

Places of interest to visit nearby

Cranwell Aviation Heritage Centre
Heath Farm, North Rauceby
Lincs NG34 8QR
Telephone: 01529 488490

Cranwell Service Station
Newark Road, North Rauceby
Lincs NG34 8ET
Telephone: 01529 488583

Refreshments

The Bustard Inn & Restaurant
44 Main Street, South Rauceby
Lincs NG34 8QG
Telephone: 01529 488250
www.thebustardinn.co.uk

Cheerio Café
Newark Road, North Rauceby
Lincs NG34 8ET
Telephone: 01529 488694

Accommodation

The Bakehouse
Grange Farm, North Rauceby
Sleaford, Lincs NG34 8EX
Telephone: 07881 564496

The Beeches
Byard's Leap, Cranwell
Lincs NG34 8EY
Telephone: 01400 262637

Oxenford Farm B&B
Willow Lane, Cranwell
Lincs NG34 8DE
Telephone: 01400 261369

Byard's Leap Cottage B&B
Byard's Leap, Cranwell
Lincs NG34 8EY
Telephone: 01400 261537

Byard's Leap Lodge
Cranwell, Lincs NG34 8EY
Telephone: 01400 261375

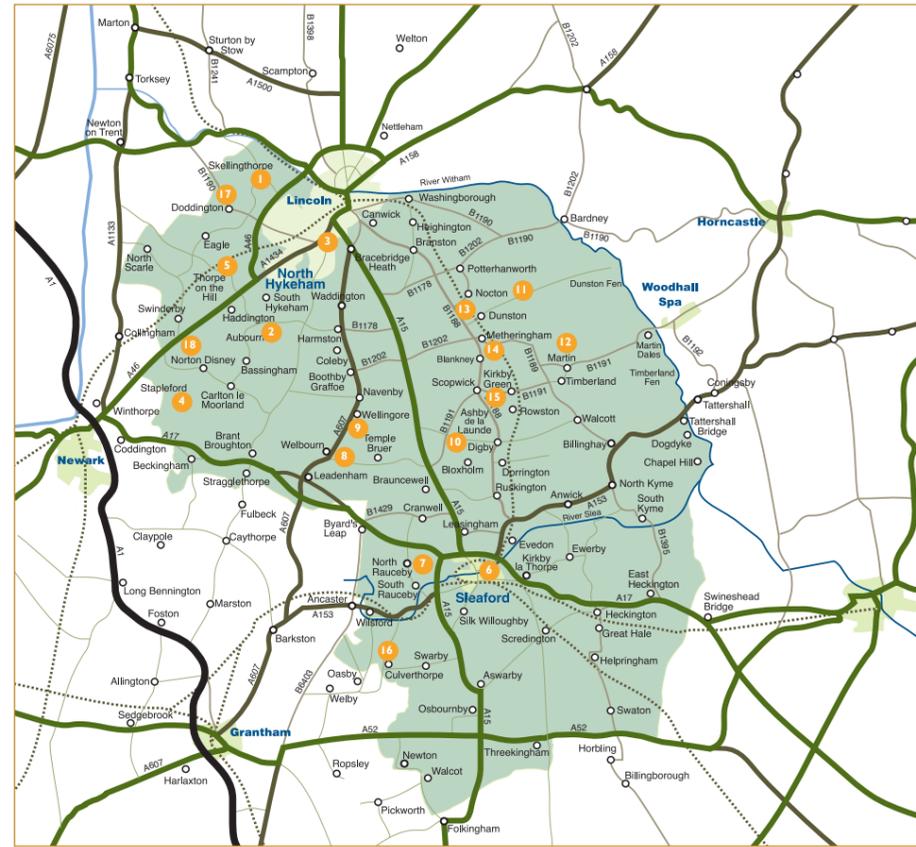
For further information

The Woodland Trust
www.woodland-trust.org.uk

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Go Stepping Out!



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Rauceby Walks

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W1 Distance 4.75 miles/7.5km W2 Distance 4 miles/6.5km



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Introduction

North and South Rauceby lie on the Southern Lincolnshire Edge at one of North Kesteven's highest points. Antiquarians even used the name 'Rauceby Altera' and looking east on a clear day Boston Stump can be seen from the hill above Heath Farm. Anciently known as Rosbi and listed in Domesday as Roscebi, the name derives from the Old Scandanavian for Rauthr+by, or 'Rauthr's village'.

Rauceby Hall was built by Anthony Peacock, between 1841–1846, at a cost of £24,000 (about £1M today). The Bustard Inn was constructed in 1860, its name allegedly commemorates the last Great Bustard shot in Lincolnshire. The Bustard cost just over £800 to build, replacing the older 'Robin Hood', demolished to accommodate the south gate of Rauceby Park.

Limestone loving plants once common to old-fashioned meadows and pastures can still be found in Rauceby's wide roadside verges. Ancient trackways and drove roads, like Church Lane, Drove Lane and Ermine Street, still provide 'wildlife corridors' for barn owls, buzzards, hares and even glow worms.



