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stepping out walks network



Winding through North Kesteven's wonderful countryside are over 130 miles of way

marked Stepping Out walks. Accompanied by detailed walk leaflets, they are an ideal way of discovering the woodlands, villages and country churches which make up our landscape.

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Since 2006 North Kesteven District Council and Leisure Connection have worked in partnership with Hill Holt Wood, a social enterprise to deliver a high quality countryside ranger service in North Kesteven.



Welcome to North Kesteven...

In the heart of rural Lincolnshire, south of the city of Lincoln, lies North Kesteven, an area of endless countryside and charming villages, with the two towns of North Hykeham to the north, and Sleaford in the south of the district.

North Kesteven has a wealth of local heritage, countryside walks, distinctive collections of arts and crafts, intimate theatres and excellent sports facilities. It boasts delicious locally produced food.

The central location of the district makes it an ideal base for visiting other parts of the beautiful county of Lincolnshire. Whether you are here for just a day, or for a longer period, you can be sure of a warm welcome. It's rural England at its very best and is the perfect place to relax and unwind, indulge in nostalgia, or simply have lots of fun!

For more Stepping Out walks, the Spires & Steeples Arts and Heritage Trail, further information on local attractions or accommodation, please call or visit:
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Email: tic@n-kesteven.gov.uk www.heartoflincs.com
Download all the Stepping Out walks by visiting www.countrysideNK.co.uk

www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk
www.visitlincolnshire.com
www.spiresandsteeples.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.

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Stepping Out is a collection of walks through quiet, unspoilt countryside in the heart of rural Lincolnshire. North Kesteven is a district of picturesque villages and exquisite medieval churches, a living landscape steeped in history and rich in wildlife. North Kesteven is also the home of the Royal Air Force, boasting a wealth of aviation history with airfields past and present, as well as RAF College Cranwell. These walks have been carefully chosen to bring our unique heritage to life and with accessible routes ranging from less than three to nine miles, there is a walk for everyone to go Stepping Out!

The Stepping Out network captures the five distinct landscape types that characterise North Kesteven: enjoy the drama of the Lincoln Cliff escarpment, with its breathtaking views over the Trent and Witham Vales to the west; discover lost villages and the forgotten history of the Knights Templar among the fertile fields and Roman byways of the Dip Slope as it falls to the east; explore

the edge of the fens along the Car Dyke and the River Witham, with spectacular views of Lincoln Cathedral dominating the skyline to the north; or take a stroll through the undulating Kesteven Uplands of the south with its stone built manors, villages and farms bounded by thorny hedges and connected by wide-verged lanes.

for further information

Sustrans National Cycle Network
www.sustrans.org.uk

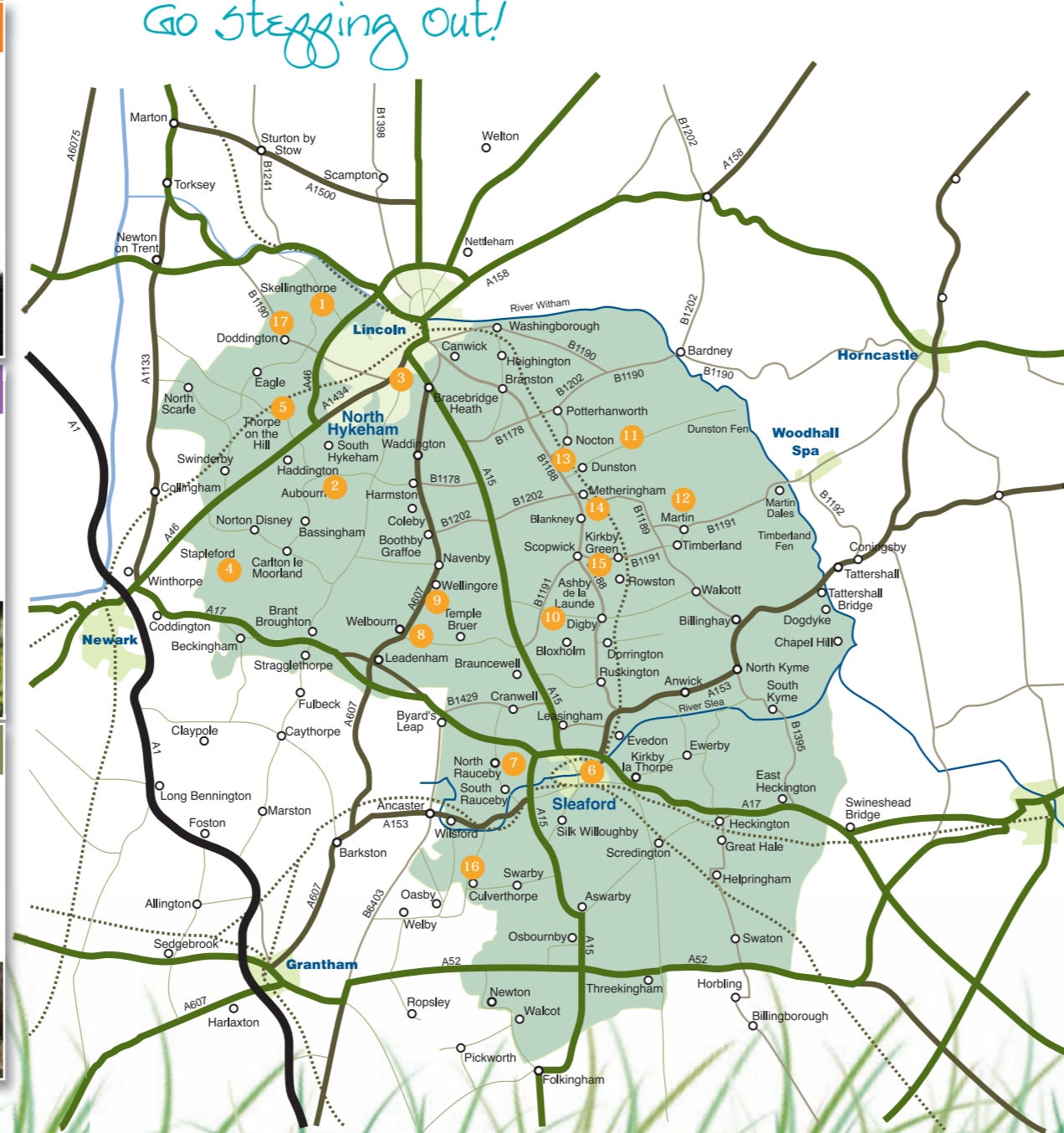
The Woodland Trust
www.woodland-trust.org.uk

