

DAVE MILNE WAY

The walk starts at the Ludford Village Hall car park, using Explorer Map 282 GR 196 888. At the main road A631 turn left, walking past Viking Way Cafe to a permissive footpath signed as the Viking Way. Turn R and follow path past farm buildings to the far field corner, turn L and proceed to the Caistor High St, B1225. Turn R, after 100 yds turn L onto footpath opposite a farm and follow the VW to Tealby. The route is well marked and easy to follow; when you reach the proper farm track turn L down the track, still on VW. On crossing the stream, turn L at FP signed 'The Smooting'. At road turn L, passing The King's Head on your L. Take L fork and continue till you come to the stream; locate wooden bridge on R, FP signed Tealby Thorpe. Follow the field path, stream on your L, pass the sewerage farm, then take the L of 2 gates and angle across fields to Tealby Thorpe.

Cross over road and bridge, turn R on footpath through gate and cross the field to far left corner, through gate and turn R and follow field boundary, turning R over wooden bridge, carry straight on. Follow FP to just before farm; footpath goes L through a gate into paddock with gate in right hand corner. At the farm track carry straight on to follow FP sign; continue through trees till good track is reached. Turn R and continue to farm buildings marked 'Forest Office'; follow track to R, passing private house. Continue on this track, which bends L; carry on, ignore first track to the right, further on the track turns to R then round to L. On arriving at the Rasen Rd, turn L, continue to the farm shop, then turn R. Follow the Byway through the woods to a road; cross over and continue on the byway with Walesby Caravan site on your R. Follow the good track through the woods to arrive at bridge over the railway, known as Nova Scotia. Cross over and turn R; follow track to road and turn R over level crossing. Continue down the road for 300 yds, turning L at bridleway to Otby Moor Farm. Passing the farm continue in a near straight line to the field boundary of ditch and trees; turn L and proceed to the road.

Arriving at Park Road turn R to Claxby; as road turns L to village, turn R, signed 'No Through Road'. Carry on down road, turning L just before Claxby Farm onto a byway. Walk up the incline, keeping on the same track to go through the gate, carry on with hedge on your R; when it goes R at VW sign, turn L and take the bridleway uphill to the gate in the top corner. Do NOT go through, but turn R down the hedge side 100 yds; go through metal gate, turn R onto footpath and continue downhill. At bottom gate, before farm, turn L onto footpath; carry on over wooden bridge, follow way marks, heading for Otby. Aim to R of house and trees, go through farm gate and turn R onto Otby Lane. Carry on along the lane; when it turns hard R, take the footpath to L and follow path round the field till the Walesby road is reached. Turn R downhill; after 200yds there is a metal gate on your L, or at 300yds a stile on your L, cross access land to small bridge, aiming to R of the church. Cross stile to VW footpath, turn L and continue to All Saints Church, The Ramblers' Church.

Go through gate in churchyard to corner of field passing the oak tree planted in memory of Nev Cole. From here follow the Viking Way FP, passing below Risby and through woods, bearing L at Castle Farm and proceed downhill to Tealby. At road turn L and walk past the church on your R to Caistor Lane; at the end as it turns sharp L, continue straight on, FP signed 'FP 125 High St 1 mile'. This is well marked to the High St. Cross with care, very busy road. Take footpath immediately opposite with telegraph poles on your L, turning L when the Stainton-le-Vale road is reached, and follow the road down. When road turns sharp L at Sutton Estates Farm, take bridleway to your R, turning L through the hedge. Follow path round field edge, up a steep bank in the trees, turning L at the top. With the hedge on your L follow the path down and over the bridge and angle slightly R. A gate, paddock and further gate brings you to Manor House Farm at Kirmond-le-Mire; proceed to the road.

Cross the main road onto a good bridle path; continue till the track divides, take L fork and continue round small wood with stream on L. As track turns to R, turn L at bridleway sign over wooden bridge, then turn R with stream to your R; the path becomes a good track, passing the fishing lakes. As track turns R, carry straight on at bridleway sign and then round to the R; all lakes are now to your R. Passing the cottage, turn L, then R to go round the barn and passing the large house on your R, carry straight on to the road and angle right up the hill. At the top of the rise turn R at the FP and cross 2 fields, going to the L at track. If you would like to visit the church, White Hart or Black Horse, continue L down to the road and turn R. Otherwise carry straight on, passing the new house on your R and continue to a good road; turn L down to A631. Turn R and continue to turn to the car park where the walk began.

This walk has been produced by the friends of Dave Milne, who very much hope you enjoy the walk. We do, however, wish to point out that all walkers who undertake the walk do so at their own risk.

DETAILS OF BADGES

Badge and A5 Certificate are available, priced £5. Cash or cheque WITH SAE please, to M J and P P Surr, 10 Albany Place, Louth, Lincs, LN11 8EY.

ALL PROFITS WILL GO TO DAVE'S FAVOURITE CHARITY - THE RNLI.

Walk Information

Amenities en route:

Ludford - 2 pubs - Black Horse and White Hart + Viking Way Cafe

Tealby - 2 pubs - The Barn and The King's Head + Tealby Tea Rooms 01673 838261

Village shop on Beck Hill

Some information about Dave

Dave was taken prisoner after the evacuation at Dunkirk and survived the infamous Death March. In 1990 he walked from Lincoln to Dunkirk, raising many thousands of pounds for charity. To celebrate the week of his 80th birthday he walked 80 miles with some of his LDWA friends, starting with the Belmont 30. He also walked the 43 mile Lyke Wake Walk in 17 hours and The Scarborough Rock 25 mile challenge was one of his favourites, which he completed 10 times. At 81 he also completed the Yorkshire 3 Peaks.

Sadly he died in 2010, aged 94. He was an inspiration to us all!