

Heritage Walks

Wellow and its neighbours



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Introduction

North Nottinghamshire's rural countryside and quaint villages have long attracted visitors for all sorts of reasons – whether that be in search of Robin Hood, the tranquillity of Sherwood Forest, the sweeping countryside and quiet lanes, its abundance of heritage assets and/or its friendly and welcoming natured people.

This booklet offers nine walks of varying lengths to tempt visitors and local residents of all ages to get out and about in our beautiful countryside, and whilst doing so learning about the area's fabulous heritage. Soak in the villages' individual characters, take a well-earned rest at the refreshment suggestions along the way, and at the end of the walk know that you have taken steps forward in looking after both your mental and physical health.

Guidance and Advice

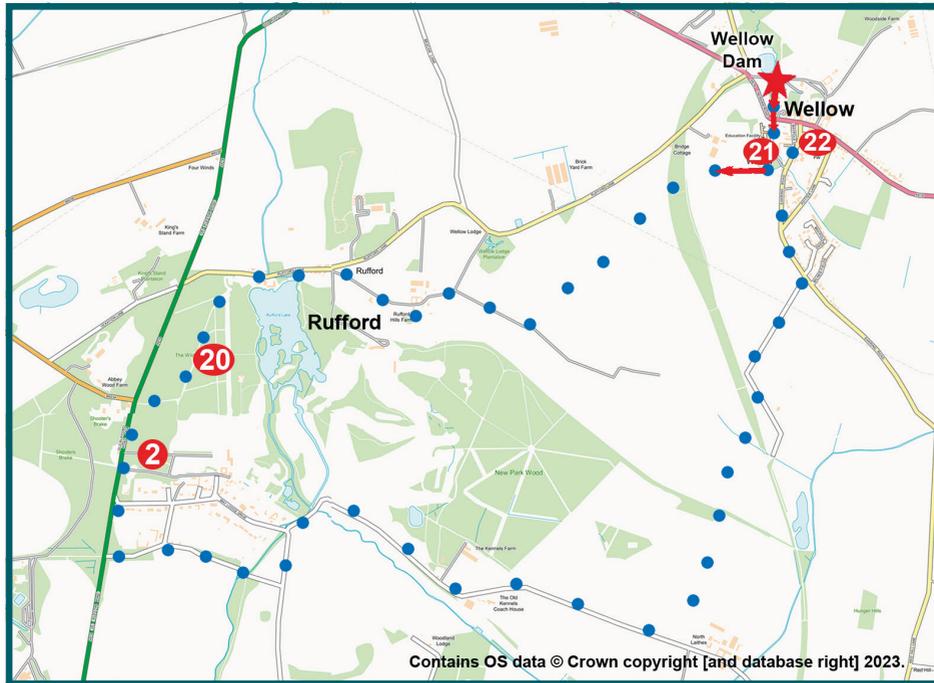
- All walks include unmade footpaths so please wear suitable supportive footwear and clothing to suit the weather.
- The maps and directions in this booklet are only meant as a simple guide; please take the correct Ordnance Survey map for further details.
- Numbers in red on the maps refer to heritage points, noted in the centre pages.
- Always follow the Country Code, in particular remembering to close gates behind you and to take your litter home.
- Be particularly considerate, in all these rural villages, when parking. Large agricultural vehicles need to get through, and residential drives kept accessible.
- Follow the Highway Code when walking on roads for everyone's safety.
- Keep dogs on a lead for their safety and to protect livestock.

Please Note:

- ❖ The mention of refreshment establishments in this booklet does not indicate recommendations, and their service are by no means under our responsibility. The information given here was correct at the time of print.
- ❖ If planning to use one of the above facilities be sure to check their opening times before starting your walk to avoid disappointment.
- ❖ Websites mentioned in this booklet will offer you further historic information. The web addresses were correct at the time of print.
- ❖ Wellow Church Schoolroom cannot accept responsibility for omissions or errors arising from this publication.

Walk 1: Wellow & Rufford Circular

Distance: 6.5 miles **Estimated time:** 3.5 hours



Directions

★ **Starting point:** Wellow Dam

1. Walk towards Wellow House School, carefully cross the road and take the public footpath lane (North Dark Lane), along Gorge Dyke **21** towards Cuckstool Cottage. Turn right through a stile beside a metal five bar gate (going West). Follow the path alongside the hedge, on your left, and school playing field on your right. Go through the kissing gate then across the fields to a further kissing gate opposite which is a deep railway cutting (beware of any oncoming horses).
2. Go down and up the cutting, (about 70 steps on each side) then straight ahead following the public footpath through the field until you reach the farm track and turn right. At the next track junction turn left and carefully follow the signed public footpath around the farm's fields leading to the front of the farmhouse and down its main drive to Rufford Lane. Head west along Rufford Lane, crossing over the ford, via its footbridge, and enter the carpark on the left.

Towards the west of the carpark, find and follow the path that leads to the icehouse **20**. Go past the icehouse and after about 200m turn right along a track that will bring you out on to the A614 just before the traffic lights, Rose Cottage and the impressive Rufford Abbey gates **2**.

Rufford Abbey Country Park **20** and fabulous abbey **2** are well worth exploring, with an abundance of pleasant walks around the gardens and lake. In the abbey courtyard there is a gift shop, courtyard café and various exhibitions.

3. Heading south walk along the A614 until you reach the private road, in the dip, to Manor Farm. Follow this road, keeping the farm buildings to your left. Cross over the Rainworth Water bridge and then turn left towards the golf course. After entering the golf course take a right along the manmade road and head towards North Laiths' Farm. About 100 metres before the farm take the public footpath on your left and go straight on until you reach the railway cutting. Cross over the cutting to Coggles Lane, cross over the lane and diagonally cross the field, rejoining Coggles Lane, before entering the village of Wellow on Eakring Road.
4. Turn left along Eakring Road, passing housing on your right and leading towards the village green **22**. Sitting on the maypole's seat you will be able to admire the ancient village, its famous maypole, and the recently restored schoolroom. For a heritage walk around the village please pick up a free leaflet from the Olde Red Lion. Choosing to take this additional walk around Wellow, you will come across the Schoolroom's heritage walk trail information boards.

