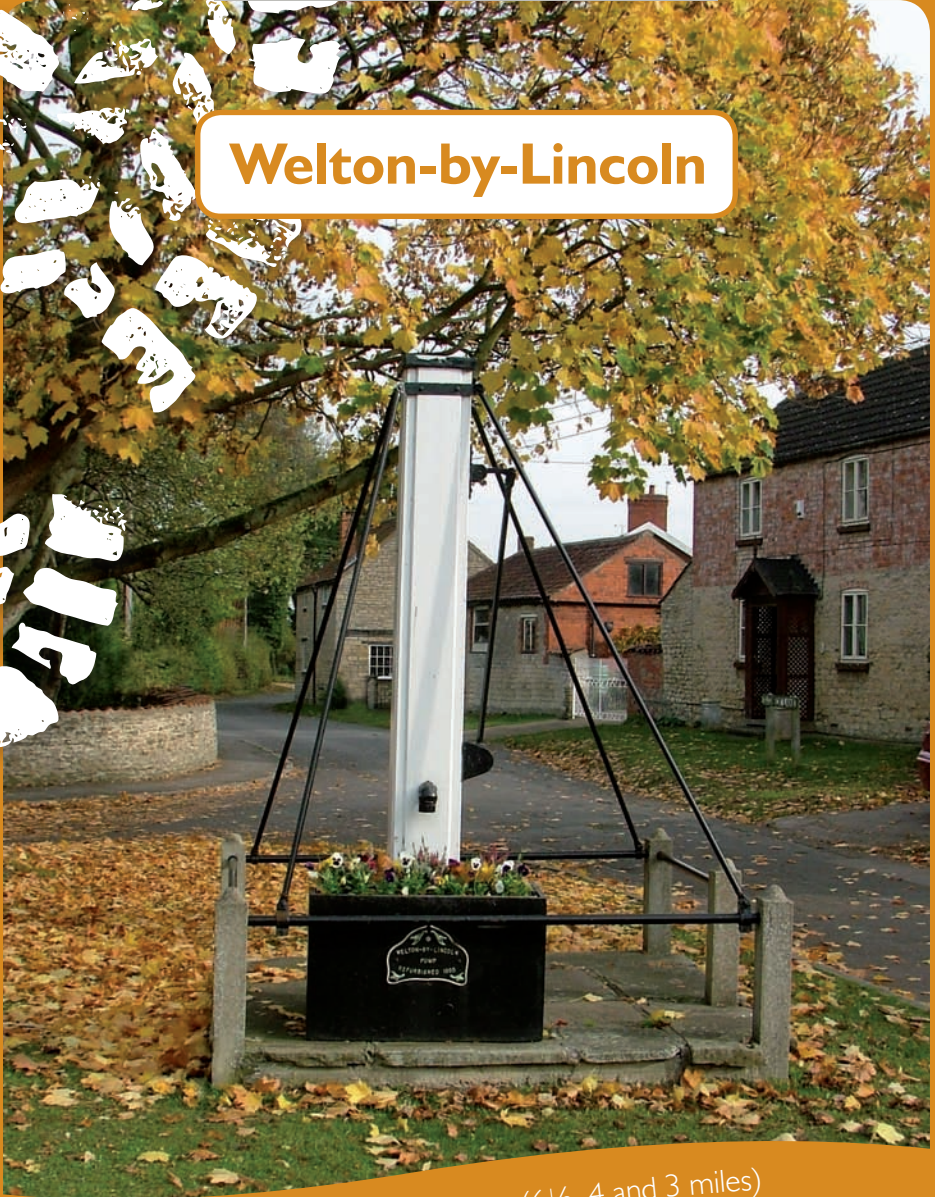


**Welton-by-Lincoln**



Three circular walks of 10½, 6½ and 5km (6½, 4 and 3 miles)

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# Introduction

Enjoy a walk through the attractive villages of Welton, Hackthorn and Dunholme and take a stroll through history. Walk through medieval village remains at Hackthorn, over the site of a Roman villa near Welton and a stopping point for insurgents taking part in the Lincolnshire Rising at Dunholme.

Welton, now the largest of the villages, is mentioned in The Domesday Book. The name originates from the Anglo-Saxon word 'Wella' meaning a place of bubbling waters and the Saxon word 'ton' meaning

