

## OTHER WALKS

ROUTE 1

### ALFORD TO SPILSBY

A delightful 8 mile (13 kilometre) linear walk through the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), a glacially sculpted and ancient landscape.



ROUTE 2

### SPILSBY TO WAINFLEET ALL SAINTS

A contrasting 9½ mile (15 kilometre) linear walk from the edge of the Wolds, along the Steeping River, to the medieval port of Wainfleet.



ROUTE 3

### WAINFLEET ALL SAINTS TO ALFORD

A remarkable 18½ mile (30 kilometre) linear walk through fenland, marsh and wold, with prehistoric heritage, Roman remains and beautiful parkland.



ROUTE 4

### WALK AROUND ALFORD

A charming 4 mile (6½ kilometre) circular walk around the historic market town of Alford, with fine views of both coast and local landmarks.



ROUTE 5

### WALK AROUND SPILSBY

A varied 4½ mile (7½ kilometre) circular walk around the medieval market town of Spilsby, exploring its historic landscape and literary connections.



ROUTE 6

### WALK AROUND WAINFLEET ALL SAINTS

A fascinating 5½ mile (8½ kilometre) circular walk around the medieval port of Wainfleet, discovering its remarkable heritage and links with Magdalen College Oxford.



ROUTE 7

### ALFORD TO THE COAST

An interesting 10½ mile (16½ kilometre) linear walk through the historic Middle Marsh and flat Outmarsh to the Sea at Wolla Bank or Chapel Six Marshes.



Listed above is a series of walks in the East Lindsey district of Lincolnshire, leading you through rich landscapes shaped by the past, and enlightening you to three significant, charming towns.

## WALK INFORMATION

DISTANCE	4 miles, 6½ km
TIME	Approx. 2 - 3 hours at a leisurely pace.
MAPS	OS Landranger 122 and OS Explorer 274.
PARKING	Free car parking is available off Millers Way, opposite the Anchor Inn on East Street (Grid Ref: TF 456 762). There are also pay and display car parks in Alford Market Place and South Market Place.
TERRAIN	Along footpaths which can be muddy at times. Some roadside walking, including crossing the A1104. Generally level, with some gentle hills and a short steep climb.
REFRESHMENTS	Tearooms, restaurants, pubs and shops in Alford.
TOILETS	Public toilets behind Alford Library in South Market Place car park.
STILES	A few. Some are stock proof and therefore may be difficult for some dogs.

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## HISTORY MATTERS

### THREE TOWNS WALKS WALK AROUND ALFORD

A charming walk around this historic market town, with reputedly the country's largest thatched manor house.



ROUTE 4

CIRCULAR WALK - 4 MILES

## LINCOLNSHIRE



### Lincolnshire

One of England's biggest counties, Lincolnshire offers plenty of space to enjoy big skies and contrasting, diverse landscapes. The district of East Lindsey on the eastern side of the County has compiled a series of walks around some of its delightful towns and rich heritage for you to enjoy.



Alford Manor House is reputedly the largest thatched manor house in the country. Built in 1611, it is a very rare example of a composite structure, featuring a wooden frame encased in brick. Newly restored, it offers contemporary art and craft, tearoom and gardens, plus special events throughout the year.



Alford Manor House

**1** From Alford Manor House, walk towards the Post Office to turn left along Park Lane, noting the three generations of street name signs on the corner. Look out for the intricate brickwork of the old police station and house to your right, and the 'Entrance for Magistrates' notice above the door to Alford Conservative Club. Both police and court buildings were opened in 1879, at a cost of £1,870. Continue ahead, passing the site of the former annual Bull Fair beneath more recent development on your left.

**2** At the road end, enter a grass field through the wooden gate, bearing half left to a second gate in the next hedgeline. Then, following the waymarked path, walk across the field towards a bridge over the Wold Grift Drain. Look for the distinctive outlines of Alford's former Methodist Chapel and St Wilfrid's Church becoming visible on the skyline to your left.