Refreshments: When passing the Rufford estate you will find the Mill Café close to the mill/ford carpark, and the Courtyard Café at the abbey end of the park. In Wellow are both the Olde Red Lion and the Maypole Inn.



Walk 2: Edwinstowe Circular (Clipstone optional)

Distance: 5.5 miles (extra 5 miles return to Clipstone) **Estimated time:** 3 hours



Directions

★ **Starting point:** Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre Carpark, Edwinstowe (charges may apply).

1. Upon exiting the carpark cross the road, take the footpath to the right towards Sherwood Forest, and carry straight on into the woods until you eventually reach a gate. Turn left at the gate towards the Major Oak. Follow the path around the Major Oak **4** until you come to the footpath signposted towards 'Robin Hood Way & Budby Reserve'; take this path and carry on until you reach a metal gate.
2. Turn left (south) at the gate and follow this path until you come to the A6075 and take great care as you cross over the road and continue along this path, through the woods. One hundred metres after emerging from the woods, take the footpath on your left, alongside the river Maun.

If you wish, you can take a walk, through Kings Clipstone to Vicar Water at Clipstone and back to see several historic sites: Instead of turning left along the river, carry on and turn right after the first bridge **12**. Cross over the B6030 and follow the path through the pub carpark **10** and continue forward **13** until you reach the Vicar Water Country Park. Reverse your journey to bring you back onto the main circular route.

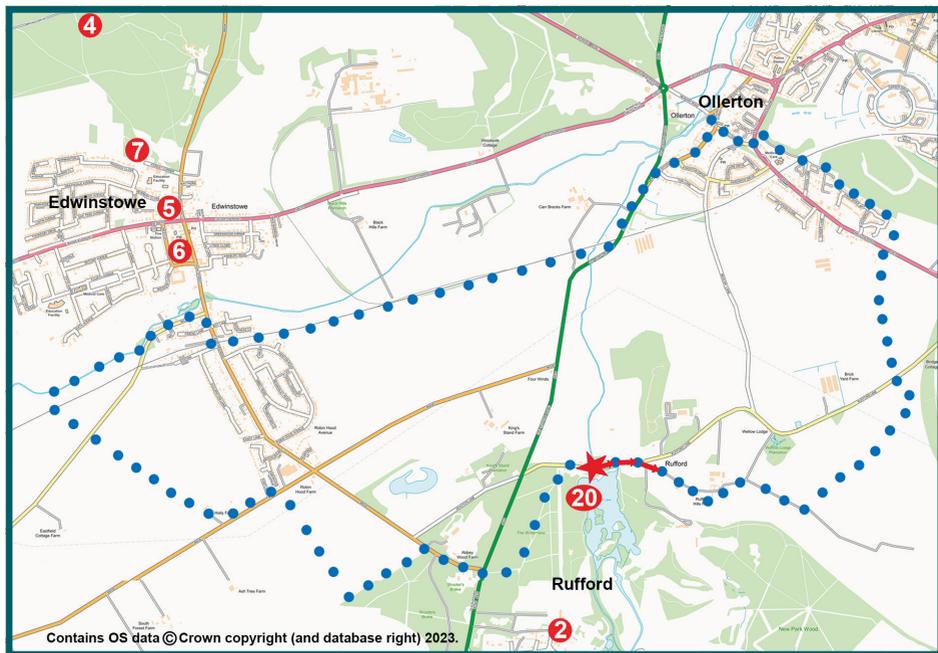
3. Follow the path through a wooded area and alongside a field. At the end of the field take the path to your right, cross over the bridge and follow the path until it meets Mill Lane, turn left, and carry on to the B6034.
4. At the B6034 turn left and at some convenient point cross the road and walk through Edwinstowe village centre **6**, straight over at the traffic lights and past the parish church **5**. This will then bring you back to your starting point **7**.

Refreshments: Dukeries Lodge in Edwinstowe plus a variety of takeaways, pubs and cafes in the village. There is also Rumbles Café at the far end of Vicar Water.



Walk 3: Edwinstowe, Ollerton & Rufford Circular

Distance: 7.75 miles **Estimated time:** 4 hours



Directions

★ **Starting point:** Rufford Abbey Country Park's Rufford Lane Carpark (charges apply).

1. Leave the carpark via the payment shed, turn right along Rufford Lane, crossing the ford via the footbridge. At the entrance to Rufford Golf Club take the stile to the left of the gate to Rufford Hills Farm. Walk up the drive past the bungalow and veer right across the grass to a stile. After the next stile turn sharp left and follow the hedge to a kissing gate.
2. Turn right and keep right up the hill. At the end of the metal fence take the path on the left across two fields. Before reaching the hedge at the end of the second field turn sharp left and go down the field diagonally to Rufford Lane. Cross the lane and take the footpath opposite and cross two fields to Wellow Rd (A616). Take the footpath opposite, then turn left after the houses. Follow the made-up path keeping the houses and then park homes on your left. Cross the railway bridge and at the main road turn left and then right onto Wellow Road.

If you wish to explore Ollerton village continue down Wellow Road to investigate the village, including the War Memorial Park & Kohima Epitaph and then return to the White Hart to resume the walk.

3. Turn left at the White Hart pub and follow Station Road to reach the A614. Continue in the same direction until a railway bridge is reached. Cross the road VERY CAREFULLY and take the footpath to reach a footbridge. Continue in the same direction for approximately one mile until a road is reached. Turn right past Dukeries Lodge and take second left onto Mill Lane.

If you wish to explore Edwinstowe village carry on forward, rather than turning onto Mill Lane and then return to Mill Lane.

