

Market Deeping Town Council

Walks in and around The Deepings



Parish Walk 1



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: 3.6 km, 2.3 miles

Time: 1.25 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 centre.

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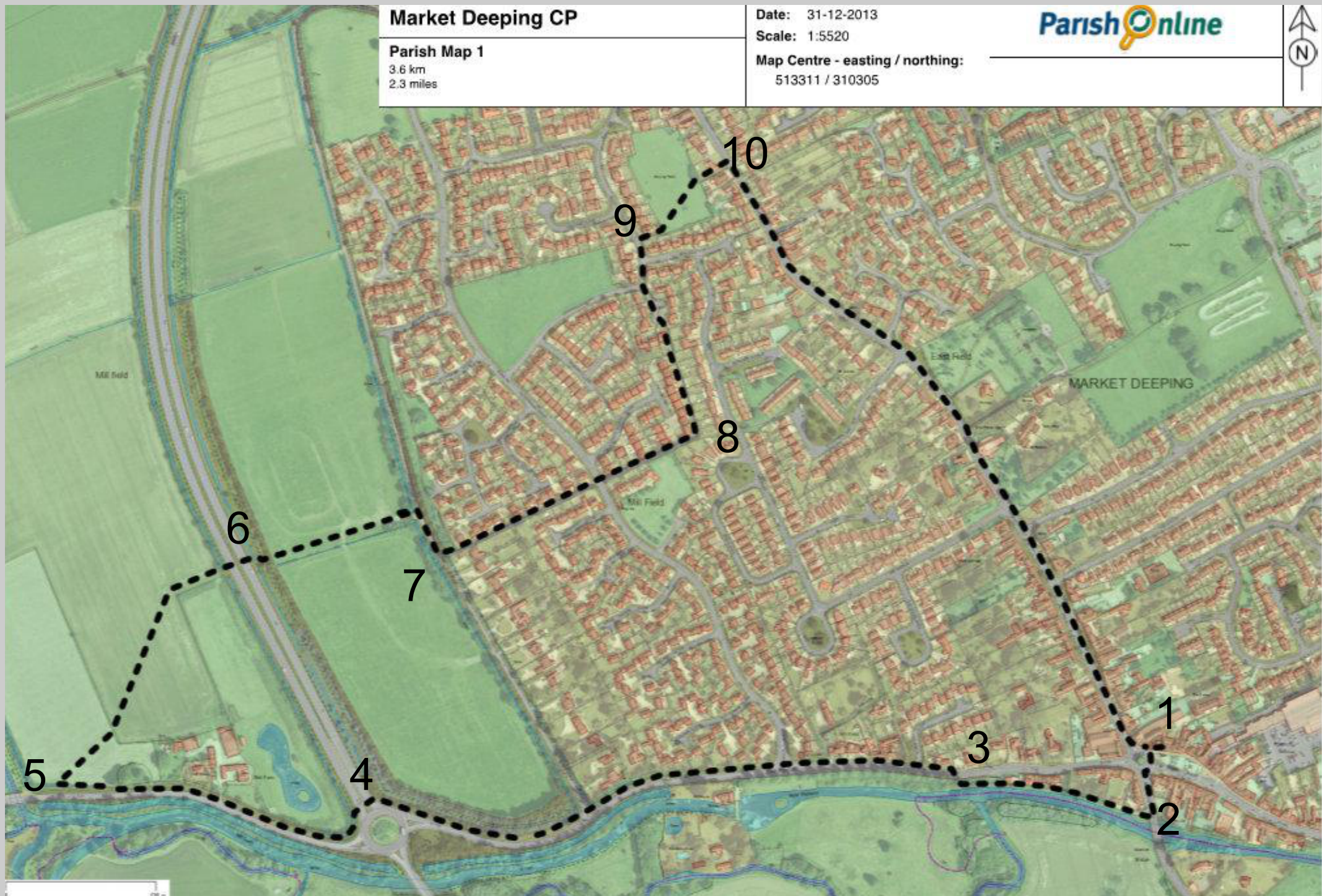
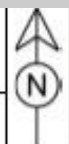
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The Walk

1. (1-2, 72m). Set off from the 19th century Town Hall in the Market Place by crossing the road at the roundabout towards the Town Bridge that crosses the River Welland.
2. (2-3, 212m) Do not cross the bridge but turn right to follow the footpath to the end on the North Bank of the river in a westerly direction. This footpath is called Welland Walk. (See information board at footpath entrance).
3. (3-4, 660m). The footpath leaves the river. Be very careful here as you cross the main road. Traffic is difficult to see coming from the right. Now turn left and follow the footpath away from the town to the roundabout on the by-pass.
4. (4-5, 417m). Take great care as you go straight across the Deepings by-pass to follow the Stamford Road, past Bells Farm and pond on the right. Part of the old Stamford canal remains on the left. Look for the stile and finger post on the right before the Greatford Cut bridge.

A short walk across the Greatford Cut bridge brings you to another information board about the history of the old Stamford Canal. Well worth a diversion.

5. (5-6, 308m). Head north-east across the field to cross a stile. Continue in a similar direction although you may need to walk around the field's edge after heavy rain. Head for the corner of the hedge, observing views of Langtoft village and church as you go. Follow the path with the hedge on your right to the stile that returns you to the by-pass. Cross, with great care, to the footpath opposite that is marked with a yellow way marker.
6. (6-7, 237m). Cross the stile into the old Deepings Showground field and follow the edge until you reach Millfield Lane. Turn right and after a few yards, take the left hand footpath, between the houses on the left and the hedge on the right until you come to Tattershall Drive.
7. (7-8, 342m). Cross the road and continue on the footpath with the houses on the left and the hedge on the right.
8. (8-9, 230m) Follow the footpath as it bears left until you reach a small cul-de-sac. Keeping to the right hand footpath, cross the end of Meadway then turn into a small alley on the right.

Note: This is a mediaeval field seen by rows of wide humps in the land

9. (9-10, 140m). The alley brings you out on Greensland open space. Feel free to try out the AUsCourse 2000 fitness equipment if you wish! Cross in a north east direction to another alley which leads to Halfleet.
- 10 (10-1, 840m) Turn Right here to follow the road back to the start of the walk.

As you return you will pass many features of Market Deeping's history. Halfleet becomes Church Street when you reach a listed 19th century milestone on your left. Rectory Paddock, once a field for the grazing of livestock, is being developed as a wildflower meadow by the Town Council. There is also a natural wildlife pond here that provided drinking water for cattle and horses. Have a look if you have time. 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 south side as you pass.