

# 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 Natural Environment 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.

*If you require this leaflet in another format please contact us.*

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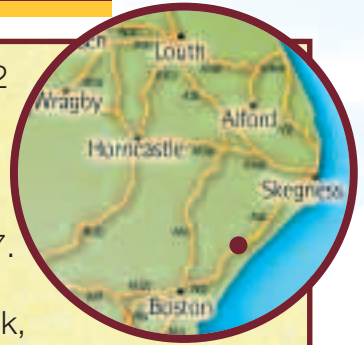


# Walk Information

**Walk location:** Wrangle is situated on the A52 19 km (12 miles) south of Skegness and 14½ km (9 miles) north of Boston.

**Starting point: Walk One:** End of Sea Lane, Wrangle. Grid ref: TF 458 497.

**Walk Two:** Junction of Broadgate and Gold Fen Bank, Wrangle Common. Grid ref: TF 429 517.



**Parking:** As starting points above. Please park responsibly and leave room for farm vehicles.

**Public Transport:** Buses run regularly between Skegness and Boston. For further information and times call the Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel).

**Walk length:** Walk One: 1½ or 5½ km (1 or 3½ miles)  
Walk Two: 4 km (2½ miles)

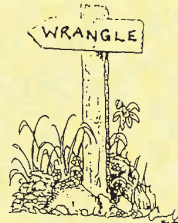
At a leisurely pace walk one will take approximately 30 minutes or 1¾ hours to complete and walk two 1¼ hours.

**Type of walk:** Walk One uses old and new sea banks on the coast and walk Two uses field paths and a quiet lane.

**Ordnance Survey maps for the area:** Explorer 261 Boston. Landranger 122 Skegness and Horncastle.

**Refreshments:** Angel Inn and Post Office, Wrangle. Post Office, Wrangle Common.

*These walks and leaflet have been put together with assistance from the Wrangle Parish Paths Partnership*



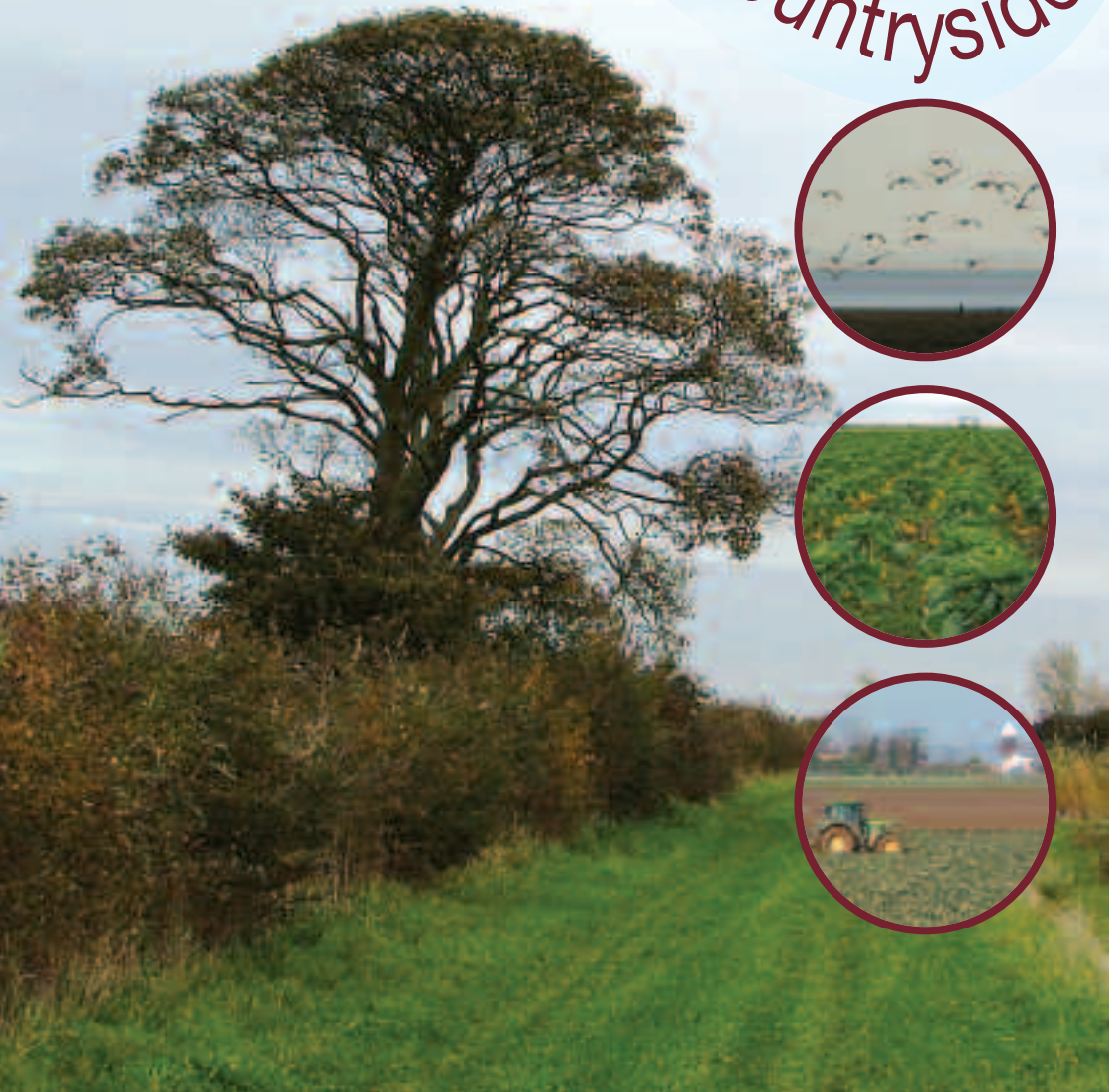
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# Wrangle Coast & Countryside



# Introduction

The parish of Wrangle has a coastline on The Wash, and is made up of a number of distinct areas. These are the village around the church, land reclaimed from the sea, Wrangle Low Ground and Wrangle Common.