4. Continue down Mill Lane and after the last building follow the footpath on the right, next to the hedge until a yellow footpath post is reached. Turn left up the side of a field, carefully cross the active railway line, **at the designated point**, and follow the path until a second road is reached just after passing Holly Farm.
5. Turn left and at South Forest Leisure Centre cross the road and follow the path. On reaching the woods turn left and follow the path just inside the wood to emerge by a bus shelter near the entrance to Center Parcs. Turn right at the traffic lights and enter Rufford Abbey (2) grounds by a clear path through the hedge. After 200 metres turn left on a well-defined track (Alternatively turn right here for the Courtyard Café, garden centre and gift shop (2)) and follow this back to the carpark (20).

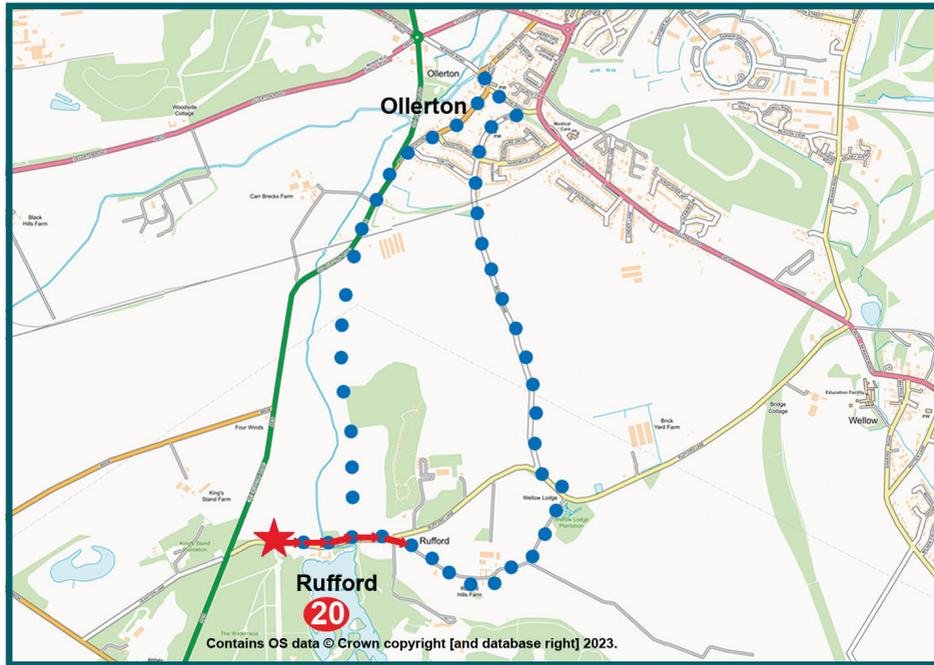
Note: This walk can be shortened by turning left along the B6034, Rufford Lane and walking straight on until you pass the entrance to Center Parcs and pick up the directions halfway through section five.

Refreshments: Rufford Mill Café close to the starting point carpark and the Courtyard Café at the abbey end of the park. The White Hart Pub in Ollerton. Dukeries Lodge in Edwinstowe plus a variety of shops and cafes in the village.



Walk 4: Rufford & Ollerton Circular

Distance: 3.5 miles **Estimated time:** 2 hours



Directions

★ **Starting point:** Rufford Abbey Country Park's Rufford Lane Carpark 20 (charges apply).

1. Leave the carpark via the payment shed, turn right along Rufford Lane, crossing the ford via the footbridge. At the entrance to Rufford Park Golf and Country Club take the stile to the left of the gate to Rufford Hills Farm. Walk up the drive past the bungalow and veer right across the grass to a stile. After the next stile turn sharp left and follow the hedge to a kissing gate.
2. Turn right and then left to follow the tree-lined lane to the road at Wellow Lodge. Turn left along the lane's grass verges (be careful of traffic) for approx. 100m and turn right into Bescar Lane. Follow this for about one mile, crossing Hardwick Drive, until the lane ends. Turn left, going downhill, along Wellow road and then turn left again at the White Hart pub onto Station Road.

If you wish to explore Ollerton village continue down Wellow Road to investigate the village, including the War Memorial Park & Kohima Epitaph and then return to the White Hart to resume the walk.

3. Follow Station Road to reach the A614. Continue in the same direction, passing under the railway bridge, then take the footpath on your left, which veers away from the road and follow it until you reach Rufford Lane.

At this point you can simply cross over the lane and enter the park through a small entrance leading up a slight hill to reach Rufford Lake, and thus enjoy the park before ending this walk.

4. Turn right, heading back to the ford, crossing its footbridge, and returning to the starting point of Rufford Lane carpark.

Refreshments: Mill Café close to the carpark. Courtyard Café at the abbey end of the park. White Hart Pub in Ollerton.



Highlighted heritage around the walks

Bilsthorpe has an active museum **1**, run by volunteers, which features a large exhibition on Coal Mining along with local/social heritage exhibition rooms.

Visit: <http://bilsthorpemuseum.co.uk>

Eakring hosted England's first inland oilfield, to which there was a monument but now relocated to Rufford Abbey **2**. There is a monument to William Mompesson **3**, once vicar of Eyam, who moved here in 1670 where he served the community until 1709. Helen Creswell, tv script writer and author of Lizzie Dripping, Polly Flint, and The Demon Headmaster, lived here for many years.

Visit: <http://www.dukeswoodoilmuseum.com>

Edwinstowe is the home to the world-famous Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve and the Major Oak **4**. Legend has it that Robin Hood married Maid Marian in the parish church **5**. A statue of this legendary couple is to be found on the High Street **6**. On the edge of the village, you will find the Sherwood Forest visitor centre and a craft centre **7**.

Visit: <https://edwinstowehistory.org.uk/> and <https://www.visitsherwood.co.uk>

Egmanton has a well-preserved ringwork of a motte and bailey castle **8**, which can be seen from the churchyard of the ornate parish church **9**, which was restored in the early 1800s, and is well worth a visit.

Visit: <https://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/egmanton/hintro.php>

Kersall village is a small hamlet, nestled between Kneesall and Maplebeck, featuring several historic brick and pantile properties, all of which sit in a conservation area.