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
www.lincstrust.co.uk

The Forestry Commission
www.forestry.gov.uk



Walk 1	Skellingthorpe Old Wood
Distance 4.5 miles/7.6km	
Starting in Skellingthorpe village, the walk follows woodland trails through this special Woodland Trust area.	
	
Walk 3	River Witham Walks
W1 Distance 4.5 miles/7.3km W2 Distance 5 miles/8km	
Delightful circular walks from Bracebridge Heath and North Hykeham, enjoying the banks of the River Witham and panoramic views from Lincoln Cliff.	
	
Walk 5	Thorpe on the Hill & Tunman
W1 Distance 2.8 miles/4.5km W2 Distance 3.8 miles/6.1km	
Starting from Thorpe on the Hill or the Dovecote Public House, enjoy the countryside and wildlife along green lanes and woodland paths.	
	
Walk 2	Aubourn and Haddington
W1 Distance 3.75 miles/6km W2 Distance 3.75 miles/6km	
Discover the ancient history surrounding the villages of Aubourn and Haddington and explore their surrounding countryside.	
	
Walk 4	Stapleford Wood
Distance 0.75 miles/1.4km	
A network of trails through quiet Forestry Commission woodland including an all ability trail suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs.	
	
Walk 6a	The Eastern Slea
Distance 3.75 miles/6km	
Two leaflets exploring the River Slea and its surrounding countryside. This walk follows the Slea eastwards on a linear walk to Haverholme Priory.	
	



Walk 6b	Riverside Walk
Distance 6.4 miles/10.3km	
Two leaflets exploring the River Slea and its surrounding countryside. This route contains circular walks westwards towards North and South Raucemy.	
	
Walk 8	Welbourn Walks
W1 Distance 2.25 miles/3.6km W2 Distance 6 miles/9.7km	
Walks through the Lowfields and along the slope of the Lincoln Edge, starting in the centre of this attractive cliff village.	
	
Walk 10	Bloxholm and Brauncewell
Distance 3.4 miles/5.5km	
Discover the sites of ancient medieval villages along these woodland and pasture walks.	
	
Walk 7	Rauceby Walks
W1 Distance 4.75 miles/7.5km W2 Distance 4 miles/6.5km	
Two walks from North and South Rauceby taking you through delightful countryside and parkland.	
	
Walk 9	Wellingore and Temple Bruer
W1 Distance 6.1 miles/9.8km W2 Distance 8.4 miles/13.5km	
Enjoy magnificent views across the Trent Valley from these Lincoln cliff edge and heath paths. Explore the remains of the Knights Templar Preceptory and enjoy the quiet lanes and footpaths which explore this ancient heathland.	
	
Walk 11	Car Dyke By Wood and Fen
W1 Distance 3 miles/4.9km W2 Distance 4 miles/6.3km	
Discover the mysteries of the Roman Car Dyke and enjoy panoramic views along the fenland edge.	
	

Walk 12	Martin/Metheringham Barff
Distance 6.3 miles/10.1km	
A walk rich in variety with sweeping views across the fens and exploring the site of the old RAF Metheringham with its evocative memorial.	
	
Walk 14	Blankney Walk
Distance 3.8 miles/6.1km	
A walk through the beautiful parkland and farmland surrounding this delightful village.	
	
Walk 16	Culverthorpe Walks
W1 Distance 3.5 miles/5.3km W2 Distance 1 mile/2.6km	
Country estate walks in an area of gently rolling hills, woods and parkland.	
	
Walk 13	Nocton and Dunston Walks
W1 Distance 4 miles/6.4km W2 Distance 2.8 miles/4.5km	
Ancient woodland and fens provide two beautiful walks setting out from the historic villages of Nocton and Dunston.	
	
Walk 15	Scopwick and Kirkby Green
W1 Distance 2.3 miles/3.7km W2 Distance 1.9 miles/3km	
Two walks on ancient bridleways and lanes to explore the rich countryside around these neighbouring villages.	
	
Walk 17	Doddington Walks
Walks in and around historic Doddington Hall and Gardens. Built in 1595, the hall stands in distinctive parklands, surrounded by woodland and open countryside and a popular farm shop and cafe. There are plans to create a new Stepping Out walk in Doddington. Future information can be found at www.countrysidenk.co.uk	
	