

# Places of interest to visit nearby

## Things to see and do in Navenby

Navenby High Street features a wide range of interesting local shops. There are a number of great places to eat, drink and relax after your walk and a fine selection of specialist shops selling great quality local foods.

### Mrs Smith's Cottage

Craven Cottage  
3 East Road, Navenby, Lincoln  
Telephone: 01529 414294  
www.heartoflincs.com

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.



## Refreshments

### Wellingore Garage

Cliff Rd, Wellingore  
Lincolnshire N5 0Y  
Telephone: 0522 810311

### Marquis of Granby

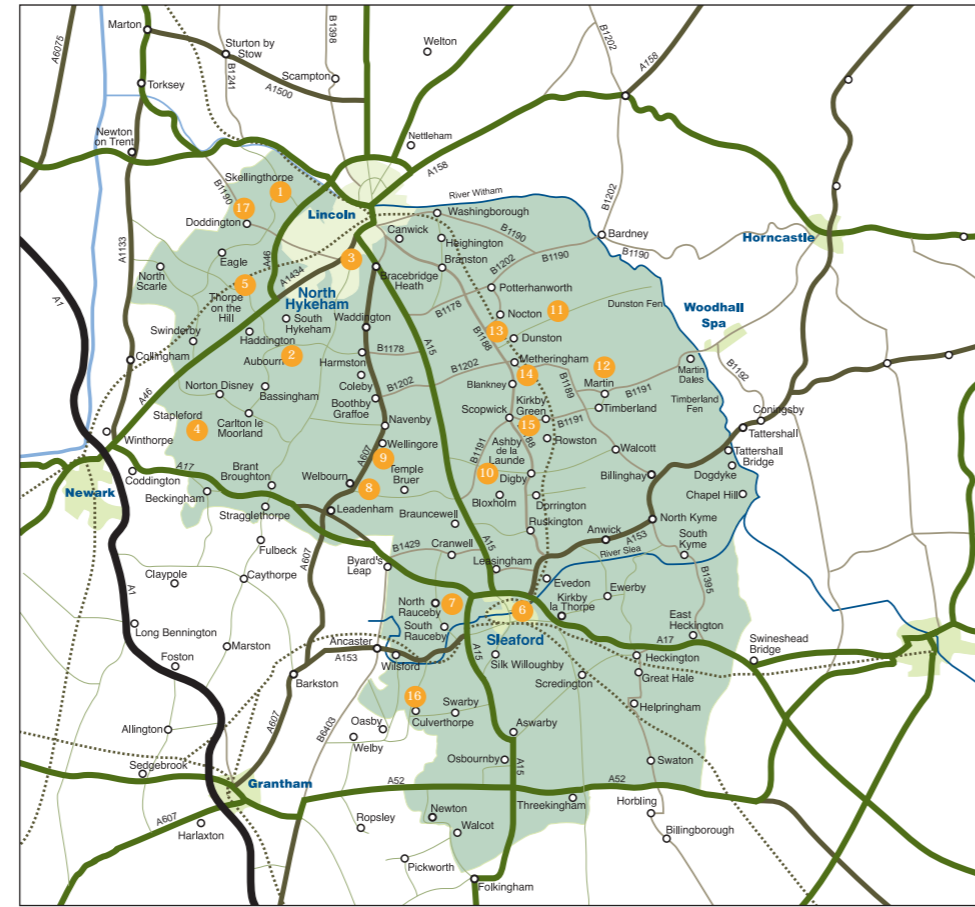
High Street, Wellingore  
Lincolnshire N5 0W  
Telephone: 0522 810442

### The Red Lion

High Street, Wellingore  
Lincolnshire N5 0W  
Telephone: 0522 811020

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# Go Stepping Out!



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**Sleaford Tourist Information Centre, Money's Yard, Carre Street, Sleaford, Lincs NG34 7TW Telephone: 01529 414294**

**Email: tic@n-kesteven.gov.uk www.heartoflincs.com**

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**www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk**

**www.visitlincolnshire.com**



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## Stepping Out

# Wellingore and Temple Bruer



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**W1** Distance 6.1 miles/9.8kms **W2** Distance 8.4 miles/13.5kms



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[www.countrysidenk.co.uk](http://www.countrysidenk.co.uk)

# Introduction

Navenby, Wellingore and Temple Bruer lie at the western edge of Lincoln Heath close to the Cliff. 'Bruer' comes from the Norman-French word 'bruyere', meaning 'heath'.

These villages are close to the Roman Ermine Street, the road linking London to Lincoln constructed by Army engineers of the 9th and 14th legions during the conquest period. Settlements on the road were restricted to military posts every 10 Roman miles, with stations at Saltersford, Ancaster and Navenby.

For centuries, Lincoln Heath enjoyed an evil reputation as the haunt of highwaymen, but in the last 200 years its poor soils have been improved for agriculture. The Knight's Templar may have enclosed areas of heath to support their manorial 'granges'.

At Temple Bruer only the tower remains of a much larger Preceptory. The original church featured a rounded knave supported by eight pillars in imitation of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, which in turn followed octagonal Roman temple design. Curiously the remains of an octagonal Roman temple were found a mile away at Navenby.



