

# Market Deeping town Council

## *Walks in and around The Deepings*

### **WELLAND WALK**



**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](http://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. The town centre itself is part of a conservation area, known for its range of 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century fine architecture.

**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.

This is an excellent short walk in village and countryside. If a longer walk is desired, combine this walk with Walk 4 to give a delightful river and village walk of 8 km (5 miles).

*As can be seen by the archways, these are old coaching inns. The Bull is the oldest as it is recorded in a survey commissioned by Queen Elizabeth I in 1537. The Stage is a Georgian building dating from 1802. The Town Hall itself was built in the Tudor Gothic style in 1835 to the design of Thomas Pilkington, a well-known architect who was born in Stamford.*

## The Walk

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2. (2-3, 288 m). Keep straight on to Riverside Park on your right. The Peace Memorial sculpture represents a sail. It commemorates people of The Deepings who were involved in 20<sup>th</sup> century conflicts. Pass the Boundary chip shop on your right.

*If you enter the chip shop through the first door you come to, you are still in Market Deeping. Leave by the next door, and you are in Deeping St. James. Thus the boundary between the two parishes is marked!*

1. (1-2, 463m). Set off from the 19<sup>th</sup> century Town Hall in the Market Place by walking in an easterly direction past The Bull on the left and The Stage on the right. Continue on to The High Street, passing The Granary, an imposing four-storey former maltings and oast house now converted to apartments. The Laurels, a Grade II listed early 19<sup>th</sup> century building, is now a care home. On the right, is Welland Park with views of the river and a Welland Walk information board. Market Deeping Antiques and Craft Centre, which was once a department store, is also on the left. If you are not tempted to wile away an hour there, carry on to the mini roundabout.

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3. (3-4, 300m). Leave the main road as it veers to the left, by bearing right into Bridge Street. The river, with its lock known as High Locks, comes in to view. See the Welland Walk information board.
4. (4-5, 39m). Turn right on to the footbridge and observe the modern sluice that is used to control river flow when necessary. To the left of the weir is an odd structure known as an eel ladder. Because eels cannot swim up the man made weir, the ladder was installed to allow them to wriggle up thereby continuing their journey to their spawning grounds.
5. (5-6, 720m). Continue to cross the bridge, turning right to walk next to the

river. You are now in Deeping Gate and the County of Cambridgeshire!



- Having passed cottages and houses to your left, this part of the walk is mainly fields with a good view of Market Deeping across the river. There are a number of gates and you will also cross a small bridge as the path gradually veers away from the river.
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  6. (6-7, 210m). You now cross two fields. In the event there is livestock grazing, please take care. There are kissing gates and one stile to a narrow alley leading back to Market Deeping to Peterborough B road.
  7. (7-1, 235m). Turn right and make your way back to the start, crossing the Town Bridge on the way. Go past The Old Coach House on the right, originally a slaughterhouse for a butcher's shop! The house on the corner of Market Place was a Victorian Police Station. You can still see its inscription on the south corner of the building.

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2.3 km  
1.4 miles

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Scale: 1:5711

Map Centre - easting / northing:

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