

Places of interest to visit nearby

Welbourn Post Office
Shop and Post Office
5 Beck Street, Welbourn
Lincs LN5 0LZ
Telephone: 01400 272242

Leadenham Post Office
10 Main Road, Leadenham
Lincs LN5 0PY
Telephone: 01400 272380

M Hodson & Son
43a High Street, Leadenham
Lincs LN5 0PN
Telephone: 01400 272898

F Troop & Son
Lincoln Road, Leadenham
Lincs LN5 0PQ
Telephone: 01400 272232

Pailing Motor Engineers
Mill Lane, Brant Broughton
Lincs LN5 0RP
Telephone: 01400 272125

Homefarm Shop
Home Farm, Leadenham
Lincs LN5 0PN
Telephone: 01400 273988

A Bradley Butcher
69 High Street, Brant Broughton
Lincs LN5 0RZ
Telephone: 01400 272497



Welbourn Forge
The Green, Welbourn, Lincoln
Telephone: 01400 272623

Refreshments

The Joiners Arms
21 High Street, Welbourn
Lincs LN5 0NH
Telephone: 01400 272430

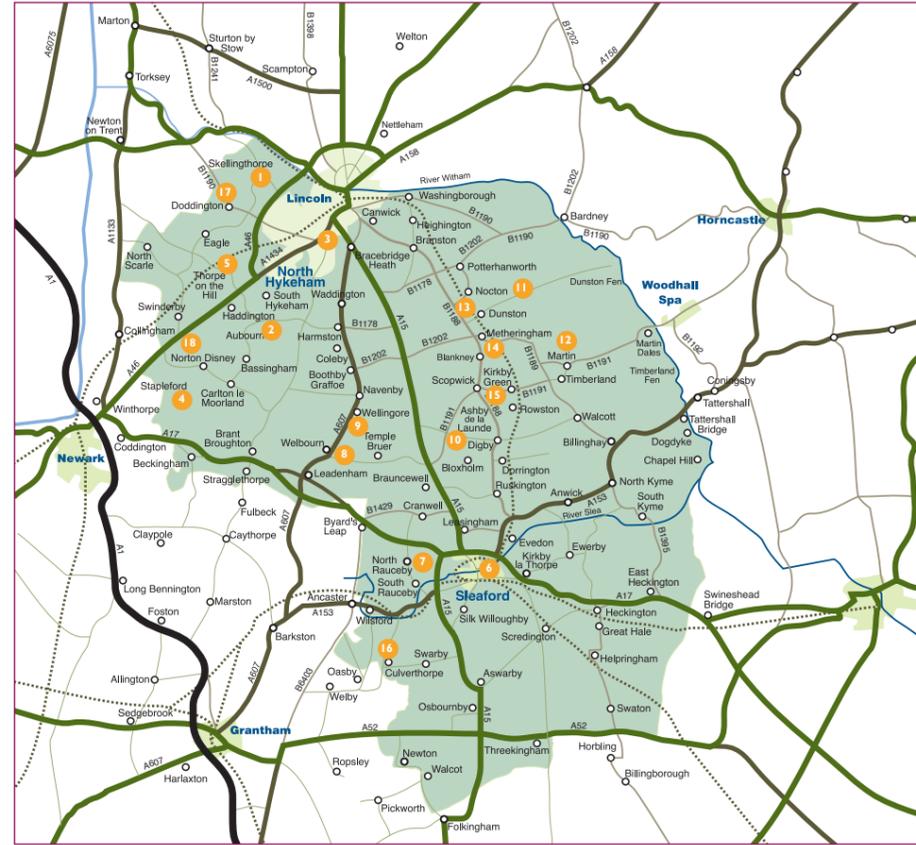
Generous Briton
High Street, Brant Broughton
Lincs LN5 0RZ
Telephone: 01400 272119

Accommodation

The George Hotel
20 High Street, Leadenham
Lincs LN5 0PN
Telephone: 01400 272251

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Go Stepping Out!



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Stepping Out

Welbourn Walks

Visit Lincolnshire



North Kesteven District Council Heart of Lincolnshire

W1 Distance 2.25 miles/3.6km **W2** Distance 6 miles/9.7km



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Introduction

Welbourn is situated at a prominent point on the dramatic scarp of Lincoln Cliff. This ancient settlement, which boasts several Roman finds lies close to the Jurassic Way, a prehistoric track that runs for many miles along the English limestone edge from the Mendips of Somerset to the Humber estuary. To the east of the scarp, the Southern Lincolnshire Edge lies between two gaps carved by large glacial rivers, the Trent at Ancaster (long since diverted) and the Witham at Lincoln. Pottergate runs just east of Welbourn and is the name given to the Jurassic Way south of Lincoln, while to the north it is called Middle Street.

The once extensive limestone grasslands and scrub of the Lincoln Cliff and the Heath have long been 'improved for agriculture' but many varieties of limestone flora linger in the wide roadside verges and especially along Ermine Street itself.