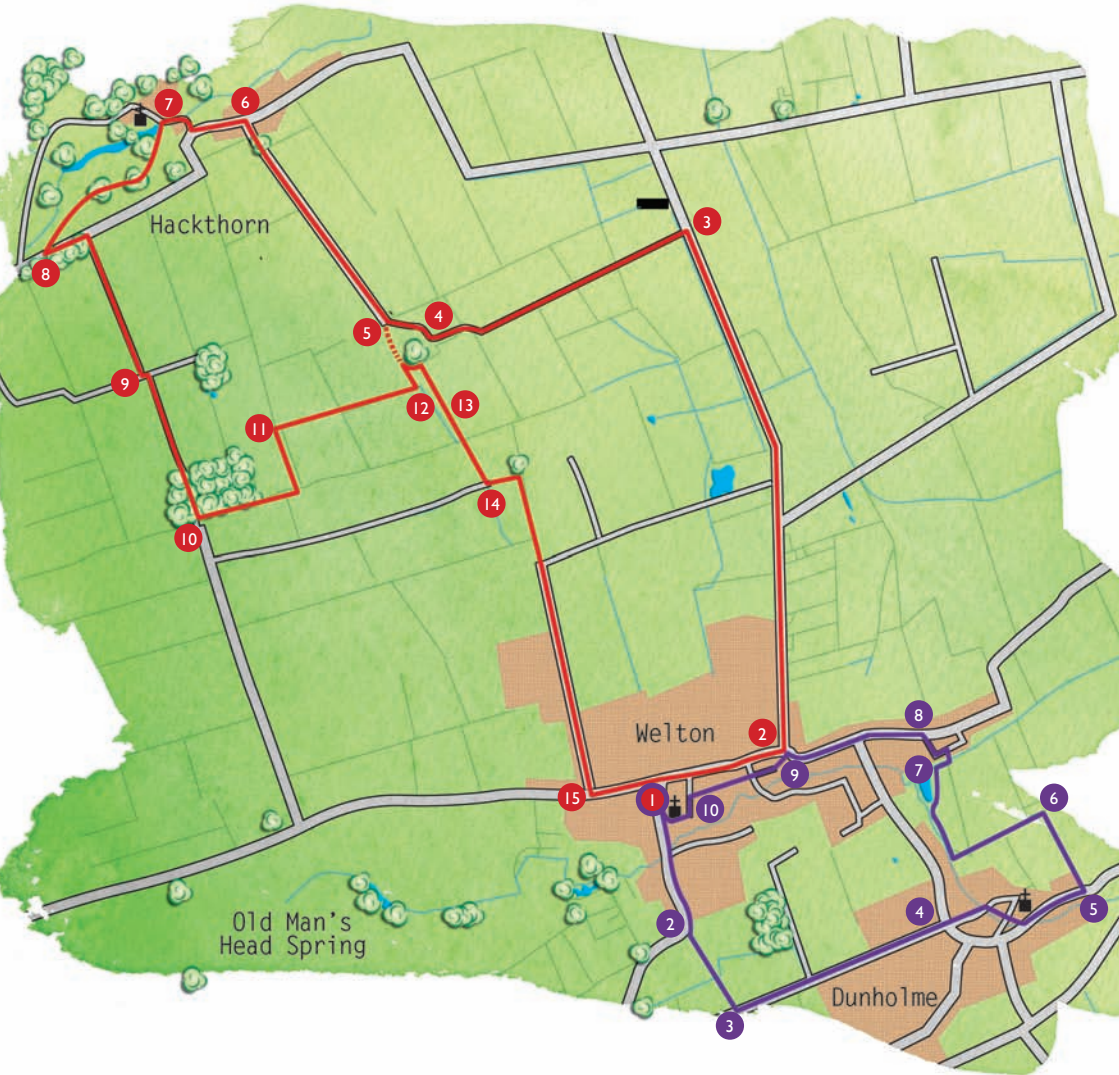
enclosure. Before the Saxons the area was occupied by the Romans and Ermine Street, the Roman road between Lincoln and the north (now the A15), runs along the western parish boundary.

William the Conqueror gave the manor to the first Bishop of Lincoln, Remigius, to endow six prebends in the new cathedral. The canons or prebendaries were rectors of Welton and the land their endowment.



Hackthorn Lake

# Map & Walk



	Walk 1
	Walk 1 (short)
	Walk 2



Map Scale: 

400m
1/4 mile

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# Walk 1 - Hackthorn Walk

1 With your back to the Parish Council offices, turn right and follow the road as it bends to the right (signed village hall).

2 At the mini-roundabout turn left onto Hackthorn Road. Walk past the Sports Club and Golf Centre. As the roadside path ends take care as you walk along the grass verge for a further 1 ¼ km (¾ mile).

3 Turn left onto a track approximately 100m before the barns and farm on the left. Use of this permissive path is by kind permission of Hackthorn Estate.

Follow the track straight across the fields and then right and left towards some barns.

4 Turn right before the barns and follow the track around the buildings and then ahead to join a lane.

For the **SHORTER WALK**

5 As the lane bends to the right, turn left onto the public footpath. As you approach a house follow the footpath left and then right around the side of the house and rejoin the instructions for the longer walk at 13.

For the **LONGER WALK**

5 Follow the lane as it bends right and walk into Hackthorn village.

6 At the T-junction in the village turn left. As the road bends left turn right towards the church.

7 Turn left just before the pond to follow a surfaced permissive path (by kind permission of Hackthorn Estate) across Hackthorn Park.

Hackthorn village was much larger during the medieval period but the population more than halved after the Black Death in the mid 14th century. The original hall was demolished in 1793 and the present hall built between 1793 and 1795. The lumps and bumps on either side of the path through the park are the remains of a medieval village and farmstead buildings.