Kings Clipstone is a village known for the standing ruins of King John's palace **10**. It also hosts the first man-made commercial water meadows **11** and an outstandingly restored railway signal box **12**. Looking south-west towards New Clipstone you will see the highest set of colliery headstocks in Europe **13**.

Visit: <https://kingsclipstone.wordpress.com>

Kneesall features many old red brick and pantile cottages with Old Hall Farm **14** being the oldest brick and terracotta building in Nottinghamshire, dating to circa 1525.

Visit: <http://www.kneesallvillage.co.uk>

Laxton's Open Field farming system's **15** unique example of living history has been given a fresh breath of life. First, ownership has been restored to Thoresby Estates some 80 years after death duties saw the Laxton Estate transferred to the State. Second, the Trustees of the Visitor Centre **16** conveniently placed their Centre for walkers adjacent to The Dovecote Inn and have renewed the interpretive signage

of the features of the village and farming system. This includes the three Open Fields, the motte and bailey Castle and St Michael's Church. A Guidebook and walk leaflets are available for a donation at the Visitor Centre.

Visit: <http://www.laxtonvisitorcentre.org.uk>

Maplebeck is a beautiful village that hosts 'The Beehive' pub which is claimed to be the smallest public house in Nottinghamshire **17**. Maplebeck is one of only 51 'Thankful Villages', where all their young men returned home from the Great War.

Visit: <http://www.maplebeck.org.uk>

Moorhouse is a small farming community situated in the beautiful North Nottinghamshire countryside and features a Victorian chapel **18** and charming village farms.

Visit: <https://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/moorhouse/hintro.php>

Ollerton, which was mentioned in the Domesday book as Alreton, features many red brick & pantile houses along with painted stone & pantile cottages to take you back in time. Its parish church dates to 1780 but replaced an earlier medieval church. There is an old water mill, although currently not open to the public.

Visit: <http://www.nottshistory.org.uk/rodgers1908/ollerton1.htm>

Ompton is primarily a farming community featuring a selection of farm houses and buildings constructed over the past 300 years.

Ossington's estate church **19** was built in the neo-classical style in the 1780s, which sets it apart from most other churches in this part of the county. Ossington is also well known for its important air base during WWII.

Visit: <https://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk/ossington/hhistory.php>

Rufford features the ruins of a Cistercian abbey, Georgian & Victorian buildings, and a country park with an ice house and scenic lake, which has a wide variety of water fowl **20**.

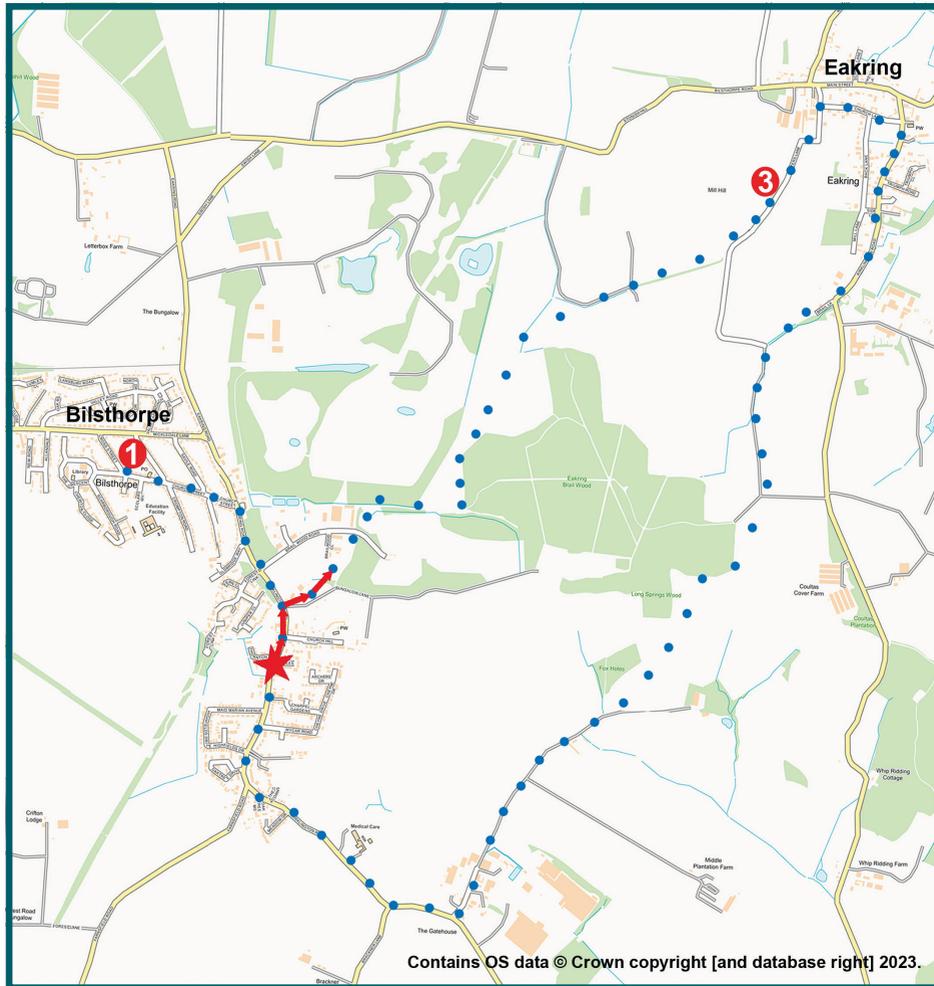
Visit: <https://www.parkwoodoutdoors.co.uk/centre/rufford-abbey>

Wellow is surrounded by a medieval dyke **21** and contains several Georgian farmhouses and a variety of cottages dating from the Tudor period to modern day. A rare triangular shaped village green has a permanent maypole **22** which is the central point for Wellow's annual Maypole Day Celebrations. Wellow Park is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest while a large part of the village is a Conservation area. Wellow has more registered Common Land than any other village in Nottinghamshire. There are a number of listed buildings including its twelfth century parish church, and Wellow Church Schoolroom which hosts the village's heritage centre.

