

Places of interest to visit nearby

Hykeham Green Shopping Centre
Post Office, Co-op & Pharmacy
259-261 Lincoln Road
North Hykeham LN6 8NH

Bassingham Post Office
27 High Street, Bassingham
Lincolnshire LN5 9JZ
Telephone: 01522 788228

Greens Stores
26 High Street, Bassingham
Lincoln LN5 9EY
Telephone: 01522 788200

Hill Holt Wood
Norton Disney, Lincolnshire LN6 9JP
Telephone: 01636 892836

Natural World Centre and Little Darters Wildlife Adventure Area
Whisby Nature Park, Moor Lane
Thorpe on the Hill, Lincoln LN6 9BW
Telephone: 01522 688868
www.naturalworldcentre.co.uk

Aubourn Hall Gardens
Aubourn, Lincoln LN5 9DZ
Gardens open selected times
Telephone: Andrew Widd -
Head Gardener on 07816 202353
for further information



Refreshments

Royal Oak
Royal Oak Lane, Aubourn, Lincoln
Lincolnshire LN5 9DT
Telephone: 01522 788291

Five Bells
High Street, Bassingham, Lincoln
Lincolnshire LN5 9JZ
Telephone: 01522 788269

The Bugle Horn Inn
19 Lincoln Road, Bassingham
Lincoln, Lincolnshire LN5 9HQ
Telephone: 01522 788333

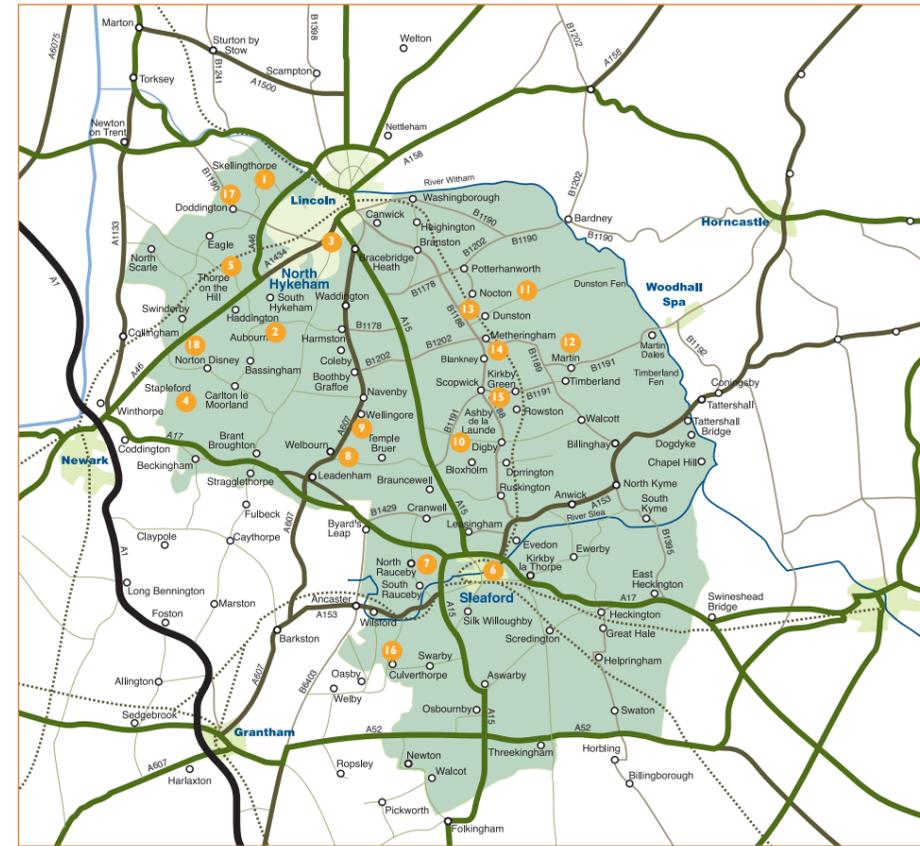
Accommodation

Welbeck Cottage
Welbeck Cottage, 19 Meadow Lane
South Hykeham LN6 9PF
Telephone: 01522 692669

Hall Farmhouse
Meadow Lane, South Hykeham
Lincoln LN6 9PF
Telephone: 01522 686432

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Go Stepping Out!



For more Stepping Out walks, further information on local attractions or accommodation, please call the Tourism Department on 01529 414155, email cranwellaviation@n-kesteven.gov.uk or log onto www.heartofincs.com Download all the Stepping Out walks or for information on safety in the countryside visit www.countrysidenk.co.uk www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk www.visitlincolnshire.com



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Stepping Out

Aubourn and Haddington



North Kesteven District Council Heart of Lincolnshire

W1 Distance 4.5 miles/7.2km **W2** Distance 2.9 miles/4.7km



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Introduction

Aubourn sits in the valley formed by the River Witham as it bends north eastwards, seven miles south of Lincoln. Several small streams flow northward into the Witham nearby, including the River Brant. The village is enclosed to the north and east by the 'washlands' of the Witham and has historically been prone to frequent flooding. After the last war high flood banks were built along both shores of the Witham to reduce the risk.

