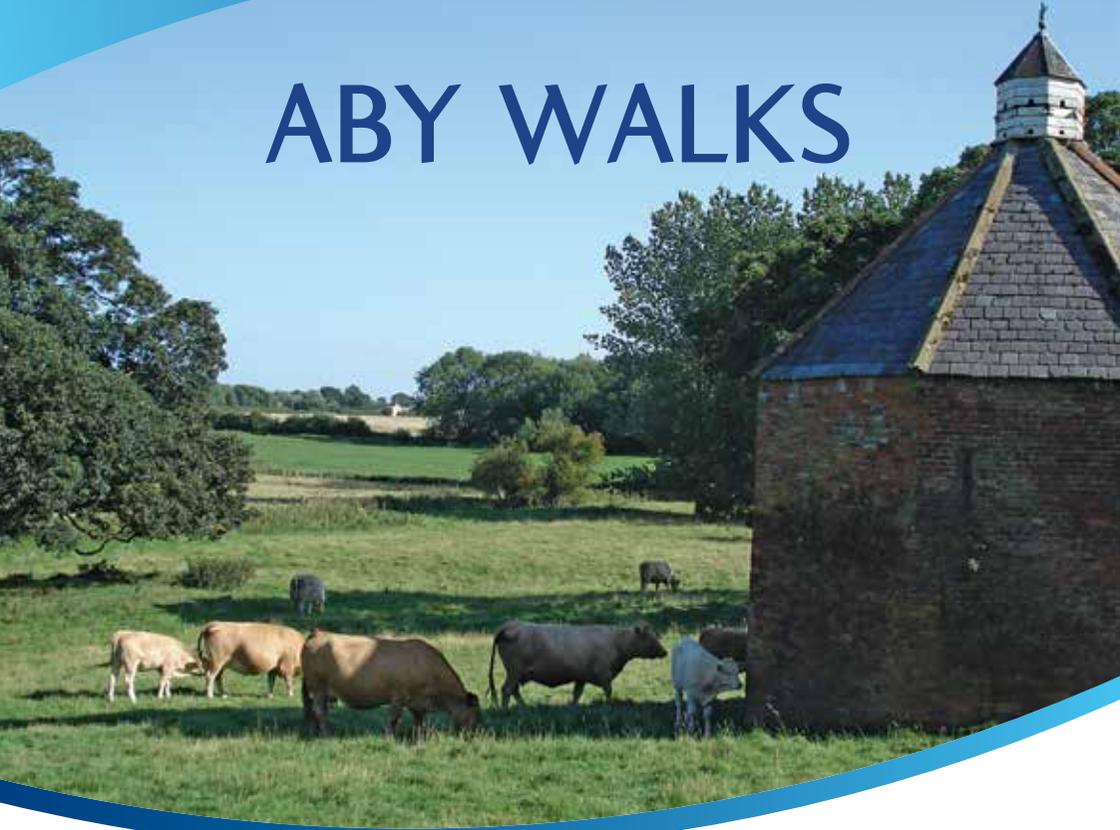


ABY WALKS

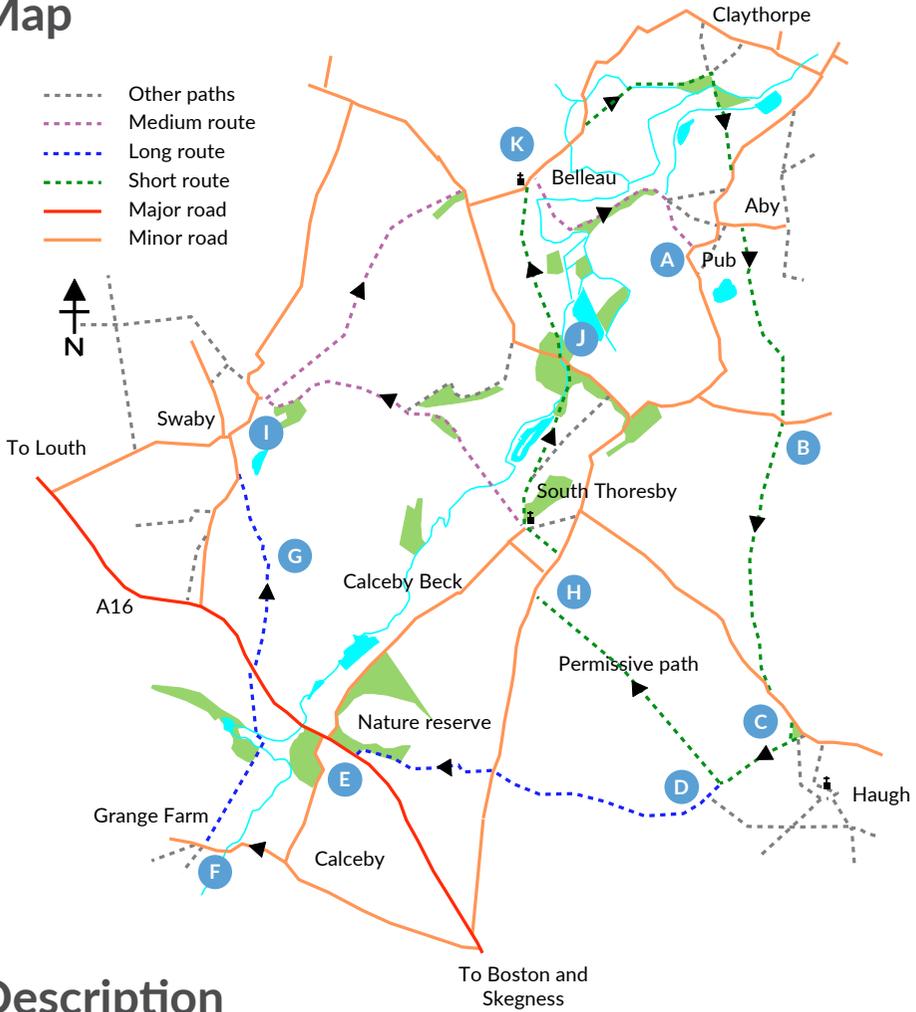


Located in the south east of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, this walk includes chalk streams and lovely views into the Wolds.

- 5.1 miles for the short route
- 5.7 miles for the medium route
- 7.4 miles for the long route

'live a great life!'

Map



Description

A All routes start at the pub and head into the village turning right at School St. and then right on a footpath between houses. Continue ahead to a footbridge and follow the field edge path. Then ahead on cross-field paths until the road is reached.

B The path ahead is a diagonal cross-field path. Head for a large gap in

the boundary hedge. Then follow the field edge ahead, then across an open meadow, sweeping round to the left until the path reaches the road.

C Turn left at the road and right along a footpath in front of the wood, then right again at a T-junction of paths. Proceed uphill keeping the hedge on your right.

D The **short route** turns right onto a permissive path – look for an A4 signboard at a gap in the hedge with details. Follow this path ahead till you reach the road at H.

The **long route** continues ahead to a road. Cross over and keep ahead to the A16.

E Turn right at the A16. Cross over and walk on the grass verge a short distance. Turn left towards Calceby, then right to The Grange (farm).

F Take the path between two barns and keep ahead to the corner of the wood. Go over the beck at Abyssinian bridge and follow the cross-field path to the A16. Cross over the road, heading slightly left, taking the cross-field path to the field edge. Continue ahead to pass over a track with kissing gates.

G The path in the next field heads diagonally to a wooden kissing gate in the far corner. Turn right at the road and right again in the village to where the **long** and **medium** route merge at I.

H The **short route** turns right at the road – head for a wooden finger post by the side of a bungalow. Turn left to a track and go ahead into the garden of the Old School House to the church. Passing through a gate from here the **short route** turns right across a field past an old wind pump to a road at J.

Meanwhile the **medium route** goes straight ahead passing over a footbridge, through a wet meadow to a boardwalk and a footbridge. Turn left across a field and into a wooded vale. Keep ahead to Swaby.



Railway Tavern, Aby

I Shortly after reaching the tarmac turn right at a finger post in a hedge heading uphill and across two fields heading for a small wood. At the road bear right and then left to Belleau to reach K.