Visit: <https://www.wellowheritage.com>

Walk 5: Eakring & Bilsthorpe Circular

Distance: 6.5 miles **Estimated time:** 3.5 hours



Directions

★ **Starting point:** Find a suitable side street off Kirklington Road, Bilsthorpe to park your car; somewhere between Oaktree Drive & Church Hill.

1. Walk along Kirklington Road, past Church Hill and turn right onto Bungalow Lane. After 'The Bungalow' take the footpath on your left; cross over the next road and keep following the footpath. After arriving at the far end of the field, take the left path with the woods then being on your right, until you come to

a yellow post (footpath marker), and then cross the field towards the left-hand side of the facing row of trees on the opposite side of the field.

2. Now you will find another row of trees going away from you; follow this row by keeping them on your left. Upon reaching a lane, turn right. You will come to a junction where the left and right lanes service wind turbines; here your route takes you along a footpath that is in the middle of two rows of trees directly in front of you. At the end of the trees keep going forward, following the lane 3 until you reach 'Ryalls Farm' on your left then turn right along the road.
3. Upon reaching the church turn to your left and go along the road. When the road turns a sharp left you will go along Brail Lane, on your right. Continue until you come to the end of the line of trees and then turn left along the farm track. Follow this track/footpath to the woods.
4. Keep following the footpath with the woods on your right until you come to a yellow footpath post, which points you across the field, follow this direction and the yellow markers until you reach the concrete road. Turn right at this point, past the kennels/cattery and through the industrial estate until you reach Kirklington Road. Turn right and follow the road back to your starting point. Please be careful along this road because the first part has no pavement, and it is a mildly busy road.

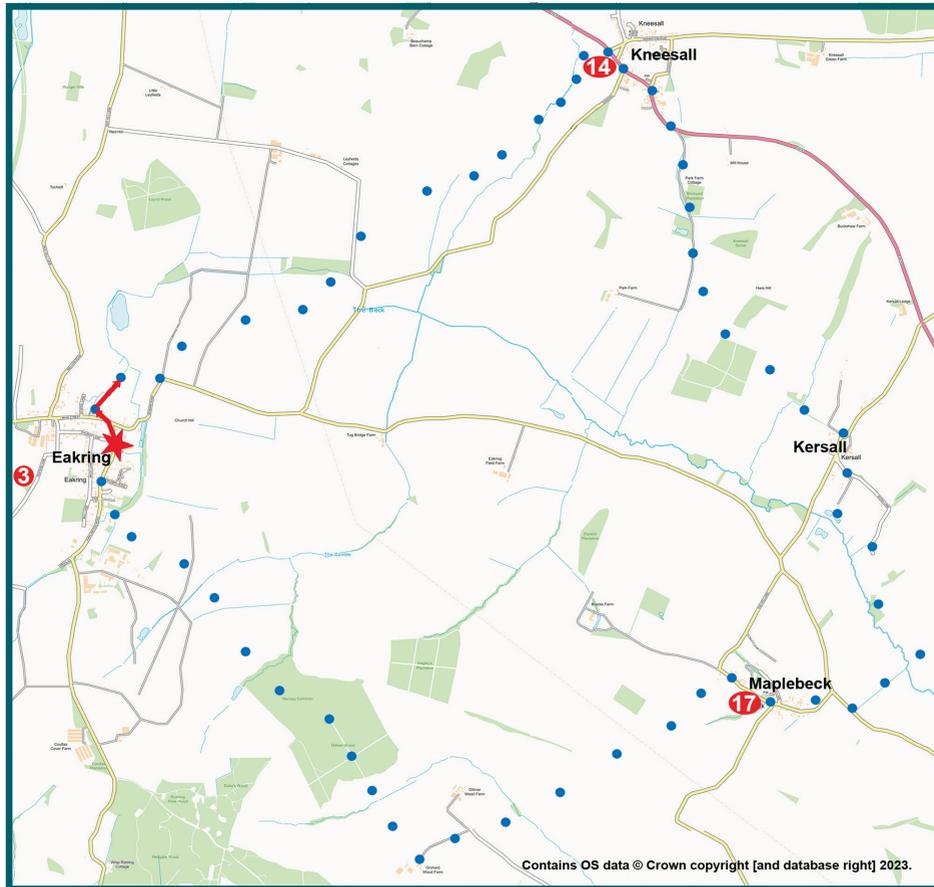
Whilst in Bilsthorpe you may wish to either drive or walk (800 Metres) to the Bilsthorpe Mining Museum 1 on Cross street. This is reached by heading further north on Kirklington Road, cross over the roundabout and take the second left onto Church Street, then the third right onto Cross Street. The museum is towards the rear of the Bilsthorpe Village Hall.

Refreshments: Eakring offers the Daffodil Tea Room (opposite the old Savile Arms), while in Bilsthorpe the Copper Beech public house is close to the walking route, along with other options in the village, including a small café at the mining museum.



Walk 6: Eakring, Kneesall & Maplebeck Circular

Distance: 9.5 miles **Estimated time:** 4.5 hours



Directions

★ **Starting point:** Find a suitable place to park and start your walk from St Andrew's Parish Church, Kirklington Road, Eakring.

