

Places of interest to visit nearby

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

Doddington Farm Shop & Café
Doddington, Lincs LN6 4RU
info@doddingtonhall.com
www.doddingtonhall.com
Telephone: 01522 688581

Doddington Hall & Gardens
Telephone: 01522 694308

India Jane at Doddington Hall
Interiors Store
Telephone: 01522 812512

Daisy Made Ice Cream
Lincoln Road Farm, Lincoln Road
Skellingthorpe, Lincoln LN6 5SA
Telephone: 01522 693757

Refreshments

The Stone Arms
High Street, Skellingthorpe
Lincoln LN6 5TS
Telephone: 01522 682589

The Plough
High Street, Skellingthorpe
Lincoln LN6 5TR
Telephone: 01522 682564

Lincoln Cooperative
Shop and Post Office
Jerusalem Road, Skellingthorpe
Lincoln LN6 4RH
Telephone: 01522 682695

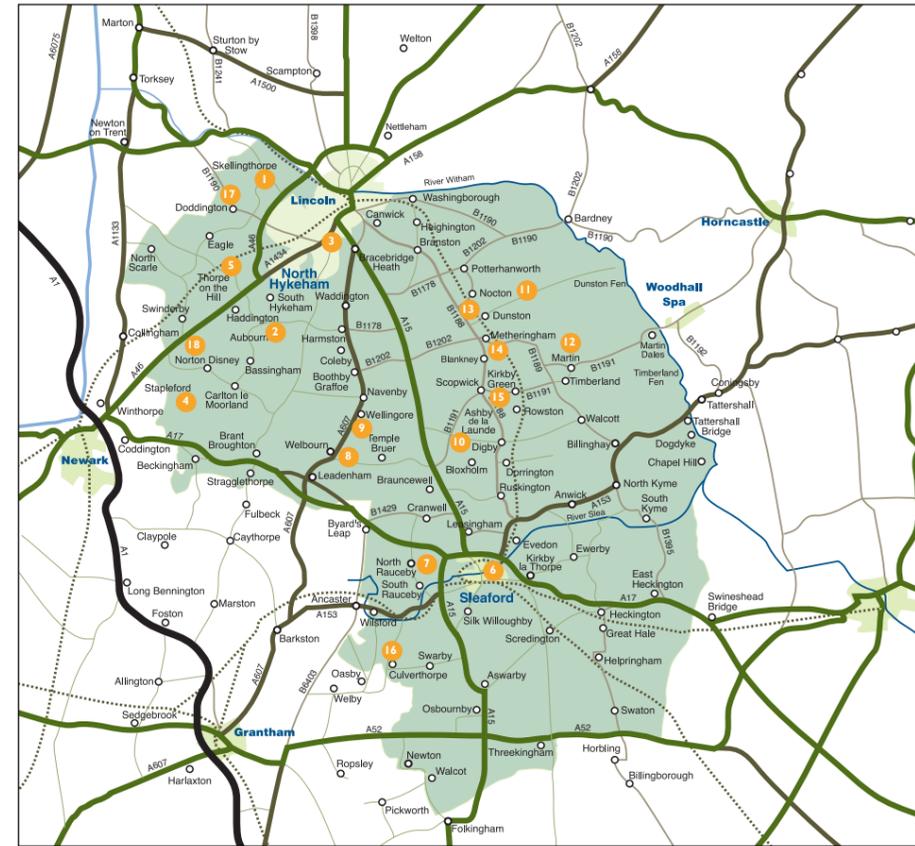
The Struggler Inn
42 High Street, Eagle
Lincoln LN6 9DG
Telephone: 01522 868676

The Railway Inn
Station Road, Thorpe on the Hill
Lincoln LN6 9BS
Telephone: 01522 681499

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www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk www.visitlincolnshire.com
Sustrans National Cycle Network, www.sustrans.org.uk
The Woodland Trust, www.woodland-trust.org.uk
Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, www.lincstrust.co.uk



Stepping Out

Doddington Walks



North Kesteven District Council Heart of Lincolnshire

W1 Distance 1.9miles/3.1km **W2** Distance 4.9miles/7.9km



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Introduction

Doddington Hall is a very fine late Elizabethan Mansion, completed in 1600. It was built by Robert Smythson for Thomas Tailor who was the registrar to the Bishop of Lincoln. In 1749, the hall was inherited by John Delaval of Seaton Delaval in Northumberland, who carried out an extensive redesign of the interior, not changing the house's exterior. In 1830 George Jarvis inherited the house. Since 2006, the hall has been the family home of Claire and James Birch.

Around the village of Doddington there are lots of places to explore on foot or by bicycle. The network of country roads and bridleways provide opportunities to discover other local amenities.

