

Poacher Line Railway Walks

This linear walk links Skegness and Wainfleet railway stations.

The 78 miles of railway line between Nottingham and Skegness is known as the Poacher Line and is a community rail line/service. Community rail lines aim to involve local people in the development and running of local and rural routes, services and stations.

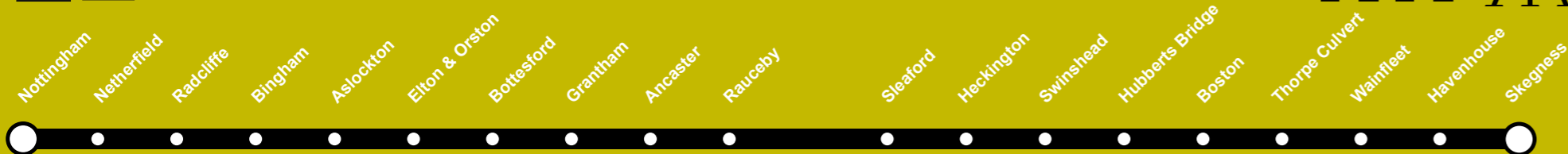
This is one of seven linear walks linking stations on the Poacher Line. If you have enjoyed this walk why not try the others:

1) Radcliffe to Nottingham	10½ km	(6½ miles)
2) Bottesford to Aslockton	10 km	(6 miles)
3) Grantham to Bottesford	15 km	(9½ miles)
4) Ancaster to Sleaford	10½ km	(6½ miles)
5) Heckington to Sleaford	11 km	(6¾ miles)
6) Skegness to Wainfleet	15 km	(9½ miles)
7) Skegness to Wainfleet (vis Burgh le Marsh)	12 km	(7½ miles)

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For more information about The Poacher Line Community Rail Partnership visit poacherline.org.uk

The Poacher Line



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

Most of all enjoy your visit to the Lincolnshire countryside

This leaflet is one in a series of walk leaflets produced by Lincolnshire County Council's Countryside Access Team to help you explore and enjoy the County's countryside. If you have enjoyed these walks and would like information on other walking routes in Lincolnshire then please visit our website.

If you encounter any problems whilst on these walks, such as an overgrown path or a broken sign post, please let us know so they can be corrected.

We would also welcome your comments and suggestions on the walk and leaflet to help improve future editions.

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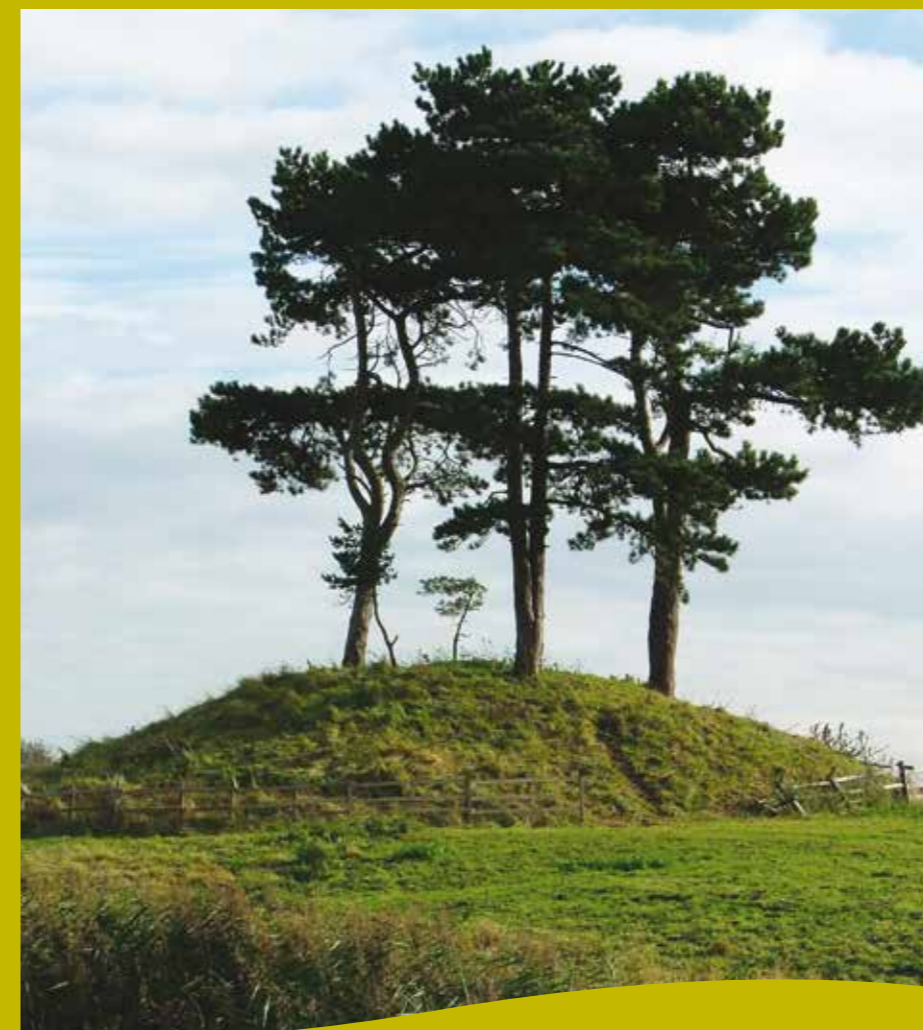
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Great Days Out on the Poacher Line