Wold Grift Drain

KEY	
	ROUTE
	FOOTBRIDGE
	REFRESHMENTS



**The Countryside Code**

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants & animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



Towards Alford

St Wilfrid's Church is a medieval church, dating from around 1350. Above the porch is a small room where, in 1566, the town's Grammar School began. Captain John Smith, who played a key role in the founding of America, was a pupil there, walking daily from his home in nearby Willoughby.

**3** Just before the bridge, turn right to cross a stile and footbridge. Continue on, drain to your left, across three further footbridges, with the rise of the Lincolnshire Wolds visible on your left and views of Alford's Five-Sailed Windmill to your right. Listen for the skylark's distinctive stream of song overhead and the water vole's characteristic 'plop' into the water by your side.



Water Vole



St Wilfrid's Church

**4** Then, following the signposted footpath, walk diagonally right across a field towards the footbridge visible at the next boundary. Crossing this, follow the waymarked path over another field, heading for the outward curve of the Wold Grift Drain. There, turn right to continue alongside the drain emerging, across another footbridge, onto Greenfield Lane.



Mablethorpe

Along the road to your left lie the moated remains of Greenfield Priory, a Cistercian nunnery founded about 1150. Of the ten nuns remaining at the Priory's dissolution in 1536, the prioress received a pension of £10 a year, whilst the others were paid off with 20 shillings a piece!

**5** Turn right to walk uphill towards the A1104 road, one of the main routes to Mablethorpe and Lincolnshire's holiday coast. The heavy musk of fox can often be smelled along here.



