

St. Swithun's Church

The Armistice Walk



DISTANCE 4 MILES
GRADE EASY

A four mile ramble through charming Lincolnshire countryside, for which you should allow two hours

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ROUTE

The first half of the walk follows the Viking Way.

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 re-joins the Viking Way: so walk straight down the road ahead, with the church on your right, and then up a small grass incline, with a hedge on your left, to a bridge that crosses the River Witham – at **2** on the map.

Having crossed the bridge follow the path through two small fields that lead to a larger one; half way across this larger field you come to a gravel road and have a choice on how you proceed to the village of Foston – at **3** on the map.





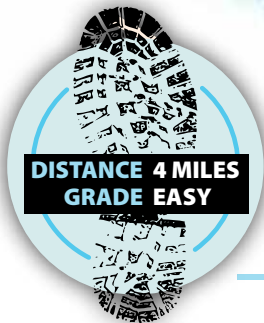
You can either:

Walk straight ahead and through three more fields until the path emerges into Foston village, by the Parish Church **OR** you can turn left to follow the gravel road and then the track on its left until you reach a tarmac road.

Here you turn right down the road to reach Foston village. This is probably the best route to follow in winter or when the going is heavy under foot.

Now proceed through Foston village and turn right down the tarmac road to head for Long Bennington (signposted Newark). After about ½ a mile – at **4** on the map, and at the second of two bends, take the signposted footpath on your right.

This footpath takes you along the edge of two fields, with the hedge on your right, before opening out across a third field from which you exit in front of St Swithun's Church.



Alternative Route



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Approaching Point 2, by Westborough Church, where you follow the road ahead



The signpost at point 4 signals the route home across the fields

Look out for our other walks, 'The Allington Ramble' and 'The Leaning Tower Walk'

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