



Market Deeping Town Council

Walks in and around The Deepings



Walk 6

Northborough

Walk information

Walk Location: Market Deeping is situated 9 miles north of Peterborough on the North bank of the River Welland.

Starting point: Town Hall, High Street, Market Deeping.

Parking: Please park responsibly in the town. There is ample free parking at the Co-op behind the town centre. Access is via Godsey Lane.

Public transport: For information and times, call the Traveline on 0870 6082608 or visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel.

Walk length: 8.8km, 5.5miles

Time: 2.5 hours.

Type of walk: This is a level walk in and around Market Deeping, mostly paved paths with some field tracks. May be muddy in parts with some stiles. There may be livestock in the fields so please keep your dogs firmly under control.

Ordnance Survey maps for the area: Explorer 235 and Landranger 142

Refreshments: There is a range of pubs, cafés and shops in Market Deeping town



The Walk

1. (1-2, 84m). Leave the Town Hall and cross the road bearing right to the corner. Then walk a few yards towards the bridge over the Welland. The Old Coach House is on the left.
2. (2-3, 1030m) Walk along the path towards Peterborough. Maxey House is on the left.
3. (3-4, 740m). At point 3 leave the main road and follow a path and then the old Lincoln Road towards Northborough.
4. (4-5, 590m). At the crossroads at 4 keep straight ahead going down Lincoln Road towards the centre of Northborough. Note the pub on the left called The Pack Horse and the old house across the road called Northborough Manor. (see box)

Northborough Manor House.
Built by Roger de Norburgh in the early 14th century. Bought by James Claypole in 1572. Claypole's great grandson married Elizabeth Cromwell during the civil war. Oliver Cromwell visited regularly and Cromwell's Closet can be seen over the south porch. There are also links with America and George Washington.

At this point you can continue the walk towards Nine Bridges (or if a shorter walk is preferred turn left along Church Street and join the walk again at point 9. It is a fascinating street with many old buildings and well worth walking its length before continuing. John Clare, the poet lived in a thatched cottage on this street).

St Andrew's church
This is a Norman Grade 1 listed building. There are links with the Cromwell family and with John Clare's.

5. . (5-6, 940m). Cross the road to the Manor and bear right before turning left after a few yards still heading south.
6. . (6-7, 830m). Cross the Maxey Cut at this point which is known as Nine Bridges and turn first left onto a small road and then left again onto the bank of the river. Follow the track up to a footbridge.
7. . (7-8, 660m). Cross the bridge and head across the fields and then along a track which is called Paradise Lane to point 8. Opposite is Pasture Lane

which follows the route of the old Car Dyke.

Car Dyke

This is a Roman ditch stretching 137km on the western flanks of the Fens. It may have been a boundary but could also have been used as a canal

8. (8-9, 450m) Turn left along the main street and note all the fine buildings on the way to point 9 at the school.

John Clare

An English poet, son of a farm labourer. Seen as a major 19th century poet writing about the countryside, nature and rural childhood

9. (9-10,1042 m). Turn right here and walk by the left hand side of the school. This path now weaves through the estate but ends up at the playing fields and the village hall if you go wrong. When you go round the school and come to a road go straight across and follow the track behind the houses before coming out onto another road. At this point turn left and then right before seeing the playing fields on the left. Walk across the fields to a small bridge over a ditch. Turn left

onto the track and head to the road at 10.

10. (10-11, 600m) This is the Deeping St James road and you turn right on the footpath at the side of the road and head towards Deeping St James.

11. (11-3,). At 11, leave the road and turn left on the track called Bridgegate Lane to return to point 3 on the Peterborough Road.

(3-11, 1124m) Retrace your steps back to the Town Hall.