

LINCS WOLD WAY

Introduction

The Wolds are perhaps one of this country's best kept secrets containing some lovely gentle walking over mostly open farmland. The Wolds can be described as 'an elevated tract of open country', or an 'open hilly district'. The Old English spelling would have been weald which is a forest as in Saxon time much of the land would have been tree covered before it became extensively farmed. There is also much evidence of the coming of the Danes, especially in the place names.

This 76 mile (123 km) circular walk has been designed to take in the best of the Wolds and follows well marked paths. It has been broken down into 5 stages, averaging 6 hours walking per day. In this way it can be completed in a week's holiday with a day to relax at the end or at an intermittent point chosen by the walker. The start and end of each section has been chosen as a convenient point to be collected/drop off and if your timing is right to sup a well earned pint at a local hostelry. It is best to check opening hours for rural pubs. A list and contact details of pubs has been provided on the website links page.

For walkers travelling from afar it is suggested that you base yourself in or around Louth, as not only is it a lovely market town (for which it has won awards) with lots of speciality shops and no out of town shopping parks or supermarkets, it also has a range of accommodation and eating places, and all start/end points can be reached within 30 minutes.

The route has been extensively walked by the author, Tony Groom and each section states the approximate walking time in addition to the distance as it is often the time that a walk takes that is more important than the distance. The timings are based on the authors walking speed which is probably a bit slower than Naismith's Rule which is 3 miles or 4 km per

hour. Naturally going uphill the speed is reduced. This is actual walking time so no allowance has been made for stops. Groups of walkers tend to walk at a slower average pace so consideration should be made for this if you are part of a large group.

A5 format has been chosen for the route maps and description because, if printed out they will fit much more easily into a map case or similar.

Do please remember your Country Code.

Ordnance Survey Maps for the route are:

Landranger (1:50 000) no. 113 Grimsby (Louth and Market Rasen)

Landranger (1:50 000) no. 122 Skegness and Horncastle

Explorer (1:25 000) no. 282 Louth and Market Rasen (North)

Explorer (1:25 000) no. 273 Horncastle and Woodall Spa (South)

Accommodation, Restaurants and Public Houses en Route

The best place to base yourself on this walk is Louth. There is a range of accommodation to suit a range of tastes and cost requirements. There are also many places to eat in the town. A quick search on Google will provide you with a comprehensive list.

There is a pub with a campsite and pods at the Three Horseshoes at Goulceby which is on the route.

The Black Horse Inn at Donington on Bain has accommodation. This is also en route.

Transport

Regular bus services run from Grimsby, Skegness and Lincoln to Louth but there are no regular bus services within the Wolds, however there is **CallConnect** which is a unique bus service whose timetable is not fixed but responds to passenger requests. This means its routes are different each day depending on the bookings made by passengers. Journey requests can

be made by telephone, online or by SMS text message.

The service is designed to improve transport opportunities in rural communities and some market towns where there is an infrequent conventional bus service.

Anyone can use the **CallConnect** bus service for any reason and as frequently as required. The service is operated by modern, fully accessible minibuses and most services operate between 7am-7pm Monday to Friday and 8am-6pm Saturday. (Local variations apply).

The **CallConnect** minibus will pick up and set down at designated locations in each village or town. Home pick ups and drop offs are also available for people who are unable to use conventional bus services due to age, disability or mobility impairment.

Registration to become a **CallConnect** member is FREE, but you must be registered to book a journey. You can call also register by calling us on **0845 234 3344** or to request a callback text the word '**CallConnect**' to **82727**.

Bookings and Helpline:

8.30am - 7.00pm Monday-Friday

8.30am - 5.00pm Saturday

Cancellations and Operating Information:

7.00am - 7.00pm Monday-Friday

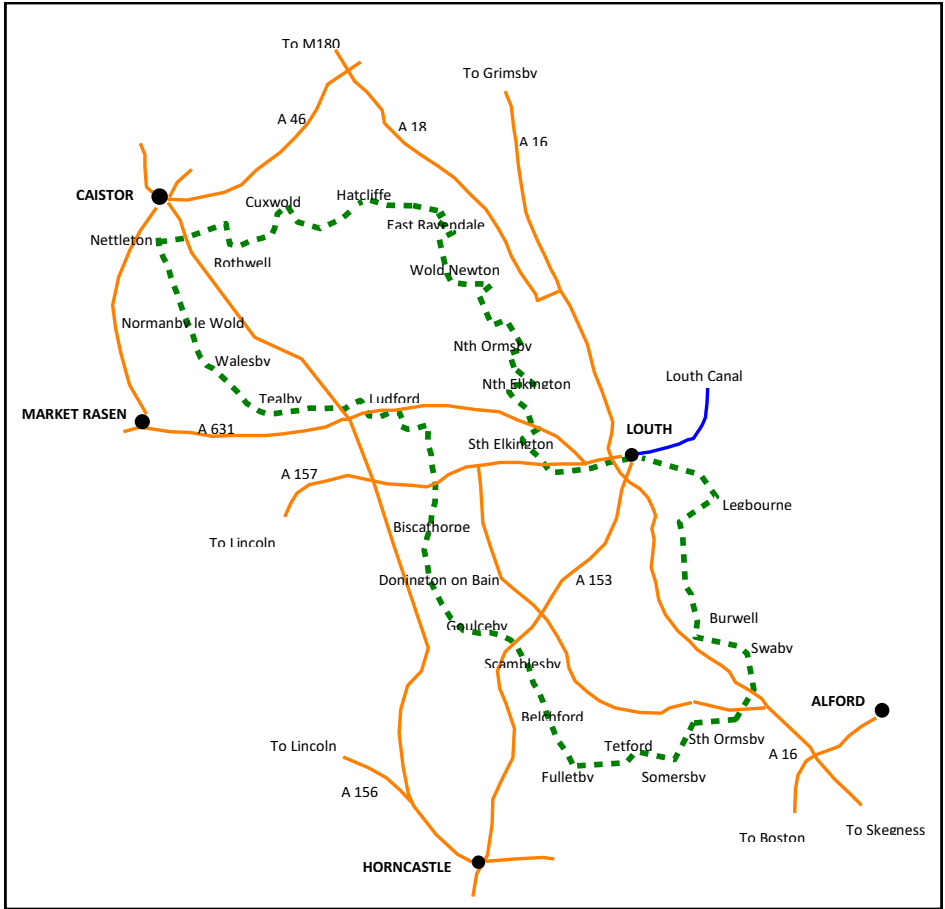
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If you are walking as a group then **Wolds Travel** have a minibus and will provide you with a quote for travel out and in each day. You can contact them via facebook or call them on 0844 850 3040. Their address is LN11 0LU Louth, Lincolnshire.

There are also a number of taxi firms in Louth and other main towns such as Market Rasen, Horncastle and Caistor.

Tony would love to get walkers feedback about the walk and/or the route descriptions. Please email him at tony@tonygroom.com

Map of the Lincs Wold Way (123 km or 76 miles)



Summary of each days walk

Day 1 – Louth to South Ormsby	21 km	13 m
Day 2 - South Ormsby to Donington on Bain	24 km	15 m
Day 3 - Donington on Bain to Nettleton	30 km	19 m
Day 4 - Nettleton to Wold Newton	22 km	13 m
Day 5 - Wold Newton to Louth	26 km	16 m