



Lincoln Town & Country Walk

PT 166 – 5km & 11km



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| START VENUE | South Common, South Park, off Canwick Road, Lincoln, LN5 8ES **The Permanent Trail is open but please adhere to current restrictions and guidance ** | | |
| CAR PARKING | Free at Start | | |
| PUBLIC TRANSPORT | 5km route within 2km. 11km –Exit Bus Station by café & toilets. Exit Rail Station and TR. Join route description at *** (at the end of Sincil Street and just after Imp Travel) | | |
| GEOCACHING | The route has five geocaches on or near the route, two of which are part of a series of eleven scattered around the common. | | |
| DISTANCE/GRADE | 5km – Grade 1. 11km - Grade 2 (or combine to make 16km) | | |
| TERRAIN | 5km – Urban areas, common land and riverside paths. 11km – Urban areas, common land, footpaths (part of the Viking Way) and riverside paths. | | |
| GENERAL INFORMATION | See some of Lincoln’s rich heritage and its waterways. The 11km route can be combined with PT92 Lincoln Tourist Walk or PT305 Lincoln Armistice Trail at the ‘High Bridge’ (3) | | |
| REFRESHMENTS: | 5km available in park (see route description at **). 11km available on route. | | |
| TOILETS | 5km available in park (see route description at **). 11km available on route. | | |
| BWF / IVV | This trail is registered until 31 December 2021. BWF declaration on next page. | | |
| ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHECK/UPDATED | Updated 19 th March 2021 (Please check you are using the latest version if you printed this off a while ago). | | |
| DATA PROTECTION | The data provided on his form will be retained until 1 st February 2022 for statistical analysis and will then be securely destroyed. | | |
| ENTRY FORM | Please complete the section below and send your IVV log books, Payment and an SAE to the Contact Address. Please check the postage rate for weight/ thickness of the envelope. Overseas postage is more expensive. | | |
| ENTRY FEE | £1.00 per walker (Cheques payable to: Lincolnshire Vikings Walking Club) | | |
| AWARD | Sew-on cloth badge price £2.00. The cloth badge is shown at the top of this page. Quantity Required: _____ | | |
| SOUVENIER LOG BOOK | Free stickers for your souvenir logbook are available on request – YES/NO | | |
| CONTACT/ ADDRESS FOR STAMPING OF BOOKS | Pat Charlton, 262 Wolsey Way, Lincoln, LN2 4ST Email: yov.lwvc@gmail.com <i>Please use this form (page 1) to submit your entry and claim IVV stamps</i> | | |
| NAMES OF THOSE COMPLETING THE WALK | | | |
| DATE WALK COMPLETED | | PAYMENT ENCLOSED | £ |
| EMAIL | (in case we need to contact you about your entry) | | |
| PT POSTAL CARDS | Will be stamped if you do not wish to send your IVV books - YES/NO | | |
| | 5km route | | 11km route |
| QUESTION 1 | | QUESTION 1 | |
| QUESTION 2 | | QUESTION 2 | |
| QUESTION 3 | | QUESTION 3 | |
| QUESTION 4 | | QUESTION 4 | |
| If you are walking any of the following Permanent Trails and sending your IVV books in, you only need send to one organiser, they will arrange to pass your books to the other organiser who will then post back to you using your SAE. Hadrian’s Wall Trail PT45, Lincoln Tourist Walk PT92, Nottingham City Trail PT100, Victorian Legacies PT212, Temple Newsam House & Gardens PT216, Newark on Trent Jubilee Walk PT241, Sandringham House Royal Residence Trail PT242, Banks of the River Ouse in Selby PT248, Abingdon Trail PT264, Ermine St Trail PT273, Harrogate Spa Old & New PT276, Grantham Machine Gun Corp Armistice PT287, Lincoln Armistice Trail PT305. | | | |

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

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| BWF DECLARATION | The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event. |
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TL = TURN LEFT; TR = TURN RIGHT; SO = STRAIGHT ON; PC= PEDESTRAIN CROSSING

ROUTE DESCRIPTION FOR 5KM (SEE BELOW FOR 11KM ROUTE DESCRIPTION)

Enter the South Common at the Notice board (just off Centre) with the Viking Way sign on the City of Lincoln sign – opposite East Holme Nursing Home. After 40m TR and follow the lower of the mown grassy paths westward for 750m (you can take any of the paths but you must follow the tree line on your right) until you see the wire fence around the allotments, go ahead keeping this on your right to TR through the gate and over the bridge.