# Walk facts

## Walk Location

Two circular walks through the countryside around Wellingore and Temple Bruer. The walks are on good tracks and footpaths.

## Starting Points

- W1** St John's the Baptist Church (Grid Ref: TF 010 547)
- W2** Navenby High Street (Grid Ref: TF 9880 5750)

## Parking

- W1** St John's the Baptist Church
- W2** Navenby High Street

## Public Transport

For information call the Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel)

## Walk Length

- W1** 6.1 miles (9.8kms) should take three and half hours to walk.
- W2** 8.4 miles (13.5kms) should take 4 hours at a leisurely pace.

## Type of Walk

- W1** Footpaths and quiet country roads. Fairly easy underfoot.
- W2** Quiet tarmac lanes and tracks. Fairly easy underfoot.

## Ordnance Survey maps

Explorer 272 and Landranger 130





W1

# Knights Templar Walk

- 1 If parking at St John's the Baptist Church, look for the yellow marked track on the opposite side of the road. Follow this for approximately half a mile until you reach a junction of paths.
- 2 Turn left along the farm track towards the Knights Templar Preceptory at Temple Bruer, which can be glimpsed in the distance.
- 3 From Temple Farm there is the option to reduce the walk to approximately 4 miles by turning right along Temple Road towards Cocked Hat Plantation. You will re-join the longer route at Point 6.
- 4 To follow the longer route carry straight on, taking the footpath opposite for about 1/4 miles to the village of Braucewell. Braucewell boasts a restored Horse Gin, used to drive agricultural machinery. Find the Gin turn left into the lane where its rounded structure can be seen on your right.
- 5 To follow the walk turn right out of Braucewell along Lag Lane for about 1 1/4 miles until you see a grassy track leading off to your right. This is Ermine Street and part of the Viking Way.
- 6 Turn right onto Ermine Street and follow the Viking Way along the course of the old Roman Road for about a mile until you see an area of trees to your right

- 7 known as Cocked Hat Plantation. At this point you can turn right along Temple Road back towards Temple Farm and retrace your steps back to the car park. Alternatively, continue straight on, crossing Temple Road until a way marked road leads off right. At this point on your left is the site of RAF Wellingore an old airfield dating back to 1917

For a longer walk, continue straight on joining the Village and Viking Way Walk at Point 6. The two routes together form a walk of 12.11 miles/ 19.49 kms.

- 7 Turn right onto this track and continue for about a mile passing Griffin's Farm on your left until you reach a junction of paths.
- 8 Turn left and this path takes you back to St. John's the Baptist Church and your car

Drove roads like Temple Road can be up to 20 metres wide in places. The grass strips on their side of the roadway were used for grazing and haymaking. After the Enclosure Act 1760-1830 these strips effectively compensated peasant farmers for the loss of grazing rights on Common Land. Most of the hawthorn hedges date from this period.



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W2

# Village and Viking Way

- 1 Leave Navenby High Street and walk down Clin Lane, at the bottom of the lane join the Viking Way.
- 2 Turn left and follow the Viking Way along the top of Lincoln Edge, for about 1/2 mile with striking views over the Witham Valley. Continue along this path as it leaves the edge, and walk through the wooden kissing gate along Memorial Hall Drive to Wellingore Memorial Hall. Continue past the Memorial Hall, along West Street into Wellingore. Turn right into Coff Road. Take care crossing the busy A607. Take the first left into Hall Street.
- 3 Continue down Hall Street past the Saints Church and the imposing Wellingore Hall on the right. Continue a Hall Street briefly becomes Seaford Road before turning right onto Pottergate, the ancient Jurassic Way.
- 4 Take the footpath opposite for about 1/2 a mile to the junction with Ermine Street where it becomes the Viking Way following the north-south route of the Roman road.
- 5 For an alternative shorter route at this point turn left along Ermine Street to Navenby. This route is approximately 3.5 miles. (For a second shorter route turn right onto Ermine Street, then left onto Gorse Hill Lane for approximately 1 1/4 miles as far as

- 6 Gorse Hill Covert this will bring you to Point 9. This will be approximately 6.3 miles. For the longer route turn right and walk down Ermine Street for about 3/4 of a mile).
- 6 Leave Ermine Street, turn left and walk down the lane between tall hedgerows and past Griffin's Farm on your left, until you meet a junction of paths.
- 7 At this junction, turn left and follow this path back to St John's the Baptist Church.
- 8 On reaching the church, continue past it and turn immediately left onto a stony track, with the church still on your left. Follow this to the junction with Gorse Hill Lane.
- 9 Turn right and then left into Gorse Lane Track at Gorse Hill Covert keeping the wood on your right and the pylons on your left. Continue for about 3/4 of a mile.
- 10 At the T-junction with the lane, turn left for about a mile across Navenby Heath past Vine House Farm to the T-junction with Ermine Street.
- 11 When you meet Ermine Street again, turn right and walk past Navenby Open Space on your left. Continue on Ermine Street past Chapel Lane and take the next left into East Road.
- 12 Return to Navenby High Street along East Road, past Mrs Smith's Cottage on your right.