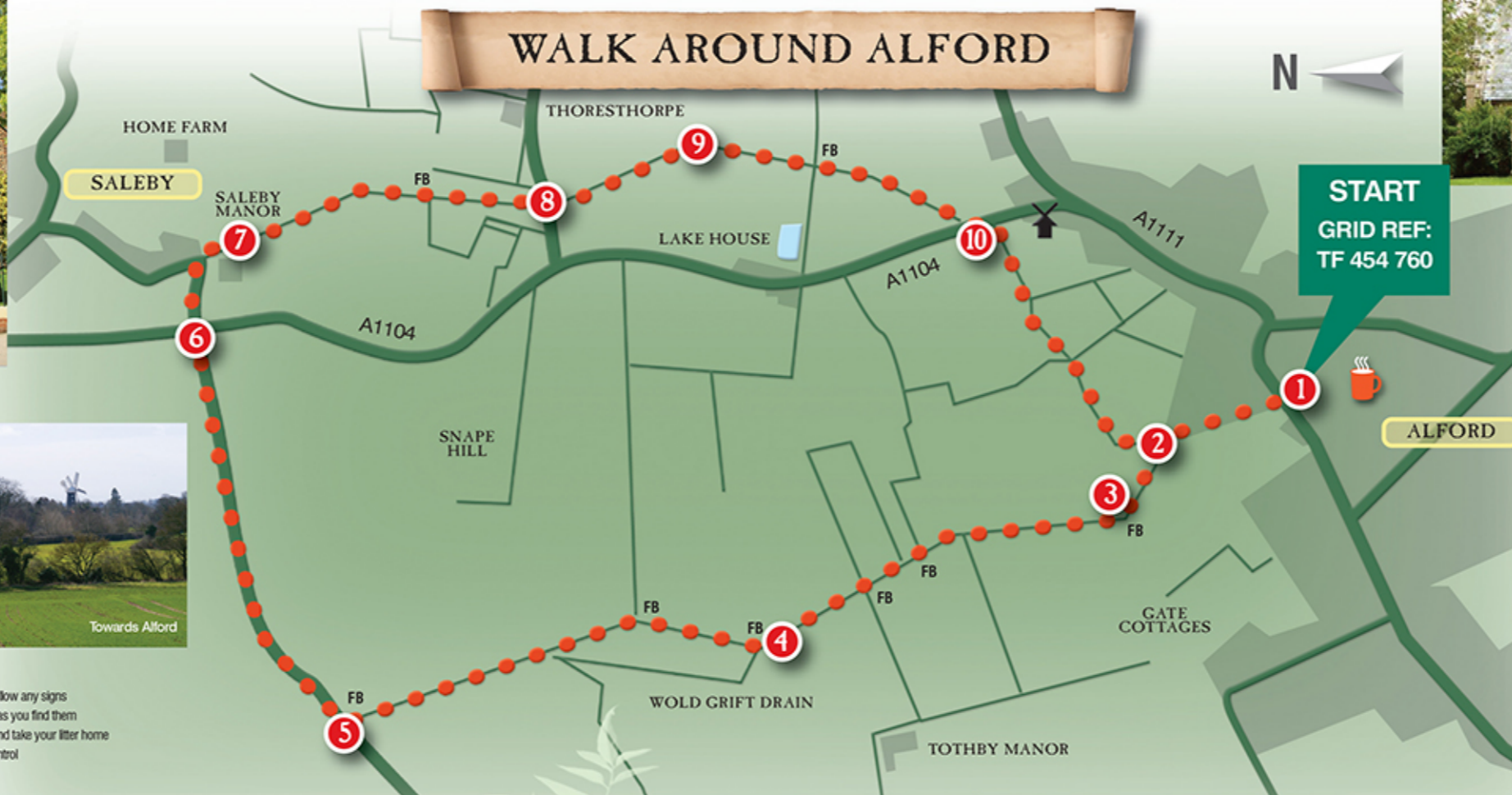
Fox Cub

**10** Carefully cross the road, turning left along the opposite pavement. Then, quickly turn right to follow the signposted footpath along a field edge and across a wooden boardwalk into another field. Continue ahead, hedge to your left, through a metal gate, before returning along the fenceline to the gate onto Park Lane. There, retrace your steps back to Alford Manor House, your starting point.



Alford Windmill

# WALK AROUND ALFORD



**START**  
GRID REF:  
TF 454 760



St Margaret's Church, Saleby

**6** There, carefully cross straight over to walk down Rose Lane towards Saleby. As the road bends sharply left, pause to notice the old Methodist chapel built in the distinctive yellowish brick from nearby Farlesthorpe. Then, continue straight ahead, turning quickly right to follow the signposted footpath along a farm track.

Saleby market was established in 1223, sixty years before William de Welle obtained a Charter to hold a market in Alford. However, the subsequent dispute between the lords of the two manors was resolved to Alford's advantage and Saleby market eventually ceased to be.

**7** As the farm track bends left, carry on ahead to follow the signposted footpath across a field, passing the moated site of Saleby Manor and heading for the waymark post visible in the hedge gap. There, turn right to walk along the hedgeline to a footbridge in the field corner. Then, following the signposted footpath, continue across the next field, heading to the right of the tidy hedgeline in the far left field corner. Cross a dry ditch to walk, hedge to your left, along the edge of the grass field, emerging through a wooden gate into Thoresthorpe.



Panoramic views

**8** Turn left to walk along the road, quickly turning right to follow the signposted footpath diagonally up an arable field, heading for the remains of an isolated ash tree and sign visible on the skyline. From here, on a clear day, there are fine panoramic views out towards the coast and Lincolnshire's first wind park near Mablethorpe.



S skylark

Built in three phases, the 16 state-of-the-art wind turbines near Mablethorpe together produce more than 30 million units of clean, green electricity each year. That's enough to power almost 10,000 local homes, saving some 29,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions annually.



Lincolnshire's first wind park

**9** Then, heading just left of Alford's Five-Sailed Windmill, follow the signposted footpath downhill to a hidden footbridge and stile in the next hedgeline. Cross these to walk, hedge to your left, through old pasture before emerging over a stile, beside the A1104 again.

Alford's Five-Sailed Windmill, built in the early nineteenth century, is the town's only surviving windmill. Restored to full working order, visitors can experience this six storey mill in action grinding organic grain. Home-ground flours are on sale in the Mill Shop, with lunches and refreshments available in the stylish tearoom.