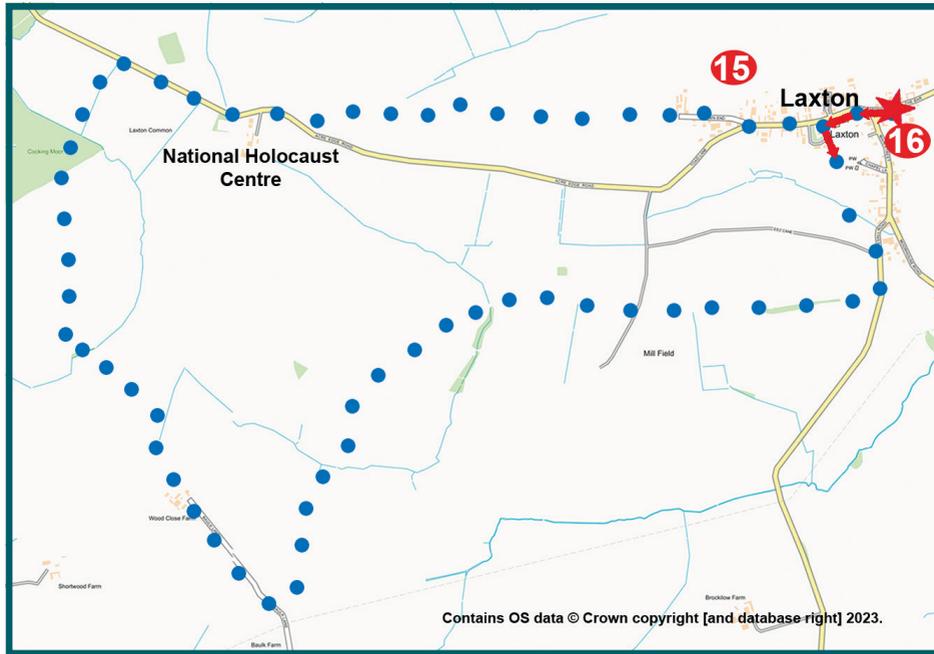
1. From the church head north and then turn left along Main Street until Hall Farm is reached on the right. Take the footpath on your right (Sikey Lane) and keep to the right. After a sharp right-hand bend, you will reach a road; at this junction take the track on your left for 150m, then cross the fields diagonally right on the path which heads for a pylon. Turn right and in 150m turn left down the field to a lane. Walk straight ahead up the lane for about 250m until a gap in the hedge on your right.

2. Cross the next two fields to reach the hedge, turn right, then follow the hedge and field boundary. Turn right then left at the top of the field to reach a stile. Follow this path to reach the busy A616 in Kneesall.
3. Turn right keeping on the grass verge until you reach Hall Farm 14 then cross the road carefully onto the pavement to follow the main road, passing the church and the restaurant/pub. Two hundred metres after the restaurant, carefully cross the road to walk along the lane on the right. Five hundred metres after passing a white house take the footpath on your left, across the fields to the woods. Keeping the woods on your right follow the path to the end of the trees and cross the next two fields diagonally following the path across the next 2 fields, heading down and veering left to enter the woods. Follow the path through the wooded area and along the green lane to join a track which leads to a road.
4. Walk carefully down the road and turn left opposite Hill Farm. Turn right after Becksides Stables, follow the track and turn left after circa 200m. Continue along this path for over 1 mile going through a kissing gate (NB there is no access to the summit of the hill), and turn right where the hedge on your right ends. Head for the road. Turn right and take the stile on your left to cross a small field and emerge on a lane which leads into Maplebeck.
5. Go through the village with the church on your right and the Beehive pub 17 on your left. At the top of the lane take the footpath on the left (just inside the entrance to Brecks Farm) and go straight on at the yellow post. Veer right at the tree to pass a pylon and straight on to the gap in the hedge. Veer slightly right across the next field, at the end go 10 m right then left through the hedge at the yellow post. Cross this field to the lane.
6. Turn right, pass the entrance to Dilliner Wood Farm, and walk towards Orchard Wood Farm. Where the track bends right, turn left then right; keep the hedge on your left. Follow the path where it turns left, and keeping the hedge on your left, go straight on until a path on the right crosses a field. Follow this to the edge of the woods. Go through the woods to a gate into Mansey Common. Go across the common to reach steps leading to a footbridge. Emerge on a path and walk straight across two fields. At the trees go right and immediately left. Walk up the track to reach a footbridge. Cross the bridge and turn left following the field boundary which bends right to a path which descends to another footbridge. This emerges onto a path, then a residential road. At the end turn right to return to the church.

Refreshments: The Hay Barn Cafe at Kneesall, The Beehive at Maplebeck - where you can eat your sandwiches (but not crisps) on the terrace if you buy a drink, and Eakring offers the Daffodil Tea Room.

Walk 7: Laxton Circular

Distance: 6.5 miles **Estimated time:** 3.5 hours



Directions

★ **Starting point:** Laxton Visitor Centre 16 (no charge for parking).
Toilets open daily 9am to dusk.

1. Turn right along Main Street/High Street to the Church. Take the footpath on the right side of the church and cross two fields down to a footbridge. (There is a new sign about the fish ponds on the right after the bridge.) Keeping the hedge on your left go through the gate onto the road. Turn right and after 100m take the footpath on the right up the field keeping close to the hedge. At the gap rejoin the track and follow it crossing over a north/south track, towards a single tree.
2. Turn right and immediately left to follow the gravel track as it veers left downhill. When you see a footpath off to the left, take the track to the right across the field to the hedge. Cross the next field slightly right to the gap in the hedge and to the right of a tree. The yellow footpath sign is hidden in the hedge. Cross the next field diagonally passing two large trees in the middle of the field, with a stile in the field corner - again hidden in the hedge.

