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BOTTESFORD TO ASLOCKTON

3 hour walk

Starting from Bottesford Railway Station, this walk takes you through the countryside and the attractive village in the Vale of Belvoir, over two rivers between the villages of Bottesford and Aslockton.

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START

Bottesford Railway Station, Station Road

Public carpark in Bottesford and Bottesford and Aslockton railway stations.

WALK LOCATION

Bottesford is west of Grantham & close to Nottingham

Grid Reference: SK 810 392

WALK LENGTH

10 km (6 miles) - Up to 3 hours to complete

The walk uses field and paths, which may be muddy and uneven in places.

REFRESHMENTS

There's plenty of choice in Bottesford and Aslockton

There is the Cranmer Arms public house in Aslockton and The Durham Ox public house in Orston.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

TRAIN TIMES

National Rail Enquiries

Tel: 03457 484950

www.nationalrail.co.uk

East Midlands Railway

Tel: 03457 125678

www.eastmidlandsrailway.co.uk

BUS INFORMATION

Lincolnshire County Council

lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel

Lincsbus.info

Traveline.info

TOURIST INFORMATION

Tourist information Centre

Tel: 01522 526450

www.visitlincolnshire.com

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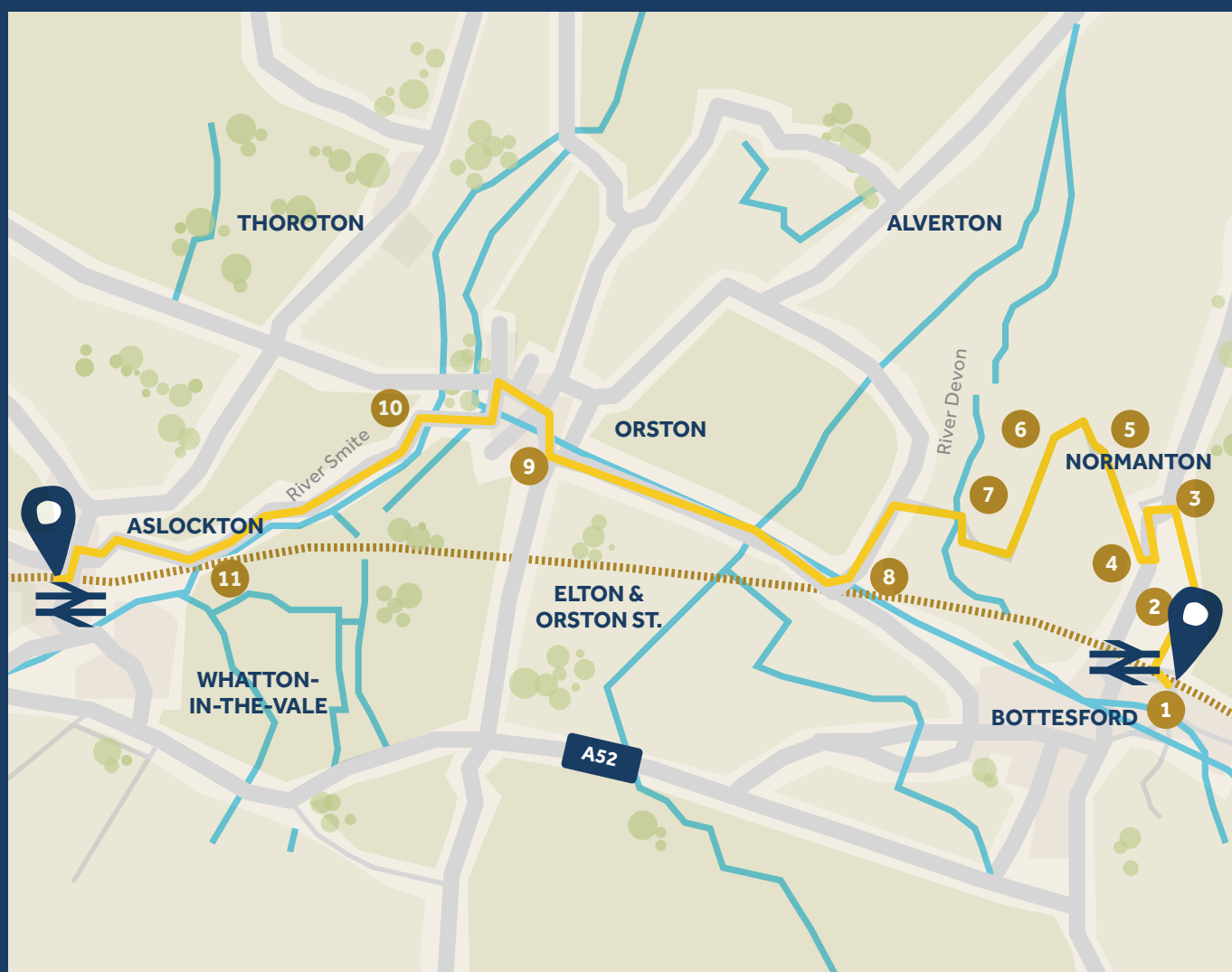


