

Market Deeping town Council

Walks in and around The Deepings

Parish Walk 2



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

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

Parking: Please park responsibly in the village. There is a large car park at the Co-op behind the shops.

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

Walk length: 6.6 km, 4.1 miles

Time: 2.25 hours.

Type of walk: This is a level walk in and around Market Deeping, using some field tracks but mainly paths in the town. 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.

The Walk

1. (1-2, 380m). Set off from the 19th century Town Hall in the Market Place, heading west along the Stamford Road. Following the finger post, turn right into what looks like a private access road. After a few metres, take the path on the right marked by a yellow way marker.
2. (2-3, 130m) Follow the path as it turns first left and then right to emerge into The Woodlands.
3. (3-4, 257m). Turn right round the green to another alley on the right, marked by a finger post which leads into a tarmac play area and some children's play equipment. Continue along the path and through the arch to Church Street.
4. (4-5, 171m). Turn left and walk north on Church Street past St Guthlac's Church and The Rectory to turn right into Rectory Paddock.

Rectory Paddock is an area of meadow with a wildlife pond. Frogs and newts abound and eels have been spotted. The water is from the water table and is very clean.

5. (5-6, 409m). Follow the winding footpath through the paddock noting the wide range of trees and the pond on the left. Enter The Spinney, an area designated for the scattering of ashes. As you leave the trees, turn right through the cemetery to the main entrance, turn left then walk across The Glebe field to the exit beyond the BMX track. Make sure you look over your shoulder for a different view of the church. On your left is John Eve field with its children's play equipment and a football pitch.
6. (6-7, 222m) Using the crossing, cross the road and turn left and then right heading into the Tesco car park. Keep to the right heading for the corner of the building.
7. (7-8, 780m). Go round the right hand corner of the building to follow a long footpath across the fields to Linchfield Road.
8. (8-9, 425m) Turn left heading north on the road to cross Towngate East, walking past Swines Meadow Garden Centre on the right.

9. (9-10, 656m). Ignore the large double gate blocking the road, by bearing right over the stile or through the gate, then pass between the trees. Coming to the by-pass, take great care crossing, then pass through the hedge on the far side to a small lane.
10. (10-11, 776m). Turn left on to the lane going past Witts caravan storage on the right. Look for a gap in the hedge with a way over the ditch to get back on to the bypass. Walk along the by-pass until the next turn on the left into the industrial estate.
11. (11-12, 898m). Follow the road as it bears right to a junction and take a left turn back to Towngate East.
12. (12-13, 239m). Turn right and walk past the Health Centre on the left to Godsey Lane. You are now on the course of the ancient Roman Canal, known as The Car Dyke, that can be traced from Peterborough to Lincoln.
13. (13-14, 619m). Turn left into Godsey Lane and return to the Rectory Paddock. Instead of turning in to the cemetery, walk straight on to the footpath with The Old Rectory buildings on your left and The New Rectory on the right.
14. (14-15, 388m). Turn left on to Church Street to return to the start.

The St Guthlac Church was originally a Saxon chapel but was converted to a parish church in the 12th century. Inside, it retains some Norman arches. It is dedicated to a local saint, Guthlac, who lived at Crowland from 699-714, having set off across the fen from Market Deeping on the then perilous journey! As you approach the church, note the sundial on the face of the tower and observe its partner on the north side.

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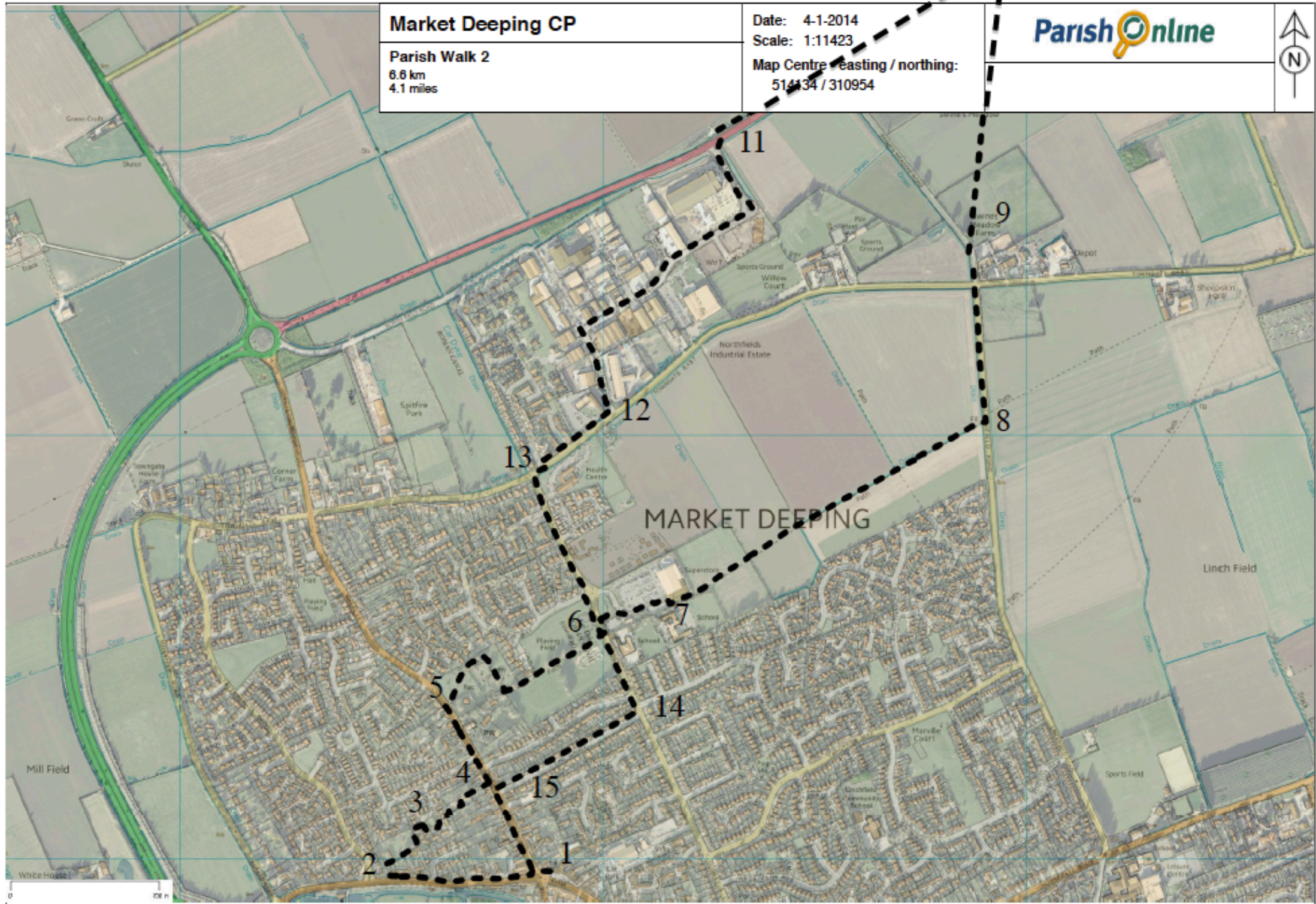
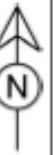
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