8 At the road turn left and after approximately 100m turn right onto another surfaced permissive path.

Where the surfaced path turns left, continue to walk straight ahead beside a hedge towards a woodland.

9 At the junction with a track, turn left, then right to continue in the same direction beside another hedge.

Follow the path into the woodland.

The woodland contains a variety of trees including oak, ash and hawthorn. The oak has been called the king of British trees; its timber is strong and durable and has been used throughout history for the construction of buildings and ships. It also has more insects and wildlife associated with it than any other British tree.

**10** Just before leaving the wood turn left to walk along the edge of the wood before emerging in a field. Walk straight on along the edge of the field and at the corner turn left to continue around the field edge.

**11** At the next corner turn right and follow the track beside a hedge for approximately 500m to the end of the field and a hedge.

**12** Turn left and just after the house on the right, turn right and then right again onto a public footpath.

**13** Walk along the edge of the paddock, across a bridge and walk straight on beside a hedge.

**14** At the end of the field, cross the drain, turn left along the path and follow the field edge.

The part of the golf course close to the path is the possible site of a Roman villa. Roman pottery from the second and third century and Roman coins have been found in the area and cropmarks have been interpreted as a villa.

Follow the path into Welton where it joins the surfaced Prebend Lane. Continue straight ahead on the roadside path.

**15** At the crossroads turn left into Cliff Road, and turn right by the Library to return to the start point.



St Chad's church, Dunholme

# Walk 2 - Dunholme Walk

- 1 With your back to the parish council offices turn left and walk past the church and village pump.

Parts of St Mary's church date back to the 13th century. The tower was rebuilt in 1768 and the main part of the church was rebuilt in 1823. On Sunday 29th August 1847 the church was struck by lightning, one person was killed and many others injured. The War Memorial of a standing uniformed soldier leaning on a rifle stands in front of the church.

The village pump was constructed in the mid 19th century and has been restored on a number of occasions, the latest being in 1996.

- 2 Just past the entrance to William Farr School turn left onto a public footpath. Walk straight ahead across the end of the playing field, beside a hedge and then between industrial units to a road.
- 3 Turn left and walk past the village hall into Dunholme village.

Dunholme is mentioned in The Domesday Book (1086) under the name Duneham, derived from the Old English 'Dunna's ham' meaning the house or village of Dunna. Dunholme was the final mustering place for insurgents from Louth before they marched into Lincoln as part of the Lincolnshire Rising of 1536.

- 4 At the crossroads continue straight on, into Watery Lane, towards the church. Cross the Beck and turn right to follow the path beside the

Beck to the church.

Walk past the church and on along Market Rasen Road, past the village pump.

- 5 After approximately 150m turn left onto a public bridleway between two houses.
- 6 After approximately 400m (¼ mile) turn left onto a public footpath. Follow this path, ignoring two footpaths on the left, around the field edge and then past a pond on your left.
- 7 At the end of the field and at the houses turn right and then left, through a kissing gate, to join Musgraves Orchard. Turn left.
- 8 At the T-junction turn left. At the next junction continue in the same direction along Ryland Road.
- 9 At the mini-roundabout bear left and after 20m turn left onto a public footpath.

At the road turn right and at a T-junction bear right and cross the road to a path between bungalows which leads to the playing field.

Walk straight ahead along the edge of the playing field and then between fences and walls to a road.

- 10 Turn left and then right onto a public footpath through the churchyard to a road.

Turn right to return to the start.

# Be a responsible walker

Please remember the countryside is a place where people live and work and where wildlife makes its home. To protect the Lincolnshire 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

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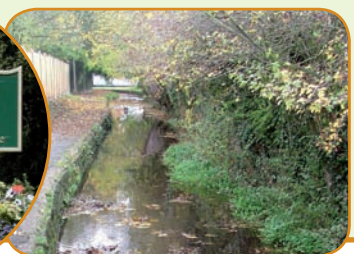
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# Useful information

**Walk location:** Welton-by-Lincoln is situated approximately 9 km (5 ½ miles) north of Lincoln.

**Starting point:** Parish Council Offices, Lincoln Road, Welton, LN2 3HZ.  
Grid reference: TF 011 798.

**Parking:** Please park responsibly in the village.

**Public Transport:** For times and more information call the Traveline on 0871 200 2233 or visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel) or [www.lincsbus.info](http://www.lincsbus.info)

**Ordnance survey maps for the area:** Explorer 272 Lincoln. Landranger 121 Lincoln & Newark.

**Walk length:** Walk 1: Hackthorn Walk (longer route): 10 ½ km (6 ½ miles) which will take approximately 3 hours to complete.

Walk 1: Hackthorn Walk (shorter walk): 6 ½ km (4 miles). 2 hours to complete.

Walk 2: Dunholme Walk: 5km (3 miles). 1 ½ hours to complete.

**Type of walk:** The walks use tracks, field paths, roadside paths and quiet lanes. Sections of the walks may be muddy when wet. There are no stiles on these walks.

**Refreshments:** Black Bull Inn and shops in Welton.



St Mary's church, Welton

This leaflet has been produced in partnership with Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council.