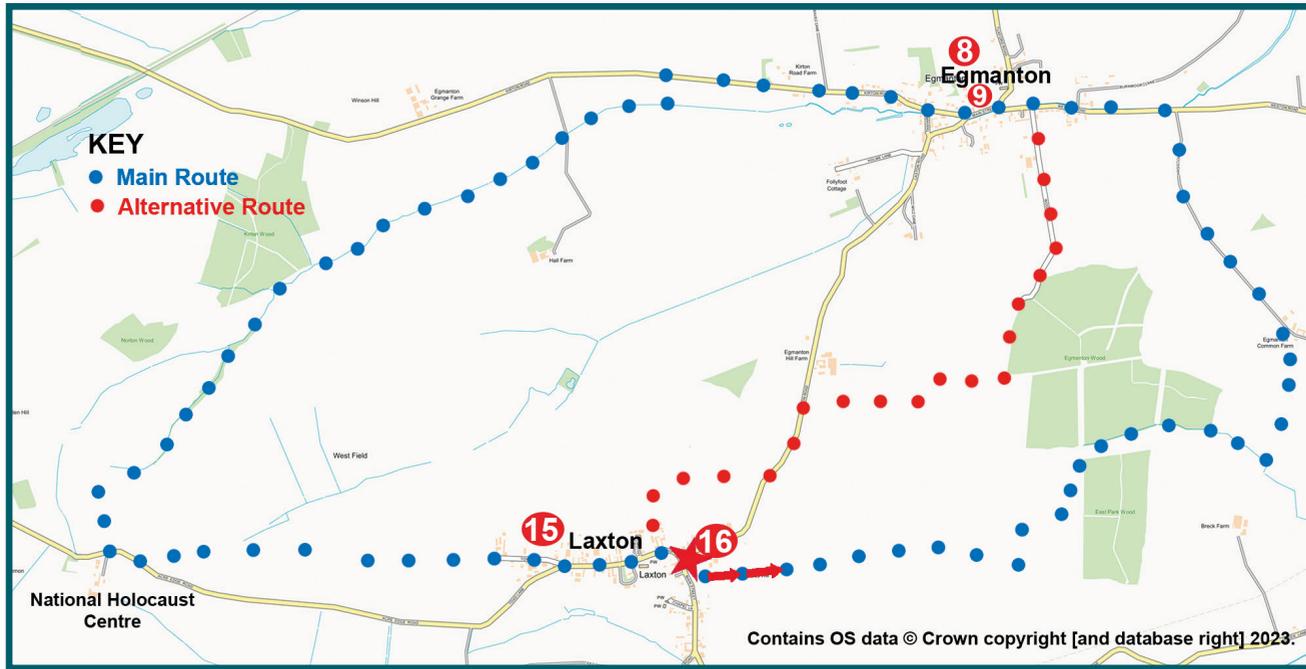
3. Descend the next field keeping the hedge on your left (virtually impassable at certain times of the year). At the yellow post at the bottom of the field turn right and immediately left to follow the path keeping the hedge on your left. Join a track which leads up to the lane by a pylon.
4. Turn right to follow the lane to the end. Follow the footpath across the field. At the footpath sign turn right, then left after 100m, then right again to cross two fields. At the second hedge turn left then right to walk towards the woods keeping the hedge on your left. At the woods follow the path on your right until a clear path is reached up to the road.
5. Turn right and walk along the largely quiet road until you reach a white house, just past the Holocaust Centre. At this point take the footpath, on your left, across the field to the corner of the hedge, then follow firstly a field side path 15 then a gravel track and then a grass path down through the trees to emerge at a lane on the edge of Laxton village (Always very muddy and wet for the last 150 m.) Follow the lane and rejoin High Street back to the Visitors Centre.

Refreshments: The Dovecote Inn at the Visitor Centre. The Holocaust Centre has a Tea Room, open 10.00am to 4.30pm (closed Saturday).



Walk 8: Egmonton & Laxton Circular

Distance: 9 miles **Estimated time:** 4.5 hours



This walk offers two alternative routes by using a more direct north-south footpath between the two villages.

The [east circular route](#) is circa 6 miles. The [west circular route](#) is circa 7 miles.

Directions

★ **Starting point:** Laxton Visitor Centre **16** (no charge or parking).
Toilets open daily 9am to dusk.

1. Head south along Main Street from the pinfold for about 30 metres and turn left onto the public footpath. Keep going forward, past the sports pavilion and when you reach the country lane, turn right. After a short distance take the footpath across the field to your left. When you reach the first yellow marker in the middle of the field turn to your right to the crossing in the hedge, cross over the next fields until the woods are facing you across the last field, then aim towards the far-left corner of the field where you will find a footpath that takes you between the two woods.

2. Cross a small bridge and continue along the edge of the left wood. After the woods turn left onto the footpath (over a stile) and turn immediately to your right. Go along the edge of the field and then turn left after crossing the next footbridge. Follow the path along the edge of the field until you come to a high hedge and then turn left along the hedge until you come to an industrial yard; turn right into the yard and then left along Hagg Lane in front of you. Go along this lane until you reach the road (Weston Road); turn left and keep on this road until you pass right through the village **8** & **9**, always heading towards Kirton.

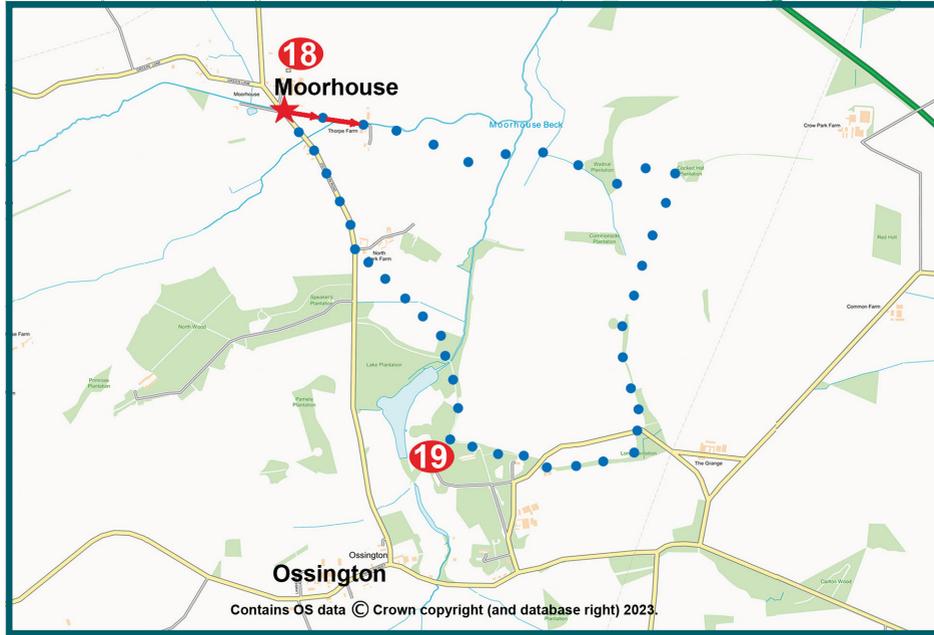
Alternate route (use for either the east or west circular):
When entering Egmonton village on Weston Road, turn left down Wood Lane and keep heading south, past the woods on your left. At the end of the woods turn to your right. At the end of the field turn sharp left and after circa 100 metres turn sharp right and keep going until you meet Laxton Road. Turn left (south) along the road for circa 300 metres and take the footpath on your right, along the edge of the fields. After two and a half fields take the path to your left, which will bring you out in Laxton village opposite the church.