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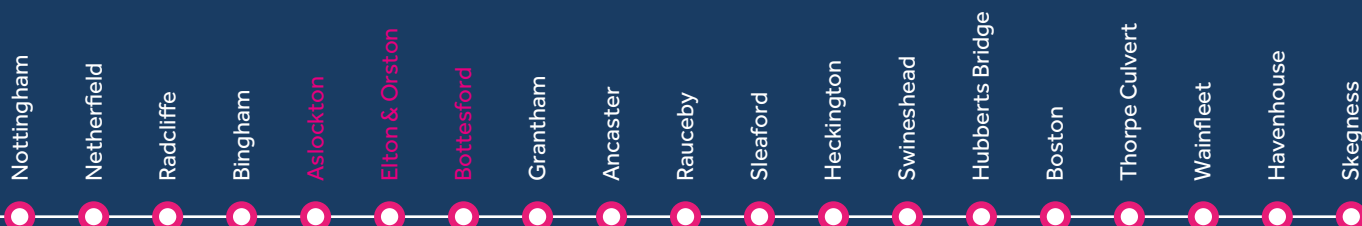
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MAP & DIRECTIONS

Please note: All our walks can be done in the reverse direction if required



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- 1** Leave Bottesford Railway Station, turn right and follow the road for approximately 100m and turn right along a public bridlepath.

Cross the railway line with care. Continue straight up Beacon Hill ignoring the waymark for a bridleway to Allington on the right.

- 2** At the top of the hill are the Bottesford Millennium Beacon and an Ordnance Survey trig point at a height of 61.37 metres above sea level. On a clear day there are fine views of the surrounding countryside of Leicestershire (including Belvoir Castle), Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire.

Continue along the path downhill to a junction with a farm track. Cross over the farm track and turn immediately left at the footpath waymark in the hedge and climb the stile. Cross the field to the opposite right corner and waymark, then bear left across the next field to the waymark and stile next to the field gate between the properties on the edge of Normanton.

- 3** Turn left and follow the road: take care as this road is busy. It turns sharp left - continue to follow the road using the adjacent footway.

- 4** At the footpath waymark on the right, turn right and climb the stile. Bear right across the field to the waymark in the centre of field boundary hedge line.

Climb two stiles to the next field. Cross the field, bearing left towards the waymark in the hedge opposite. Climb the stile to the next field and turn immediately left.

- 5** Follow the hedge line for approximately 23 metres to a waymark in the corner of the next field and turn immediately right.

Follow the hedge line for approximately 100 metres. Then turn around and head straight back bearing right across the field to a waymark in the field boundary hedge approximately a third of the way along from the field corner you have just walked from. (There is no recorded direct public right of way between the two points in the same hedge line).