J The **short route** continues by bearing left and immediately right on a path through a wood and out onto open meadow. Head for a copse and then to the road at the church to reach K.

K The **short route** turns right at the road and right onto a cross-field path after the end of the village, go over a footbridge and then follow the field edge, turning right at a wood. Pass over a footbridge and keep ahead between ponds, turning right at the road back to the pub.

The **medium route** turns right at a track by a brick dove cot and then left onto a path that follows a stream on your right. Shortly after a footbridge three paths diverge. Take the right path to the road and then the pub.



South Thoresby Church

Maps

Landranger (1:50 000) no. 122
Skegness and Horncastle
Explorer (1:25 000) no. 273
Lincolnshire Wolds South

Start/End

Grid ref: TF 409 782
Postcode: LN13 ODR

Parking

If you are planning to have refreshments at the Railway Tavern at the end, the landlord is happy for you to use the pub car park, if not use the side roads in Aby.

Terrain

Good footpaths and bridleways. There are some cross-field paths, which can be muddy at times. Limited road walking.

Refreshments

Railway Tavern at Aby.

Toilets

There are no public toilets on the walk.

Stiles

There are some stiles on the walk.

Points Of Interest:

- **Claythorpe Watermill:** The former watermill is a visitor attraction with scores of native and exotic wildfowl and animals. Open March to October,
- **South Thoresby Warren Local Nature Reserve:** Opened in 2007 this tranquil wildlife haven was a landfill site for many years, and before that a sand quarry.
- **South Thoresby:** In addition to St. Andrew's church and the magnificent old rectory opposite built in 1853, there is the Vine Inn which is now a private residence. Behind, there is a former blacksmiths shop.
- **'Calesbi':** This deserted medieval village is now known as Calceby. In the 13th century it was a thriving village with its own church dedicated to St. Andrew. A few remains are still standing. More details are on the interpretation board opposite the manor house.
- **Haugh:** It is worthwhile making the detour to this tiny hamlet. In the church on the north wall is a monument to Sir John Bolle, who died in 1606. Sir John, of Thorpe Hall, Louth was knighted at the Siege of Cadiz in 1596 where a high-born Spanish lady fell in love with him. The Manor Farmhouse is a red-brick Grade II listed country house dating from the mid-16th century and former seat of the Bolle family. Note: Walkers will have to approach the hamlet from point D.

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