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GRANTHAM TO BOTTESFORD

5 hour walk

Starting from Grantham Railway Station, this walk follows the route of the Grantham Canal for the majority of the way from Grantham town through picturesque countryside to Bottesford Village.

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START

Grantham Railway Station, Station Road

Public car parks at Grantham and Bottesford railway stations.

WALK LOCATION

Grantham is situated south of Lincoln

Grid Reference: SK 913 352

WALK LENGTH

15 km (9 ½ miles) - Up to 5 hours to complete

The walk uses surfaced/un-surfaced paths and quiet lanes, which may be muddy and uneven in places.

REFRESHMENTS

There's plenty of choice in Grantham and Bottesford

The Rutland Arms Inn is located next to the Grantham Canal near Woolsthorpe. The Old Forge Tea Rooms are at Muston.

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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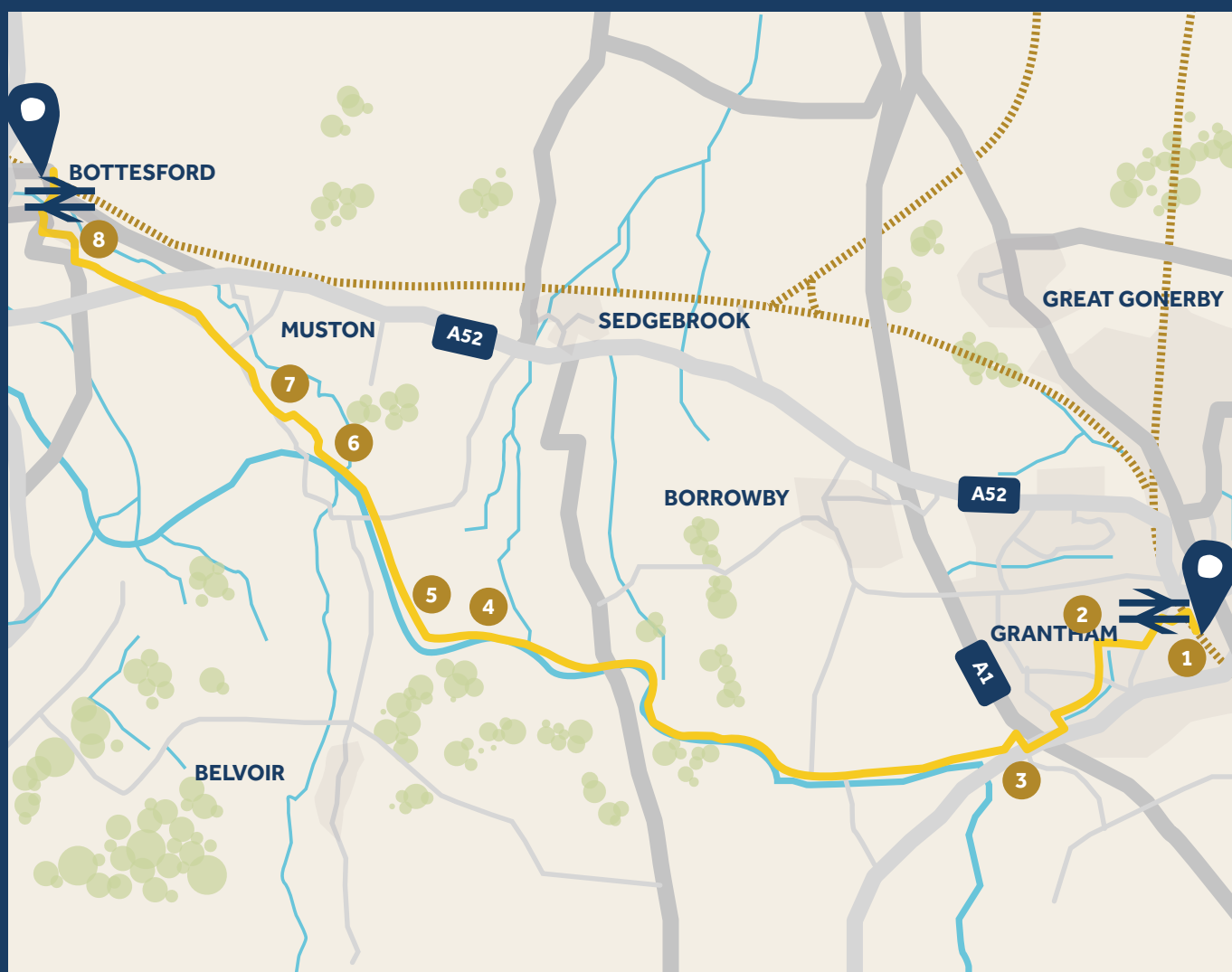


