

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 Countryside Access 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: Tattershall lies 48 km (30 miles) south-east of Lincoln.

Starting point and parking: Market Place, Tattershall. Grid reference: TF 212 579.

Parking: Public car park in the Market Place, as above.

Public Transport: For times and more information call the Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel.

Walk length: Longer walk : 9½ km (6 miles) will take approximately 3 hours to complete. Shorter walk: 5½ km (3½ miles) will take 1¾ hours to complete.

Public Footpath

Type of walk: The walk uses field paths, roadside paths, river banks, quiet lanes and woodland paths, which may be muddy in places.

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

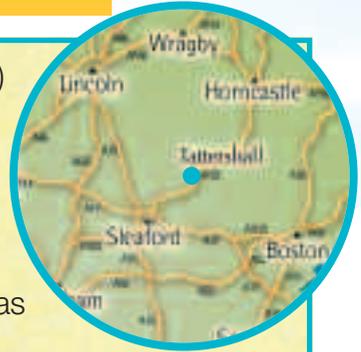
Refreshments: There is a selection of refreshment options in Tattershall and Coningsby and The Blue Bell at Tattershall Thorpe.

Public toilets: Castle Lane, Coningsby.

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Lincolnshire Walks

Tattershall With Thorpe & Coningsby



A circular walk of 9½ or 5½ km (6 or 3½ miles)

Introduction

Tattershall village lies between the Fens and the Wolds and is dominated by the 130ft red brick tower of the medieval Tattershall Castle and the impressive parish church which stands close by.

The walk starts from the Market Place and the Green, the heart of the village and a conservation area. The Buttercross, built in the fifteenth century was the centre of the once regular markets held in the village. The War Memorial and the Millennium Monument can also be seen on the Green. The walk then passes the castle and church before following the line of the old Horncastle canal and river Bain. It visits the heart of Coningsby and then continues through two woodlands before returning to Tattershall.



The Walk

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- 1 Leave the Market Place and turn right towards the church and castle.
- 2 After approximately 250m turn left along the gravel driveway to the church and past Tattershall Castle. Follow the path through the churchyard and past the bowling green, ignoring the public footpath on the right. Cross a lane and continue straight on along a footpath to the old Horncastle canal.

Tattershall Castle was built in the 1440s by Lord Cromwell. An earlier stone castle existed on the site and carved stone remnants have been found in local houses. The red brick tower is a masterpiece of early English brickwork and is one of the most important fifteenth century brick keeps in the country. It is now owned by the National Trust and open to visitors. For opening times visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk or call 01526 342543.



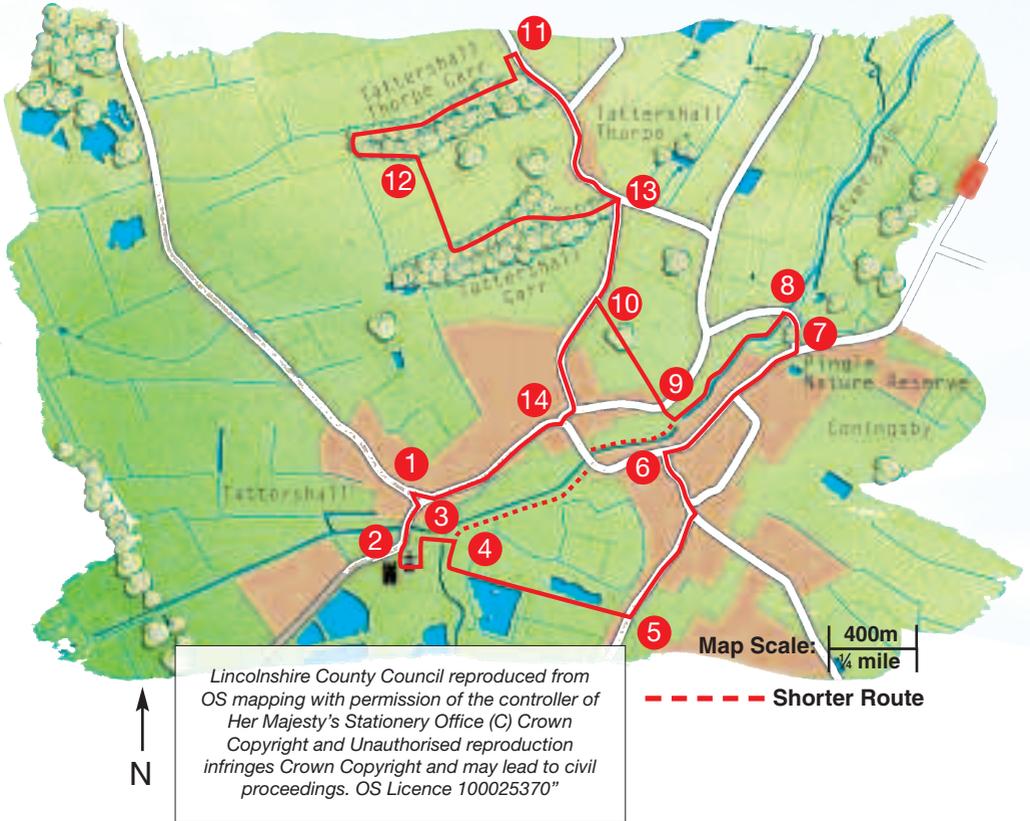
The Collegiate Church of the Holy Trinity is said to be one of the finest examples of English Perpendicular architecture and is also one of the largest Collegiate churches in the country. It was also built by Lord Cromwell, as was the college.