The story of the two churches of St Peter in Aubourn spans 600 years. The earlier church, standing in the grounds of Aubourn Hall, was erected in about 1200 on the site of an earlier wood and stone structure recorded in Domesday. In 1862, most of the building was demolished and the stone incorporated in the building of a new, joint parish church mid-way between Aubourn and Haddington. In less than 100 years the Victorian building, also dedicated to St Peter had deteriorated to the point that it was deemed unsafe and was partly demolished, leaving just the steeple standing beside the road to Haddington. The congregation moved back into the original church which had been restored in 1933.



Walk facts

Walk Location
Two circular routes around Aubourn and Haddington

Starting Points
W1 The Royal Oak PH car park LN5 9DT (Grid Ref. SK 925628)
W2 The Stepping Out car park on Dovecote Lane, Haddington LN5 9EF (Grid Ref. SK 913629)

Parking
W1 **W2** Same as above

Public Transport
For information call the Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel

Walk Length
W1 4.5 miles/7.2km and should take around 2 hours to walk
W2 2.9 miles/4.7km and should take 1 1/2 hours to walk

Type of Walk
W1 Open countryside on good farm tracks
W2 Grassy footpaths, rough pasture and some stiles

Ordnance Survey Maps
Explorer 272 and Landranger 121

W1

Aubourn Country Walk

- From the car park of The Royal Oak in Aubourn turn left and follow this road until you reach the 30mph speed limit signs. You will notice two Stepping Out finger blade signs leading right from this section of the road. Take the furthest path, which is a permissive farm track, leading off through the fields towards some woodland. The other pathway is a public footpath that crosses a field providing less pleasant walking, but offers an alternative route should you wish.
- Follow the track straight on until a way marked permissive path leads you left, along a ditch side, towards a strip of woodland. Please ensure you stay on the route and do not stray onto the track leading to Marlborough Farm as this is private property. Follow the ditch through the wood until you reach a farm track. The majority of this walk is on permissive pathways where access has been granted to walkers by kind permission of the landowner. The permission is for walkers only and is not extended to horses or cycles.

- Turn right at the farm track, with a large hedgerow on your right. This track takes you past small areas of mixed woodland to a poplar plantation. At the end of the plantation continue straight on until you reach a raised bank.
- Turn right onto the bank, a good vantage point for bird of prey spotting, and continue until you reach a cottage.
- Follow the track around the cottage and right onto a narrow lane. Follow this until you reach a row of poplars, just before the trees leave the road and follow the pathway straight on.
- Follow this path until you reach a strip of woodland and turn right along the side of the woodland bringing you back to the track at the beginning of your walk.
- Turn left onto this track and back to the main road.
- Turn left onto the road and back into Aubourn, taking the right hand fork back to the car park.

Some of the paths are provided by kind permission of the landowner. Walkers are asked to help to ensure a continued welcome by only using the waymarked paths and keeping dogs on a lead. Where paths cross pasture young stock may be present. If you have a dog with you please make sure it is under firm control in these sensitive areas.



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W2

A story of Two Churches

- From the Stepping Out car park, turn right heading into Haddington village until you meet the junction with Bridge Road.
- Turn right along Bridge Road and follow this road until you have crossed over the River Witham. Immediately after the bridge you will see a public footpath on the opposite side of the road pointing left across green pasture. Take this path, keeping the hedgerow to your right, keep a look out to your right and you will see a stile in the hedgerow. This path, though not part of this Stepping Out walk, leads you into a plantation known as Sibsey Wood.
- Remain on the path following the hedgerow until you emerge into the grounds of Aubourn Hall. Walk in front of the Hall and continue straight on towards the small church of St Peters.
- Enter the churchyard and look for a footpath leading off to the left.
- Take the path and follow it until you reach the banks of the River Witham and turn right, keeping the river on your left. Look out for a way marker directing you right back over the bank and along a footpath away from the river.
- Follow this footpath towards the road, taking care to stay to the grassed footpath on the bank, not the rough fenced area to its left. Follow this until you rejoin the main road through Aubourn.
- Turn right here, heading back into the village until you reach the fork in the road indicating the one way system.
- Take the right fork which leads you past the Royal Oak Public House and follow the road until you are heading out of Aubourn and can see the steeple of the Victorian St Peters in front of you.
- Turn right down Bridge Road, back over the River Witham until you see a way marked public footpath leading off to your left.
- Follow this footpath over pasture land, across way marked bridges to the rough grass area marking the site of medieval earthworks. Cross the pasture until you see a permissive path way marker pointing right towards the restored medieval dovecote behind which is the car park or remain walking on Bridge Road and retrace your steps to the car park.