3. After passing the last house of the village (Kirton Road Farm) and walking about 500 metres, you will find a public footpath to your left (about 100 metres before the bend in the road). Take this footpath and after 100 metres turn right (after the hedge) and then follow this footpath, keeping the small stream on your right for about 1.5 miles – you will cross several stiles. Eventually you will find that the stream turns into a ditch; at the end of the ditch turn to your left and head towards the house and road (Acre Edge Road) this will bring you close to the Holocaust Centre.
4. At the road turn left and opposite the white house take the footpath across the field towards Laxton **15**. Keep to this path which will bring you back into Laxton. Head towards the church and back to your starting point at the visitor centre.

Refreshments: Laxton offers The Dovecote Inn next to the Visitor Centre. The Holocaust Centre has a Tea Room, open 10.00am to 4.30pm (closed Saturday). Egmonton hosts The Old Plough Inn.

Walk 9: Ossington & Moorhouse Circular

Distance: 4 miles **Estimated time:** 2 hours



Directions

★ **Starting point:** This walk starts by the side of the village notice board and traditional red phone box in the centre of Moorhouse.

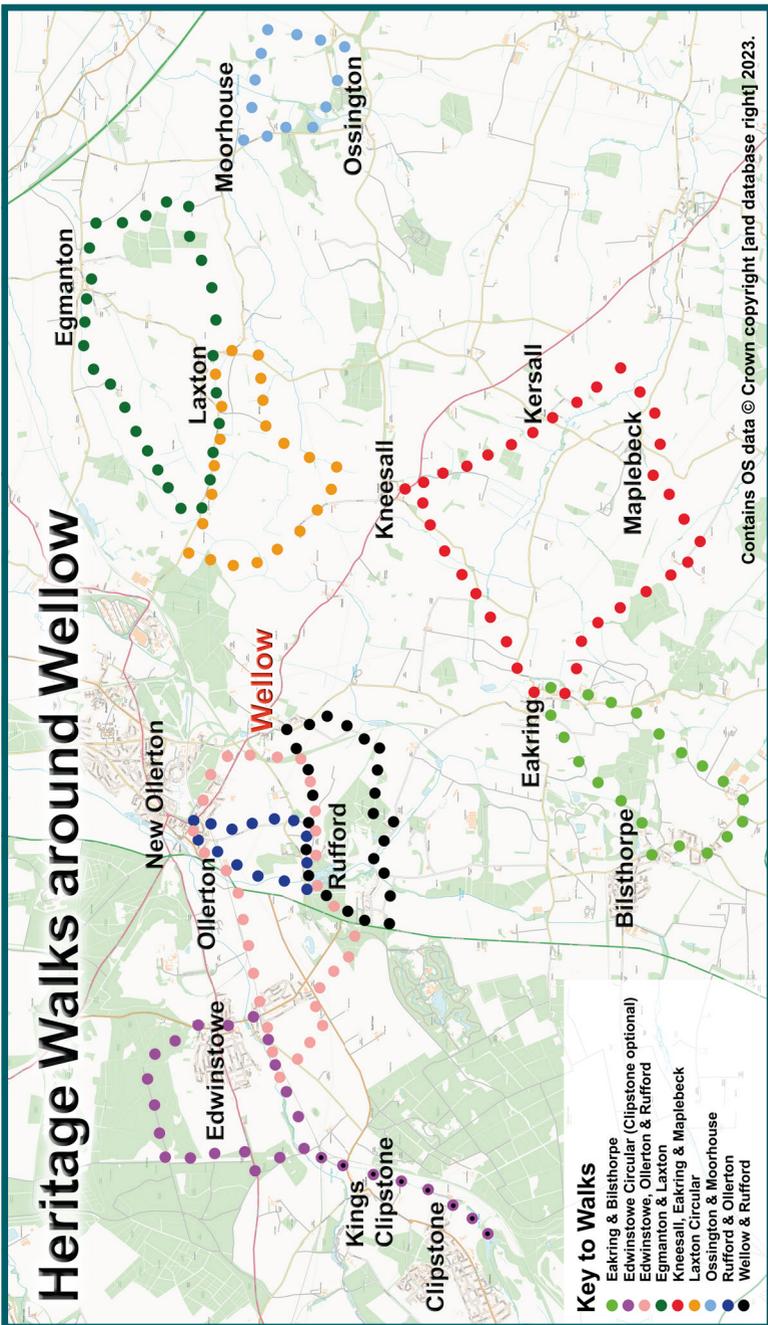
1. Head east along the small road/public footpath alongside Moorhouse Beck. Go straight through the gate and across the field to the next gate. Go straight across the field (the footpath may have been ploughed over) to the yellow post. Carry on eastward down the grassy lane and across the next field. Cross over a bridge and then carry on forward with the hedge on your right, towards the small wood.
2. Follow the path through the woods and at the other side carry on towards the next small wood. Follow the path part way around the trees and then take the grassy lane heading south until you reach a road. Cross over the road onto the next footpath, which is about 15 metres to your right. Follow the path until it reaches the road and then cross straight over, through the woods until you meet another grass lane.

3. Turn right along this lane **19** and follow it to the next road (at one point you will come to a fork in the path – take the right path). When you go over a bridge take the footpath on your right and keep going until you come out on the Ossington/Moorhouse road. Turn right and this will take you back into Moorhouse **18**.

Refreshments: This walk offers no immediate places of refreshments but there are many in the neighbouring villages. At Weston there is the Bird's Nest Coffee Lounge at Hall Farm Grain Store. See the other walks for further nearby suggestions.



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