- 3 Do not cross the canal but turn right and follow its bank to the river Bain at Tattershall sluice.
- 4 Cross the river and turn right. Follow the river bank for approximately 150m before turning left and following a footpath, between two fishing lakes, to a road.

RAF Coningsby ahead and on the right is home to the RAF's most modern fighter aircraft, the Typhoon. It is also home to the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Spitfires and Lancaster.

Map & Walk



The Walk

- 5 At the road turn left and at the roundabout turn left along Silver Street into the centre of Coningsby.
- 6 At the junction with the High Street turn right.
- 7 After approximately 800m turn left along a lane signed to Tattershall Thorpe.

Opposite this turning is an open green area which is The Pingle Local Nature Reserve. There is a wildflower meadow, pond and an area of wet woodland, all on the site of the old Lincoln to Skegness railway line. The site is managed by local volunteers and it is great place to watch wildlife.

- 8 Cross the river and then turn left along the footpath beside the river. Walk under the old railway bridge which crosses the river and continue along the river to a junction with a footpath and pedestrian bridge over the river.
- 9 For the **shorter walk** continue straight on along the riverside footpath to a road. Cross the road with care and continue on in the same direction beside the river but on the opposite bank.

Cross the river at Tattershall sluice and follow the footpath straight on beside the old canal. Turn right over the canal at the pedestrian bridge and follow the footpath straight on to a road.

Turn right and cross the road to return to the Market Place.

For the **longer walk** turn right. Cross a road and continue straight on along a footpath. Cross the old railway line and walk across a field heading to the left of the houses in the distance.

- 10 At the road turn right.
- 11 Turn left into the entrance of Thorpe Camp Visitor Centre.

Before entering the Centre turn left through the gap in the fence and then through a kissing gate into Tattershall Thorpe Carr. Follow the path to the right and through the woodland.



The Walk

Where the path forks, turn right over the ditch and follow the path around the edge of the woodland, crossing the ditch again at the other end of the wood.

- 12** At a crossroads of paths (close to some brick structures) turn right through a gate to leave the woodland and follow the green lane towards another woodland, Tattershall Carr.

Both Tattershall Thorpe Carr and Tattershall Carr are owned and managed by the Woodland Trust. Both woodlands are designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and are ancient woodlands. During the Second World War the woods were used as part of RAF Woodhall Spa. Remains of some of the structures built at the time can still be seen today and part of the base forms the Thorpe Camp. There are a variety of tree species within the woodlands including alder, ash, sycamore, birch, oak, rowan, holly and hazel.

Look and listen for the great spotted woodpecker and green woodpecker.

Enter the woodland over the ditch and at a junction of paths turn left.

Where the path forks take the left fork and follow the path through the woodland to a path junction where there is a brick structure on the left.

Turn left, behind some houses, to a road.

- 13** Cross the road and turn right.

- 14** At the T- junction turn right to return to the Market Place.

