

A Short Summer Ramble



**A 2½ mile ramble which should take
no longer than 90 minutes**

St. Swithun's Church

ROUTE

On leaving St Swithun's Church turn right and walk up Church Street towards the centre of the village, and in 500 yds – at **1** on the map, turn right on to a path that soon crosses the River Witham before opening out into a grass meadow.

Proceed straight across the grass meadow and through the gate at the far side. Then follow the path diagonally across the next field, and on meeting the hedge line turn right keeping the hedge on your left.

At the end of the hedge, our route temporarily deviates from the Viking Way: so walk straight across the last part of the field and through the gap in the fence ahead. The track then meanders through the next field to exit in the corner by the Westborough Parish Church.

Here our route rejoins the Viking Way for a few yards; so walk straight down the road ahead and at the end turn left on to the bridleway – at **2** on the map.



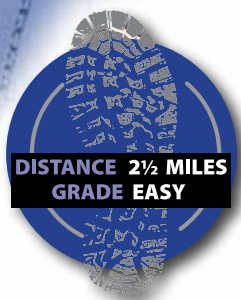


However, you may wish to pause and take a short break on the seat by the river ahead of you before, prior to taking the bridleway.

Now follow the bridleway which eventually becomes a road ahead of you, Back Lane. Continue on the Lane until it reaches Town Street – at ③ on map.

Here you should turn left to walk down Town Street for around 100 yards before turning right at The Old Tavern on to Baker's Lane – at ④ on map.

You are now back on the Viking Way, and should walk straight ahead up the road, at the end of which you turn left into a tree-covered passage. On emerging from the passage you intercept the outbound track to Westborough, so turn right and re-trace your steps to Long Bennington and St Swithun's Church, sign-posted Viking Way all the way.



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Point 3 - Continuing on Back Lane until it reaches Town Street



Point 4 - Turning right at The Old Tavern on to Baker's Lane

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