Walk facts

Walk Location
Two circular walks through the countryside surrounding North and South Rauceby

Starting Points
W1 Car Park at High Wood (Grid Ref: TF 012 462)
W2 The Bustard Inn, South Rauceby NG34 8QG (Grid Ref: TF 026 456)

Parking
W1 Car Park at High Wood
W2 Bustard Inn, South Rauceby

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

Walk Length
W1 4.75miles (7.5km) and should take 3 hours to walk
W2 4 miles (6.5km) in length and should take 2 1/2 hours at a leisurely pace

Type of Walk
Two pleasant walks through open countryside, woodland and along farm tracks

Ordnance Survey Maps
Explorer 272 and Landranger 130



W1 High Wood and North Rauceby

- From the car park at High Wood turn right (west) along Church Lane for approximately 1.3km, until you see an area of pine woodland called the Century Plantation on your left. A DEFRA footpath can be found as an alternative route from High Wood Car Park. This access has been provided under the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' farm conservation schemes and is a permissive access route.
- Turn right opposite the pines onto a way marked farm track. Keeping the hedgerow on your right, follow this track for 400 metres until you reach an area of hard standing with a copse beyond.
- Follow the way markers to the left around the edge of the copse and, as the copse ends, follow the track as it turns left and heads in the direction of Ermine Street Farm.
- As you approach the farm you will see a tall hawthorn hedge in front of you. Turn right alongside this hedge, keeping it on your right, and follow the grassy path along the edge of the field for 570 metres until you reach a low stone wall with a pine copse beyond.
- Turn left and follow the wall for approximately 100 metres until you see a gap in the wall. Go through this gap onto a track, you will now have the wall on your left and the copse on your right. This track will take you around the edge of the copse and through open countryside, finally turning left leading towards Rauceby Grange.
- Follow the track as it bends left towards the grange and look for a stile on your right, which takes you into a small field. Cross over this stile and look diagonally left where you will see a second stile leading back onto the track.
- Go over this second stile and turn right, back onto the track. Stay on this track for approximately 1km as it leads you through fields featuring the wave-like undulations of ridge and furrow cultivation and passes the site of a much larger medieval settlement.
- As the track emerges into the village of North Rauceby, turn right onto Main Street and follow this until you see the stone village cross on your right.
- Turn right onto Church Lane with its characteristic wide verges and follow it for approximately 1.3km back to High Wood and your car.



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There are four public artworks in Rauceby and you can enjoy them at the positions marked on the map: A) The carved Boggart's Bench, B) Anne Allread's Fieldstone made from local Ancaster stone, C) Simon Todd's Sleeping Shepherds Seat and at D) Richard Farrington's steel sculpture, In the field. The village's 'lost sheep' were produced for the Parish Council by Nick Jones of artsNK.

Ridge and furrow is the byproduct of driving an unwieldy eight oxen plough inside a strip of land. A selion's length of about 220 yards is as far as the oxen can pull before needing a rest. The team ploughs a reverse S shape and in one direction only, turning the soil to the right. At every ploughing, a plough's depth of soil is moved towards the middle of the selion, forming the ridge.

W2 South Rauceby and Rauceby Hall

- From the Bustard Inn car park (please park in top car park), step onto Tom Lane and turn left walking down the hill for a few yards to Main Street. Turn left onto Main Street and pass through South Rauceby with parkland on your left until you reach Pinfold Lane.
- Turn left onto Pinfold Lane and follow for 400 metres until the lane turns right and you see a track forking left, through the park.
- Follow this track which leads towards the stone buildings of Hall Farm. Ignore the Stepping Out way marker leading off into woodland on your right - it's for leaflet number 6b, the Eastern Sleas.
- Once you reach Hall Farm the track forks. Take the right fork, keeping the farm buildings to your left and head into open countryside. Continue along this track as it turns left towards a copse.
- The track takes you through the copse and then heads right around the edge of the copse. Look out for the carved Boggart's Bench for a rest or a coffee break!
- Continue along this track for approximately 1km until you can see Sumner's Plantation across the field to your left and Field Farm to your right. Follow the way markers left, keeping the plantation on your left up a gentle rise, past the plantation, and follow the track across Field Beck stream to the farm buildings at Holdingham Anna. At this point a path to your right takes you to a parking layby on the A17, which may be used to access walks on both the Rauceby and River Sleas leaflets.
- For a circular route, follow the way markers left, keeping the farm buildings to your right and join a farm track. This leads right along the field edge. Keep an eye out for a way marker indicating the route of a cross field path.
- Turn left onto this path and cross the field to gain a second field ahead. Turn right here and follow the field edge up the hill towards Drove Lane.
- Turn right onto Drove Lane for approximately 1.7km, heading back westwards towards North and South Rauceby.
- When it joins Tom Lane, turn left, passing the village school on your right and Rauceby Hall on your left. This road will take you back to the Bustard Inn and back to your car.

Many of the paths have been provided by the goodwill of local landowners. These are marked by Highways Act signs. No special permission is needed to use these paths, but 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.