Walks by Train

Skegness Burgh le Marsh - Wainfleet



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Introduction

This linear walk links Skegness and Wainfleet railway stations on the east coast of Lincolnshire.

Skegness is the County's most famous seaside resort and the home of the first Butlins holiday camp and the Jolly Fisherman. Prior to the arrival of the railway in Skegness in 1873 it was a village with less than 400 residents. The town expanded during the 20th century and is still a popular holiday destination.

Now 8km (5 miles) from the sea, Wainfleet once stood on the coast and was an important port until it became silted up in the 15th century. The town has many attractive buildings including a terrace of grand houses that would not look out of place in London. This walk links the two towns via another, Burgh le Marsh.

Around Burgh and Croft are areas of Lincolnshire Coastal Grazing Marsh, a nationally threatened habitat that supports a rich variety of wildlife including otters, water voles and dragonflies as well as birds such as lapwing, snipe, redshank and curlew. Areas of pasture you see on this walk might have avoided the plough for 200 years. The Lincolnshire Coastal Grazing Marshes Project began in 2011 to protect the remaining grassland and encourage pastoral farming.

For more information about the Project and places to visit go to lincsmarshes.org.uk



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Walk

- 1 Leave Skegness railway station and turn left.

After approximately 200m, cross the road at the pedestrian crossing and continue along Wainfleet Road before turning right along Grantham Drive.

Take the first left along Old Wainfleet Road and continue straight on as it becomes Church Road South.

- 2 As the road bends to the right and about 50m before Swaby Crescent turn left along a public footpath.

Follow the footpath between houses to a road. Cross the road and continue straight on.

As the path emerges from the housing area walk along the field edge beside the drain to a bridge in the hedge.

Cross the bridge and continue straight ahead heading to the right of the house, to a bridge and road.

- 3 Turn left and follow the road for approximately 30m before turning right along a public footpath.

Follow the path to a metal footpath sign.

Take the footpath that bears diagonally right across the field away from the drain to a sign and bridge.

Cross the bridge and follow the path alongside the drain to the A158 and Southview Leisure Park.

A bus stop Skegness side of the entrance allows you to shorten the walk and return to Skegness by bus.

- 4 Cross the A158, with care, turn right and at the footpath sign after the second water feature, turn left along the path with lakes, mobile homes and hedge on your left. Follow the path for 550m.

At the junction with a road turn left and then first right and follow the footpath signs. Follow the road for approximately 400m until you reach The Beeches. Turn left, walk through the car park area and then between the caravans to the hedge and a fingerpost.