- 6** Climb the stile to the next field and continue straight ahead, following the field boundary hedge to the right. Bottesford church spire can be seen to the left ahead.

At the waymark in the hedge turn right and climb the stile to the next field. Immediately turn left and follow the field boundary hedge to a waymark. Turn left and climb the stile to the next field. Immediately turn right and follow the field boundary hedge to a waymark in the field corner. Climb the stile to a farm track.

Cross straight over the farm track into the field and continue straight ahead along the field boundary for approximately 40 metres to a waymark and turn right. In the next field follow the field boundary straight on with the hedge to the right. At the next waymark turn right and cross the ditch bridge to the next field. Head across the field diagonally left to the steps on the earth embankment.

- 7** At the top of the steps turn left and cross the bridge over the river Devon. Do not follow the disused railway line but continue straight ahead and climb the earth embankment. Follow the path to the field edge and waymark at the junction of two paths. Follow the path straight ahead, crossing the field, to a waymark in the hedge and tree-lined field boundary opposite.

Cross the bridge over the ditch to the next field and continue straight across this field to a waymark near a tree in the boundary opposite. At the road turn left.

- 8** Follow the road to a junction. At the junction turn right along the road signposted towards Orston and follow for 2½ km (1½ miles) to the village. Take care as this road can be busy.

- 9** At the crossroads follow the road into Orston village signposted towards Scarrington. Pass Lombard Street and then turn left onto Loughbon that is also signposted towards Scarrington. Just before St Mary's Church turn left onto Chapel Street and continue to the end of the street. Follow the footpath straight ahead to a waymark at a junction of two paths, then turn right towards a field. Follow the path around the field edge with a ditch and hedge on the right to the footbridge crossing the river Smite.

- 10** Cross the bridge and turn left. Now keep to the path that follows the river bank through several fields for approximately 2 km (1 mile).

- 11** At a point just before where the railway line crosses the river (river bank is gated private) the path turns right and runs between a hedge and earth bank along a field edge.

At the next field continue straight on, following the field edge, to a kissing gate in the hedge. Follow the path to a track, then turn right along the track towards Aslockton and St Thomas' Church bell tower. Keep to the track that bears to the right side of the farm buildings and look out for Cranmer's Mound on the right.

Continue to a kissing gate and turn right following the drive past the church to the road. Turn left then pass the Post office and Cranmer Arms. Aslockton railway station is ahead to the left of the level road crossing.

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Poacher Line Railway Walks

This linear walk links Bottesford and Asklockton railway stations on the southern Lincolnshire edge. The 78 miles of railway line between Nottingham and Skegness is known as the Poacher Line and is a community rail line/service. Community rail lines aim to involve local people in the development and running of local and rural routes, services and stations.

This is one of five linear walks linking stations on the Poacher Line. If you have enjoyed this walk why not try the others:

1) Radcliffe to Nottingham	10½km	(6½ miles)
2) Bottesford to Aslockton	10 km	(6 miles)
3) Grantham to Bottesford	15 km	(9½ miles)
4) Ancaster to Sleaford	10½ km	(6½ miles)
5) Skegness to Wainfleet	12 km	(7½ miles)

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Please remember the countryside is a place where people live and work and where wildlife makes its home. To protect the countryside for other visitors please respect it and on every visit follow the Countryside Code. Thank you.

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

**Most of all enjoy
your visit to the
countryside!**

Lincolnshire County Council have a series of walk leaflets produced by the Countryside Access Team to help you explore and enjoy the county's countryside. If you have enjoyed these walks and would like information on other walking routes in Lincolnshire then please visit our website: lincolnshire.gov.uk/countryside

If you would like to request a copy of this leaflet in an alternative format or a different language please contact Lincolnshire County Council Countryside Access Team: **Tel: 01522 782070**
Email: countryside_access@lincolnshire.gov.uk

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