Question 1: What is marked at Number 1 on the map?

Cross the grassy common heading slightly left towards the traffic lights and then cross the road at the first set and halfway at the second. TR to cross the dual carriageway to arrive on the west side of Newark Road. TL and go ahead. Turn 2nd right down St Catherine's Grove. Follow this road around the left bend.

Question 2: What is the name of number 42?

Follow ahead still on St Catherine's Grove to TR after number 116 onto the river bank. TL and follow round until you reach the bridge. TR to cross the bridge and go straight ahead, you will shortly arrive at the cycle path. Follow straight on ignoring all turnings and at the end TR into the Park.

Question 3: How many Heritage sites are shown on the map? (See yellow symbols on Information Board)

Bear right and head towards the lake. Go right and around the head of the lake to cross a metal bridge by Boutham Park Beacon. ***(March 2021 – the lake is fenced off whilst they construct a path around the lake. However, you can still get through by following the well trodden dirt path that follows the perimeter of the fence.)***

At the beacon Turn immediately right over another bridge and immediately right again. **** If you wish to visit the café do not take the second right but once over the bridge go SO to 4-way junction. TL and SO passing play area to a sharp right bend by metal railings. Follow this path to the café. Afterwards retrace your steps to the bridge and continue as before.**

Take the next right between the trees. Ignore the left turn and continue right to pass a graveyard on your left. At the T-junction TL to emerge from the trees onto Hall Drive. Bear right to follow the City Centre sign and pass the Lincoln Indoor Bowls Club on your left. Go straight ahead and take the first right into Altham Terrace. SO to pass an old folk's home which now occupies what was the first swimming pool in Lincoln, Boutham Baths Outdoor Pool. Go straight ahead with the drain on your left to reach the cross paths.

Continue SO in the same direction as before (signed Sincil Bank half a mile) to cross a bridge. Keep on Altham Terrace to reach the High Street. Cross at the pedestrian crossing and TL on the High Street. TR into Spencer Street and just before the road bends left TR between the houses and go to cross Sincil Drain. TL and go ahead to pass Lincoln City football ground. Turn first right down Sausthorpe Street and follow to the end, TR into Cross Street at the main gates of City's ground

TL and follow the footpath keeping the metal railings on your right at all times to pass the school. At the end TR keeping the school on your right go straight ahead to reach the main road.

Just before the main road you will find a sub-station on your left.

Question 4: Which power distribution company is named on the sub-station?

Use the crossing to cross and keeping in the same direction go between the houses to arrive back at your starting point.

This is the end of the route description for the 5km route

ROUTE DESCRIPTION FOR 11KM (SEE ABOVE FOR 5KM ROUTE DESCRIPTION)

Enter the South Common at the Notice board (just off Centre) with the Viking Way sign on the City of Lincoln sign – opposite East Holme Nursing Home. Go ahead straight up the hill to reach steps at the top (just below the new Bomber Command Memorial Obelisk) TR and take the path along the top of the South Common. *Look to your right for views of the Cathedral and across the city to the two power stations, West Burton and Cottam on the Trent.* The path eventually emerges onto Cross O'Cliff Hill, TL up the hill.

Proceed uphill towards Bracebridge Heath. At the top of the hill, opposite Coningsby Crescent -

Question 1: What is the name of the property on you left?

Follow the Viking Way signs to cross the road at the refuge/bus stop and turn back the way you came to TL into Coningsby Crescent and TL into Waldo Road.

Follow the Viking Way signs across the field ahead and at the signpost TR heading down the hill. (**Alternative route available in the case of muddy access*). Follow the track and after short distance bear left at footpath sign Viking Way onto a narrow path, follow this around the back of the NHS buildings. At the 3-way footpath sign TL (the City of Lincoln is below on the right) and continue to metal kissing gate. Bear right on the track across the field over wooden boards to meet a broad path coming down the hill. TR (downhill) and continue straight on to go through a gap in the hedge**.