Turn right, along the hedge to a bridge into Roach Farm Park. Turn right, alongside the drain until you meet another bridge. Once across the bridge the path continues west towards Burgh le Marsh.

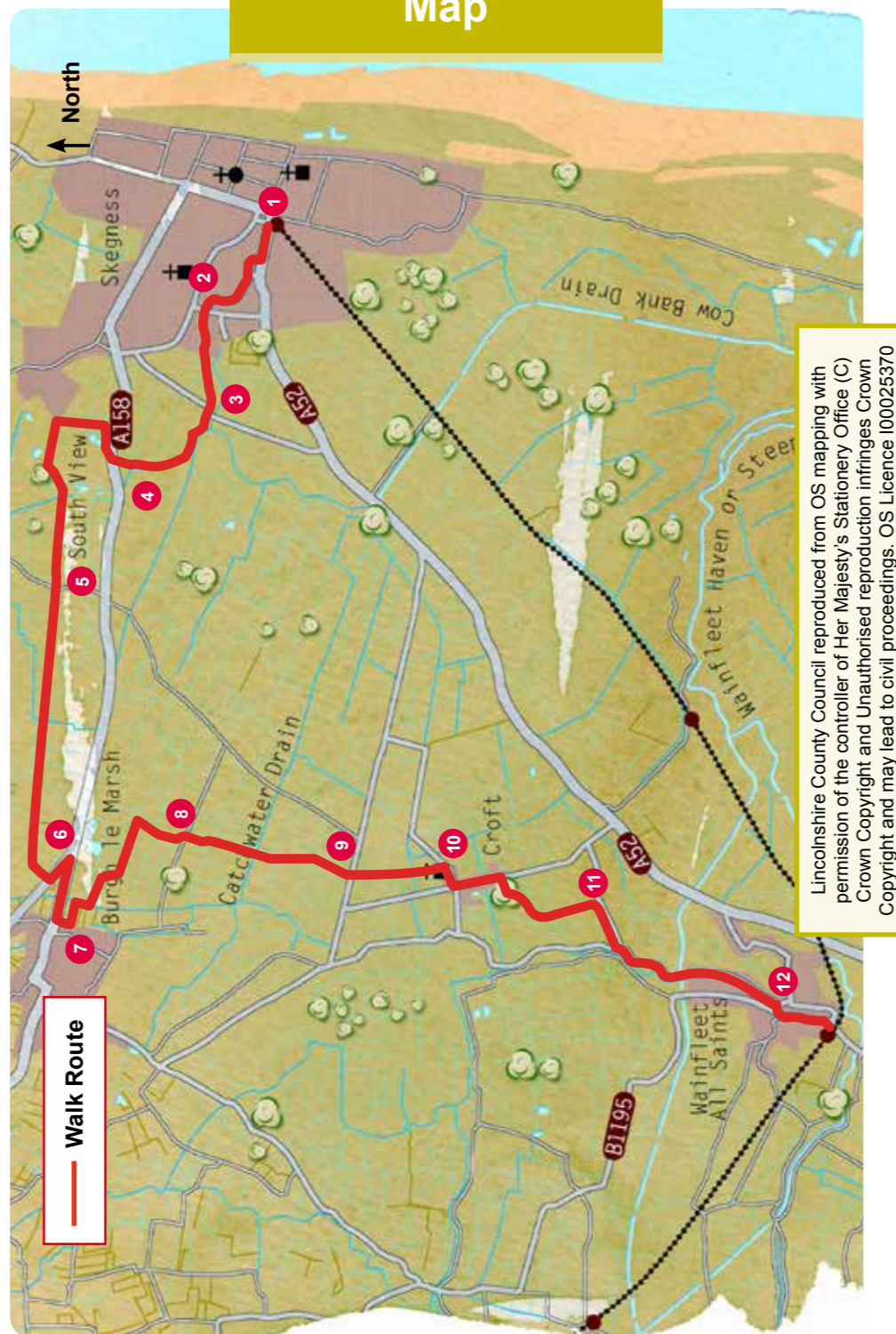
- 5 Cross a lane and continue in the same direction over a series of bridges and stiles. Cross a farm lane, behind a barn, and walk along the edge of another four fields.