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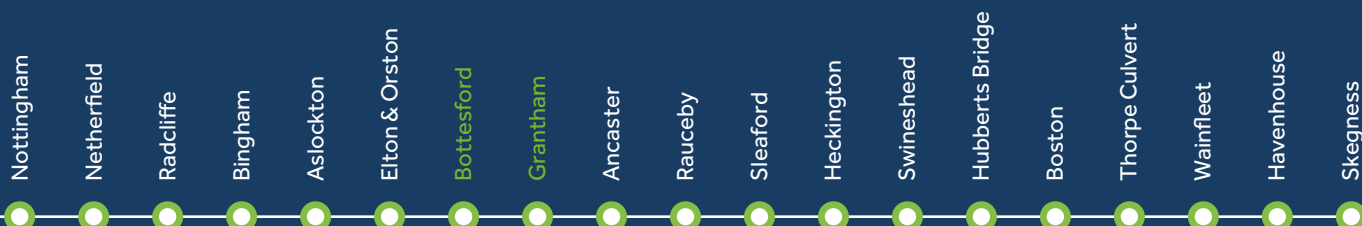
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MAP & DIRECTIONS

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- 1 Leave Grantham railway station and turn left. Follow the road for approximately 50m and then turn left through a footpath tunnel that passes under the East Coast Main Line. Continue straight ahead to a road junction and turn right along Huntingtower Road.

At the next road Junction turn left and follow Harlaxton Road (A607). Turn right at the third road on the right, Earlesfield Lane. Continue along Earlesfield Lane: just past Hollis Road cross over a bridge and turn immediately left.

The bridge is Earlesfield Lane Bridge No 69 on the Grantham Canal. This is now the termination point of the canal, as from this point to the site of the former basin the canal is filled in.

- 2 Follow the footpath that runs adjacent to Grantham Canal, situated within the green space between the canal and housing estate. Cross straight over Trent Road at the pedestrian crossing and continue to follow the footpath next to the canal.

Keep straight ahead on the path next to the canal and follow it up a small rise to a main road. Turn left and cross over the road at the pedestrian crossing point at the roundabout approach. It is signed walking and cycling route No15. Take care crossing this very busy road.

Continue left along the road and at the junction with Harlaxton Road turn right.

- 3 Follow Harlaxton Road through the A1 underpass and then turn immediately right at the footpath waymark.

After approximately 140m the footpath turns left and joins the restored Grantham Canal towpath. Follow the towpath along the canal for approximately 8½ km (5 miles).

The Grantham Canal was opened in 1797 and was used to transport materials and goods between Grantham and Nottingham until its closure in the 1930s. The canal then fell into a state of disrepair but is now undergoing restoration. Many of the locks have been repaired and brought back into use and bridges have been rebuilt.

You should see the following bridges in this order along the route:

Harlaxton Bridge No 66
Denton Bridge No 65
Casthorpe Bridge No 64
Casthorpe Bridle Bridge No 63
Longmoor Bridge No 62

- 4 After Longmoor Bridge you will reach the canal lock, Woolsthorpe Top Lock No 18 Just past the lock there is a waymark where a route bears to the right signed towards Nottingham.

- 5 Continue straight ahead following the canal towpath, past Woolsthorpe Bridge No 61 and the Rutland Arms Inn to the left on the opposite bank. Continue to follow the grass surfaced towpath adjacent to the canal.

- 6 Pass under Stenwith Bridge No 60 and continue along the canal. After Muston Lock No 12 and before Muston Bridge No 59 leave the canal towpath, turn right and then almost immediately left to follow Sustrans cycle route No 15 through the trees for approximately 460m to a road, Woolsthorpe Lane.

- 7 Turn right and follow the road past Muston Meadows National Nature Reserve on the left and ahead to Muston Village.

Continue into the village along Woolsthorpe Lane to a junction. Follow Easthorpe Lane straight ahead, which is signed as a "no through road" to the main A52 road. Cross this very busy road with care.

Continue to follow the lane (now Muston Lane) as it leads into Easthorpe to a road junction.

- 8 Turn right along the main road. As it bends to the left, turn right at a footpath waymark and follow the footpath along a drive for approximately 75m. Turn left and climb a stile into a field. Bear right across the field to the opposite right field corner between two properties to a waymark and stile.

Turn right at the road and follow it to a junction with Grantham Road. Turn right and then almost immediately cross over Grantham Road and turn left along Station Road. Follow Station Road for approximately 250m to Bottesford railway station on the right.

Before you catch the train back to Grantham take a minute to visit and enjoy our station garden created with the Bee Friendly Trust and the Bottesford community.



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Poacher Line Railway Walks

This linear walk links Grantham and Bottesford 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	10½ km	(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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