



# Lincoln Town & Country Walk

## PT 166 – 5km & 11km



<b>START VENUE</b>	South Common, South Park, off Canwick Road, Lincoln, LN5 8EN.		
<b>CAR PARKING</b>	Free at Start		
<b>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</b>	5km route within 2km. 11km – from the Rail station TL and then TL at the High Street (1). From (temporary) Bus Station – exit to High Street then TL (2). (Road works around the Rail & new bus station are due to be completed 2018.)		
<b>GEOCACHING</b>	The route has five geocaches on or near the route, two of which are part of a series of eleven scattered around the common.		
<b>DISTANCE/GRADE</b>	5km – Grade 1. 11km - Grade 2 (or combine to make 16km)		
<b>TERRAIN</b>	5km – Urban areas, common land and riverside paths. 11km – Urban areas, common land, footpaths and riverside paths.		
<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>	See some of Lincoln’s rich heritage and its waterways. The 11km route can be combined with PT92 Lincoln Tourist Walk and PT 305 Lincoln Armistice Trail at the ‘High Bridge’ (3)		
<b>REFRESHMENTS:</b>	5km none on route. 11km available on route.		
<b>TOILETS</b>	5km none on route. 11km available on route.		
<b>BWF / IVV</b>	This trail is registered until 31 December 2018		
<b>ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHECK/UPDATED</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 (Please check you are using the latest version if you printed this off a while ago).		
<b>BWF DECLARATION</b>	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.		
<b>ENTRY FORM</b>	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.		
<b>ENTRY FEE</b>	£1.00 per walker (Cheques payable to: Lincolnshire Vikings Walking Club)		
<b>AWARD</b>	Sew-on cloth badge price £2.00. The cloth badge is shown at the top of this page. Quantity Required: _____		
<b>SOUVENIER LOG BOOK</b>	Free stickers for your souvenir log book are available on request. Quantity Required _____		
<b>CONTACT/ ADDRESS FOR STAMPING OF BOOKS</b>	Pat Charlton, 262 Wolsey Way, Lincoln, LN2 4ST Email: <a href="mailto:vov.lvwc@gmail.com">vov.lvwc@gmail.com</a>		
<b>NAMES OF THOSE COMPLETING THE WALK</b>			
<b>DATE WALK COMPLETED</b>		<b>PAYMENT ENCLOSED</b>	£
<b>EMAIL</b>	(in case we need to contact you about your entry)		
<b>PT POSTAL CARDS</b>	Will be stamped if you do not wish to send your IVV books - YES/NO *		
	5km route		11km route
<b>QUESTION 1</b>		<b>QUESTION 1</b>	
<b>QUESTION 2</b>		<b>QUESTION 2</b>	
<b>QUESTION 3</b>		<b>QUESTION 3</b>	
<b>QUESTION 4</b>		<b>QUESTION 4</b>	
<b>QUESTION 5</b>		<b>QUESTION 5</b>	
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. Lincoln Tourist Walk PT92, Lincoln Town & Country PT166, Nottingham PT106, Newark on Trent Jubilee Walk PT241, Hadrian’s Wall PT45, Temple Newsam House & Gardens PT216, Abingdon Trail PT264, Lincoln Armistice Trail PT 305			

## **ROUTE DESCRIPTION**

**TL = TURN LEFT; TR = TURN RIGHT; SO = STRAIGHT ON**

### **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 5 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 2<sup>nd</sup> right down St Catherine's Grove. Follow this road around the left bend.

#### **Question 2: What is the name of number 54?**

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 and head towards the lake. Go right and around the head of the lake to cross a metal bridge by Boutham Park Beacon.

#### **Question 3: Who designed and built this beacon?**

Turn immediately right over another bridge and immediately right again. 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.

#### **Question 4: How far is it to Whisby Nature Park? (see blue signs)**

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.

#### **Question 5: What is the name of the School?**

At the end TR keeping the school on your right go straight ahead to reach the main road. 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**

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## **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, 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.

### **Question 1: What is the number on the first telegraph pole as you pass on 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 duck boards to meet a 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, after 10m (approx.) TR to continue downhill and at the footpath sign TL and follow to the gap in the hedge to pick up the track\*\* TR).*

\*\*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 cross the second road what is the number of the house on the left?**

Keeping straight on to bollards/cycle path (*you may follow this path to the end if you prefer*), 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. Continue SO crossing Dixon Street, then Boultham Avenue.

### **Question 3: As you cross Boultham Avenue what is the name of the Terrace on the opposite bank of the river?**

*The large works building to the left are one of the few remaining sites of Lincoln's heavy industrial past. Formerly Ruston & Hornsby, heavy engineering works, responsible for the construction of diesel engines for locomotives. Now used by Wm Sinclair - Garden Products.*

*This area of Lincoln was the site of many other industrial works including Fosters the makers of the first tank. On your right you will be able to see Vernon's Mill, which has now been converted into flats. The next area on the left is still occupied by Siemens formerly Alstom/EGT, the largest employer in Lincoln.*

Next, cross over Firth Rd and look to your right to spot the refurbished stone barn. At the next bridge, with Burger King on your left, cross the road and continue on the path with the river on your right at the next road cross via the Pedestrian crossing and TR over the footbridge and left into Brayford Wharf East. To the left is the Old Great Central Railway Warehouse now The University Library. Over the level crossing and on ahead passing the University of Lincoln on your left and the Brayford Wharf. Ahead on the skyline can be seen the Castle and the Cathedral. Before the traffic lights keep left down to pass under the bridge signposted High Street follow the path to your right in front of M & S. Turn left into St Benedict's Square, with St Benedict's Church.

TL at the High Street, take time to look at the Cenotaph on your left. Go 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 PT 305 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 and pass Wilkinson'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.

TR then continue SO and TL to cross the road using the pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights. (1) Cross the level crossing, continue ahead in the same direction to pass Iceland (and the entrance to the (temporary) Bus Station (2)). Pass the Magistrates Court and the round house which used to house the operating gear for the railway gate when Lincoln had two high street crossings. Continue ahead passing a number of Lincoln's older buildings, Lincoln Co-op, then the Central Methodist Church (both on the opposite side of the road).

#### **Question 4: What is the date on the Central Methodist Church?**

On the left you will pass the Unitarian Church 1725, the 12th Century St. Mary's Guildhall. The 1864 conduit by St Peter at Gowts was used as a water supply.

Cross over Scorer St. then TL after the stone bridge into Sewells Walk. At the bottom cross footbridge and TR. *In front is Sincil Bank home of Lincoln City Football Club.* Follow this road 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

#### **Question 5: What is the name of house number 47?**

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.**