(**Follow the track downhill and after a slight left-hand bend look for a gap on the left, TL over a bridge with yellow way marker, after 10m (approx.) TR to continue downhill and at the footpath sign TL. SO, passing the 3 way finger post with the Stepping Out signs and follow to the gap in the hedge to pick up the track** TR by green Stepping Out signs on small post*).

Continue SO with field on your right and rough area on your left towards a wire compound around an Anglian Water building. Follow this and go down the track towards the main road. Brant Road. Cross the road **very carefully and TL. TR after approx. 75 metres at the electric station by the bus stop. Follow this footpath crossing through bollards and over two roads.

Question 2: As you approach the second road what is the number on the lamp post you pass?

Keeping straight on to bollards/cycle path (*you may follow this path to the road if you prefer and re-join the route at ******), go through to a grass area and keep straight on through the trees, around the pond keeping it on your right. At the riverbank TR and follow this keeping the ponds on your right and the river on your left until just before reaching the road - TR on a short path to reach the cycle track and TL to the road. ***** TR and using the crossings to cross the roads TL to cross the bridge and arrive at the Plough Inn. Go into the car park and leave by the gateway at the bottom right hand side onto the towpath, with the river on your right.

Follow this path keeping the river on your right for some time crossing Altham Terrace and footbridge over drain. To the right are the sluice gates used to control Lincoln's flood defences. ***(The Environmental Agency is working on Lincoln Flood Defences between Altham Road and Dixon Street and the riverside footpath is closed, please use the cycle path that runs parallel to the river. At the end of the cycle path TL to a temporary pedestrian crossing, cross Dixon Street then TR and you are back on the route again.)***

Having crossed Dixon Street continue SO to cross Boultham Avenue.

This area of Lincoln was the site of many other industrial works including Fosters the makers of the first tank, and Ruston & Hornsby, heavy engineering works, responsible for the construction of diesel engines for locomotives. Further along, on your right you will be able to see Vernon's Mill, which has now been converted into flats.

After passing the bridge to Anchor Quay on your right, look at the building on your left –

Question 3: What is the name of the business that uses this building?

Next, cross over Firth Rd then SO to pass Burger King on your left. At this road TR and SO passing the multi-storey car park then Debenhams. At the T-junction by Argos TL. Cross next road using the PC then SO. Go over the level crossing and cross the road ahead – either by the underpass on the left or the PC on the right. Continue SO to reach Cenotaph.

Continue up the High Street towards the High Bridge (3) but do not cross the river. *[At the High Bridge - You can link with PT 92 Lincoln Tourist Walk and PT305 Lincoln Armistice Trail at this point].*

The stone arch in front of you is called the Stonebow and is the home of the City Council. The adjacent Guildhall holds all the Civic regalia and is open to visitors on some Saturdays. It is worth a look at the HSBC Bank on the left hand corner take time to look inside if possible to view the magnificent ceiling. These are the coats of arms of all the Lincolnshire towns where the former Midland Bank had branches.

TR into Waterside South keeping the river on your left.

Question 4: What is the name of the business on the corner as you turn into Waterside South?

Pass Wilko's Store on your right. Emerge into the square and bear right into Sincil Street the site of the Lincoln Central Markets. *Notice the two old pubs on the opposite side of the river bank, the Witch and the Wardrobe first and The Green Dragon at the end.* Continue ahead to the end with Imp Travel on your right. **(*** Bus Station on your left and Rail Station ahead over the road.)**

Pass the bus station and cross the road ahead, using the PC, then TL. **(*** From the Rail Station – exit to the road and TR)** Go passed the entrance to the Railway Car Park then take the steps on your right to a blue footbridge. Once over the bridge go SO to a set of steps leading up to the road and a PC. Cross this road and SO with water/drain on your right to eventually reach Lincoln City Football Club grounds.

Continue SO with the drain on your right until you emerge at South Park Ave. Cross over by the Pedestrian crossing TL and follow the footpath leading over the bridge. *From this point across South Park Ave. are the Fire and Ambulance Stations and another view of the football ground.* Continue on this path which runs alongside the South Common keeping the houses on your left. Continue in the same direction to return to the start.

This is the end of the route description for the 11km route. Welcome back, Lincolnshire Vikings Walking Club hopes you enjoyed the Lincoln Town & Country Walk.