The neighbouring village of Skellingthorpe boasts an ancient woodland which can be accessed from the Sustrans route. Nearby you will also find the outdoor fitness LifeTrail systems that are accessible to all.

Whisby Nature Park and Little Darters Wildlife Adventure Area are also nearby, providing something for all of the family!



Walk facts

Walk Location

- W1** A circular walk exploring the distinctive countryside around Doddington and the parkland of Doddington Hall.
- W2** A circular walk on public bridleways and country roads. This route is also suitable for cycling.

Starting Points/Parking

- W1** **W2** Start from the car park directly opposite Doddington Hall (Grid Ref: TF SK901 701)

Public Transport

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

Walk Length

- W1** 1.9miles/3.1km in length and should take 45mins at a leisurely pace.
- W2** 4.9miles/7.9km in length and should take 2hrs to walk.

Type of Walk

- W1** A walk on well maintained paths through parkland, with kissing gates.
- W2** Bridleways and roadways. The route passes through woodland which can sometimes be muddy. **Care should be taken on the roads; always face oncoming traffic.**

Ordnance Survey Maps

- W1** **W2** Explorer 272 and 271 and Landranger 130

W1 Doddington Circular Walk

- From the main car park across from Doddington Hall, turn left so that the hall is on your right (please contact the hall for their opening times). Walk for a short distance until you reach the entrance to a farmyard with a public brideway sign pointing into the yard.
- Turn right here, into the farmyard and continue straight on. As you emerge from the farm buildings you will see the start of the Fishpond Walk on your left. To continue the circular walk, go straight on until you see a sign post marking the junction of a brideway and public footpath. Take the public footpath, through a gate and into pasture beyond. Walk diagonally across the field, following the way-marker half way along. Head right, towards woodland ahead, until you reach a metal kissing gate on your left.
- Go through the kissing gate, continuing to head towards the woodland, looking for a way-marker just before you reach the wood. Follow this, through a grassy meadow until you reach the edge of the wood and see a gate on your left.

- Go through the gate along a field edge with the woodland on your right until you see a way-marker leading right through the hedge.
- Turn right here, through a gap in the hedge and follow the path towards an electric pylon at the opposite edge of the field.
- Follow the way-marker through a second gap in the hedge and turn right along the public brideway. Follow the track, soon with woodland on your right, until the track meets the main road.
- Just before the road, follow the public brideway right, walking parallel to the road, with the Church of Saint Peter's ahead. Just beyond the church the brideway rejoins the road and, with care, cross over and back to the car park.

Some of the paths are provided by kind permission of Doddington Hall. Walkers are asked to help to ensure a continued welcome by only using the way-marked 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. Some walks around the Doddington Estate are on a permissive access basis and they reserve the right to change/close them for health and safety reasons.



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Key

- Car Park
- Doddington Circular Walk
- Walking Around Doddington
- Alternative Route
- Other Public Rights of Way

W2 Walking around Doddington

- To enjoy a circular route around Doddington, begin in the main car park across from the hall and turn right onto the road, so that the church is on your left. Walk a short way until you see Kennel Lane on your right.
- Turn right onto Kennel Lane and follow this, through the houses and out along a grassy brideway. Follow this into woodland and continue on, past the ponds of the rendering works, until you reach a T-junction.
- Turn right and follow this track around the barrier, along the edge of the works until you emerge onto the road. (A left turn here will lead you to the Lincoln to Harby Sustrans route and into Skellingthorpe village). To follow the circular route, continue right and follow the road for 2.4 miles over two crossroads. After the second crossroad, look for a public brideway which leads right along the very edge of woodland just before you reach open fields.
- Turn right onto this brideway and follow this track, with panoramic views over the Trent Valley, back to Doddington village. The track passes the start of the Fishpond Walk and back to the road.
- Turn left and after a very short distance, the car park is on your right.

Other Walks around Doddington Estate
Doddington Hall has created two shorter walks which are accessible all year. The project has been supported by a grant from Biffaward, which supports projects across the UK that enhance communities and biodiversity.

Fishpond Walk
A short stroll that will take you through a meadow towards a small lake, over a bridge and back up the farm track. Look out for Carp in the pond and water birds such as Mallard and Shoveller.

Avenue Walk
Enjoy lovely views of the hall and parkland. Look out for the Lincoln Red cattle and the wetland area about halfway down the avenue on the right where you might see Snipe if you are lucky.

Nature Trail
The nature trail is accessed from the ornamental gardens and is only open for house and garden ticket holders on public open days (From 13 February to 17 April and throughout October on Sundays only. Go to www.doddingtonhall.com for more details).