Three quarters across the last field bear diagonally left to a kissing gate next to a road.

Cross the road with care and follow the path up the bank and then across a small field to a gate.

Walk along the lane to a road.

Map



Walk

- 6 Turn right towards Burgh le Marsh.

Continue on the short distance into Burgh le Marsh for refreshments and toilets.

Again there is the opportunity to catch a bus back to Skegness.

To continue the walk cross the road with care near the junction with Ingoldmells Road.

- 7 Follow the footpath up the farm lane passing the chip shop. After approximately 100m turn left onto a footpath. Walk along the edge of the field to a bridge.

Cross the bridge, turn right and follow the path across two fields to a stone track.

Turn left and follow the track for approximately 150m and then bear diagonally right to a footpath sign at the end of the hedge. Follow the footpath alongside the drain and after approximately 200m bear diagonally right to the corner of the field and a bridge.

Cross the bridge and walk straight across the field heading to the left of the house.

- 8 At the road turn left and after 50m turn right onto a public footpath. Bear slightly left across the field heading to a bridge and the tower of Croft Church.

Cross the bridge and follow the footpath straight on.

Cross the bridge over the Catchwater Drain and continue straight on keeping the smaller drain on your right.

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As the drain bends right, bear slightly left to a bridge in the field corner. Carry on along the field edge.

- 9 At the road turn right and then almost immediately left along the footpath to Croft church. Cross the bridge and continue beside the drain and hedge to a road.

- 10 Turn right and follow the road into Croft.

At the road junction turn left and after 400m turn right onto the public footpath signed to Croft Road. Walk beside the drain. As the drain bends right, bear left across the field to a bridge.

Cross the bridge and turn right to a bridge in the field corner.

Cross the bridge, turn left and follow two field edges to a bridge and sign.

Follow the sign to Croft Road heading towards the corner of the wood.

Go through the gap between the hedge and the trees and through a garden to a road.

- 11 Turn right and at the T-junction turn left.

Follow the road for approximately 1½ km (1 mile) to a T-junction.

- 12 Turn right and at the next T-junction turn left along the High Street.

Follow the High Street past the Market Place and onto the railway station.

Useful information

Walk location: Skegness is located on the coast.

Starting point: Skegness railway station, Wainfleet Road.
Grid reference: TF 562 632. Postcode: PE25 3QL

Parking: Public car parks in Skegness or the Market Place, Wainfleet.

Public Transport: The Poacher railway line runs between Grantham and Skegness and stops at Wainfleet. For times and more information call:

National Rail Enquiries

Tel: 08457 484950 or visit nationalrail.co.uk

East Midlands Trains

Tel: 08457 125678 or visit eastmidlandstrains.co.uk

For bus information visit: lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel

Walk length: 15km (9½ miles). It is possible to shorten the walk by returning to Skegness on the bus from either Southview Park (3km / 2 miles) or Burgh le Marsh (8km / 5 miles). At a leisurely pace the whole walk will take approximately 4¾ hours to complete.

Type of walk: The walk uses field paths, and quiet lanes, which may be muddy and uneven in places. You may encounter stiles and livestock.

Ordnance Survey maps for the area: Explorer 274 Skegness, Alford & Spilsby. Landranger 122 Skegness & Horncastle.

Refreshments: There is plenty of choice for refreshments in Skegness, Burgh le Marsh and Wainfleet.

Public Toilets: Skegness, Burgh le Marsh and Wainfleet.

Places to visit:

Batemans Brewery, Station Road, Wainfleet.
Magdalen College School Museum, Wainfleet.
Various attractions in Skegness.

For more information call Skegness Tourist Information Centre on **01754 899887** or go to visitlincolnshire.com