Walk One explores the land between the village and the coast, much of which has been reclaimed from the sea. Man has reclaimed land here since medieval times and this walk uses a number of sea banks including those built in the

medieval period, 1809 and 1960. This grade 1 agricultural land is some of the most fertile in the country and is used to grow a variety of vegetables.

Walk Two uses a permissive path to explore farmland at Wrangle Low Ground where wildlife is encouraged and thrives. The farmer has won a number of awards for his conservation work.

*For more information about  
The Wash visit  
[www.washestuary.org.uk](http://www.washestuary.org.uk)*



# The Walk

## Walk One

*Before refrigeration, salt was widely used to preserve food and in Lincolnshire sea water was used to produce salt. In Roman and medieval times an industry based on salt production was present in this area. Remnants of the post medieval industry remain in the form of salterns (mounds) in the landscape. Their size and shape vary and some have been ploughed out.*

- 1 Walk back inland along the track for approximately 500m to the old sea bank and footpath.

*Just north of here on the coast is the RAF Wainfleet Weapons Range so you may experience the loud roar and 'acrobatic' display of jets as they carry out target practice in The Wash.*

- 2 Turn right and follow the footpath along the top of the old sea bank.

*On the left you will see Toft Mill, with the white cap. The mill is shown on the Ordnance Survey map of 1824 and was dismantled and converted to be driven by an engine in 1922. Close by is Wrangle Mill which was built in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. It was later extended by one floor and used wind power until the 1930s.*

- 3 At the junction with the new sea bank turn right along the footpath on the top of the bank.



After approximately 400m and at the first junction with a footpath you can turn right to leave the bank and return to the starting point.

*The mud flats and salt marshes of The Wash are some of the most important winter feeding areas for waders and wildfowl.*

For the longer route continue along the sea bank for approximately 1½ km (1 mile) to the next footpath junction.

*This section of the sea bank was built in the 1959/60. On a clear day you can see much of The Wash coast and the wind turbines at Gedney.*

# Map & Walk

## Walk One



## Walk Two



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- 4 Turn right off the new bank and onto an old bank. Follow the path towards the cottage passing both old and new hedges.

*The old hedge contains some gnarled and twisted hawthorn and elder bushes. Elder has thick, corky bark and the white pith inside the stems was once used to hold botanical specimens. Both the flowers and berries can be used to make wine.*

- 5 At the cottage and junction of paths continue straight on along the old sea bank.
- 6 At the junction with the track turn right to return to the starting point.



## Walk Two

By kind permission of the landowner this walk uses a permissive path around a national award winning organic farm which has extensive conservation areas. To avoid disturbing wildlife please keep to the permissive path and keep dogs under control.

- 1 From the crossroads follow the grass track beside the cottage that runs parallel to Gold Fen Bank.

After approximately 80m turn left into the field where there is an information board.

Follow the white arrows clockwise around the edge of the field following the 6m grass margins which are regularly cut.

*This field, known as Lowgrounds Meadows is 17½ acres and has 21 corners! At the second corner you will pass a small woodland, planted in 1994, to mark the centenary of Wrangle Parish Council. Called Centenary Spinney it consists of a mix of traditional native hardwood species and hedgerow shrubs including field maple, hazel, oak and hawthorn.*

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Continue to follow the grass margin around the edge of the field.

*The tall old hedge on your left marks the boundary with some old grassland. Hawthorn makes up the majority of this hedge and has been used as a stock proof field boundary for hundreds of years. During the land enclosures thousands of hawthorns were planted in hedges as landowners marked their boundaries.*

- 2 Cross the footbridge which leads into the Twisted 10 Acre. A long field in the shape of a slender 's', then over another footbridge following the path around the ends of three more fields.

*You will pass another old grass field with old hedges and with a pit in the corner, now valuable as a source of water for wildlife.*

- 3 After passing a gate you will walk beside a new hedge planted in 2000 that contains hawthorn, dog rose, field maple and hazel. Turn right after the two large sycamore trees in the hedge and walk beside the drain towards two small copses.

*There is an abundance of wildlife on the farm. Look out for heron, Canada and grey lag geese, mallard, teal, tufted duck, curlew, snipe, woodcock, sandpiper, redshank, barn owl, tawny owl, kestrel, marsh harrier, skylark, turtle dove, reed bunting, reed warblers and many more! Also look out for brown hares.*

- 4 Pass between the two copses and turn left, off the track, to Gold Fen Bank.
- 5 At the road turn right to return to the start.

*Gold Fen Bank is an early flood protection bank. Protecting farmland from the fresh waters that ran off the Wolds and the flooded fens. Look out on the right for another large old grass field, called The Brickyard Piece, with an old boundary hedge, probably dating from the medieval period.*