These grasslands only develop on shallow, limy soils. The rich and distinctive plant life they support make it important for a large range of insects, particularly butterflies, such as the rare Dingy and Grizzled Skipper, and declining birds, including skylarks and barn owls.



Walk facts

Walk Location

Two circular routes around the village of Welbourn

Starting Points

W1 **W2** Welbourn Village Hall
Car Park LN5 0LZ
(Grid Ref. SK 969 544)

Parking

W1 **W2** Welbourn Village Hall Car Park

Public Transport

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

Walk Length

W1 2.25miles (3.6km) and should take 1 hour to walk
W2 6 miles (9.7km) in length and should take 2 ½ to 3 hours at a leisurely pace

Type of Walk

W1 A shorter walk with stiles and some uphill walking
W2 A long walk through the countryside and farmland of Welbourn Lowfields

Ordnance Survey Maps

Explorer 272 and Landranger 130



A Ridge Walk

- 1 Leave the Village Hall Car Park, turn right and at Moat Lane bear left around Castle Hill onto High Street. Follow this past the school and pub, crossing over Crosby Lane, staying on the High Street. A little further you will see a row of cottages, look for the plaque on the wall of one cottage marking the birthplace of Field Marshal, Sir William Robertson. Beyond the cottages, turn right into The Green leading to Dycote Lane. Follow this round, keeping to the right at Hall Lane and as the road bends to the right look for a waymarked public footpath on the opposite side of the road. Take the footpath down an alley into a field bearing earthwork remains of a medieval settlement. Walk along the field edge towards a gate.
- 2 Go through the gate and walk across the pasture beyond, keeping close to the hedgerow on your left. Leave the footpath and turn right into the lay by. At the end of the lay by cross the main A607 with care, looking for a public footpath sign on your left. Once over the road, follow the way marked grassy track along the field edge with a large hawthorn hedge to your left. This track takes you up the cliff towards farm buildings on the ridge.

- 4 Just before the farm buildings, turn left and follow the field edge along the ridge until you meet Mill Lane. At this point you are following the ancient spring line where the permeable Lincolnshire Limestone meets the heavy Upper Lias clays. To your left will reveal a magnificent panoramic view across the village of Welbourn towards the Trent Valley.
- 5 Turn left onto Mill Lane and walk down the hill to return to the A607. With care cross over the main road towards a public footpath known locally as the 'Miller's Way'.
- 6 Follow this footpath over stiles to emerge between houses. Turn right and continue along Beck Street, past the Post Office and General Stores and the village pond before returning to the car park.

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.



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Horse Chestnut aka 'conker' trees are native to northern Greece. They were introduced into Britain from Turkey in the 17th Century.



Key

- Car Parks
- A Ridge Walk
- The Parish Walk
- Public Rights of Way
- - - - - Alternative Stepping Out Route
- Welbourn Forge



Barn owls are still a common sight on the limestone, their ghostly white forms are often seen flitting along hedges and rough grasslands hunting for voles.

Welbourn Castle: 'ringwork' was the unusual type of Norman fortification of the 11th and 12th Century and at Welbourn, the moat is still impressive but sadly only earthworks remain of the internal buildings.

Welbourn Forge and Blacksmith's workshop dates from 1864. For over 100 years it served the needs of farmers and tradesmen. It exhibits old photographs, displays and memorabilia and a restored earth privy.



The Parish Walk

- 1 From the Village Hall Car Park, turn right and continue left around Castle Hill and along High Street. Turn right down the public footpath beside the school and follow the way markers towards the disused railway embankment.
- 2 On reaching the railway, continue straight on under the bridge. Continue around the field edge towards the reservoir. Follow the field edge with the ditch to your right, until reaching a bridge. Cross and turn left along the track as far as another bridge.
- 3 Cross the ditch and follow the public footpath again across the field towards a small copse of trees ahead of you on Dycote Lane. Walk across the field until you reach a bridge which leads through the trees to Dycote Lane.
- 4 At this point you can choose to turn left along Dycote Lane until, after 100 yards you see a way marker leading off left. This way marked track will take you back to Welbourn to complete a walk of 4.5 miles (7.25km).
- 5 To follow the Parish Walk turn right along the old Broach Road, a pleasant green lane bounded by Horse Chestnut trees and Hawthorn. Follow the Broach Road for approximately three quarters of a mile until, as the road bends to the right, you see a gap in the hedge on your left. Here you will see a way marker leading off left.
- 6 Follow the way marker, along the field edge, heading towards a group of conifer trees sheltering a house. Pass the house and follow the way markers across Welbourn Lowfields.
- 7 As you travel down this winding path you will see a way marked path leading off to your left. This path leads back to Dycote Lane.
- 8 To continue the Parish Walk head straight on, over a bridge, towards the old railway embankment.
- 9 As you reach the embankment, turn left and follow the path up onto the raised bank and along the route of the old railway. This continues on, dipping down briefly onto a farm track. Turn left and quickly right to regain the embankment and follow it until a slope leads down to the left. Descend and turn right, following the footpath back into the village and to your car.