you reach the minor road where you turn left for a few yards but keep ahead at a private farmer's road (J) where the road bears left. This is a public right of way for walkers. Follow this through a left, right, left and right until you reach the main road.

Go straight across the road with care to the track on the other side that goes left to a metal 5 bar gate with a sign to say that this is a private road but walkers are welcome (K). Go through this following the path. Where the track forks, bear right until you reach a T junction of tracks.

This point makes an ideal break so by walking 20 metres to your left you will see a

wooden bench left as a memorial to a beloved son killed in Afghanistan (L).

Section 3 – South Elkington to Louth

Walking time is 1 hours and 50 minutes.

Distance is 8.3 km or 5.2 miles (Shorter route)

Should you wish to see the pretty village and manor of South Elkington keep ahead past the bench until you reach All Saints church (M) which you may wish to visit. The route continues along the road until you see a footpath on your right opposite what was once the village school. Follow the path diagonally down across the manor field across a stream or boggy section to the bottom right hand corner where you pick up a path that takes you into the woods across some elevated board walks. Keep ahead and to straight across into more woods at a junction until you reach a path coming in from the right (N).

If you wish to continue your journey with a slightly shorter and elevated route that misses out the village retrace your footsteps to the junction of paths and keep ahead which will take you downhill through some woods and up again to elevated land. The footpath continues ahead, but bear left following the track until you reach the woods. This point brings both routes back together (N).

Walkers on the elevated route turn right and walkers on the village route continue ahead bearing left just before the edge of the wood.

Continue along this wooded valley which can be boggy after rain until you reach the main road (O) ignoring any forks in the track on your right.

Taking care to cross this busy road, go straight ahead on the permissive path keeping the wood on your right. Go through the style and bear right around the field and then uphill for the final time. The top of this hill gives excellent views of Louth (N), known as the capital of the Wolds and nationally recognised as an excellent market town. The Spire of St. Michaels Church is the highest Anglican spire in England at some 295 feet. The church is mainly 15th. Century and well worth a visit including the climb of the spire.



Fig. 5.2 Panoramic view of Louth from the Wolds

At the road (P) turn left and after some 150 m. bear left on a footpath just before the bend in the road. You will know that you are following the correct path across this field as straight ahead of you will be the spire of Louth Church. Pass over the tarmac farmer's road and continue downhill. At the bottom turn right at the path sign until you reach a field boundary. At this point the path bears slightly right and then at the road bears left following the line of the road downhill but on the field side of the hedge. If the field is a meadow as it normally is, then you could head diagonally left from this point heading for the white house and then continue downhill to the corner of the field crossing a style and then going down some steps to the road where you turn left passing underneath the A16 Louth bypass (Q) to the entrance to Hubbards Hills.

As you enter Hubbards Hills at a small car park you have a choice of routes. You can either take the lower tarmac path that follows the river or the high level route to your right that gives excellent views back across the Wolds. If the lower route is taken then on passing out of the 'park' by the toilets go over the bridge and take the path on your left rather than following the road and at the end of the path take the footbridge to meet the same road.

Hubbards Hills is a glacial overspill channel formed as the last ice age ended about 40,000 years ago. A marginal lake of meltwater trapped between glacial ice sheet and the Lincolnshire Wolds spilled over a chalk ridge and gouged a steep sided valley with a flat bottom. The river Lud, (after which the town of Louth is named) which is far too small to create such a valley now flows through it. The land of Hubbards Hills was purchased through proceeds of the will of one Auguste Alphonse Pahud a Swiss German teacher at the local grammar school who married a local lass. A memorial to him has been build halfway through the 'park'. Extensive tree planting has taken place so you will see fine examples of Hornbeam, Field Maple, Oak, Ash, Beech, Sycamore, Lime and Yew.

Turn left and little further on you will meet the high level path coming down on your right. Continue along the road for a few more yards and take the gate into Westgate Fields (R). Follow the tarmac path but look out to your left and right for the wooden sculptures of tree leaves. Leave the 'fields' at the far end and continue ahead along Westgate keeping left at the forks. This will bring you to the end of the Lincs Wold Way which depending upon your state of mind, health or belief will probably see you sipping a well deserved drink at the Wheatsheaf on your left which is a real traditional English pub or taking a moment in the church straight ahead, or both!

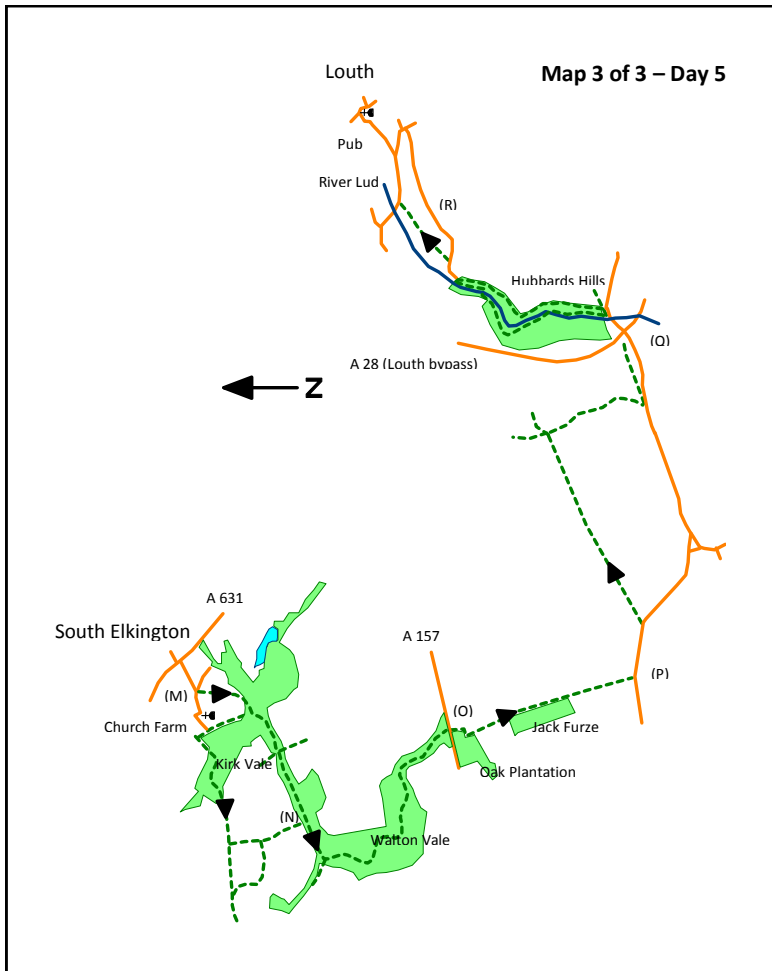
Well done!

Fig. 5.4 St. Michael's Church, Louth
– your destination



Fig. 5.3 Wheatsheaf pub at Louth





Walkers can claim a certificate to acknowledge their completion of the Lincs Wold Way. Contact Tony (details on the website) with proof and he will send it to you. If given notice and he is available he will meet you at the Wheatsheaf when you get there.