

About the route

A short circular walk connecting two villages and a hamlet – all of them medieval settlements surveyed but curiously not recorded in the Domesday Book. Fairly easy walking on level terrain using field paths and footways. Note: there is some road walking which requires care.

Walk Checklist:

Start point/parking

Public House, Laughterton

Distance

Approximately 2.5 miles (4.2 kms).

Duration

1 - 1.5 hours + stops.

Stiles and gates

Yes.

Refreshments

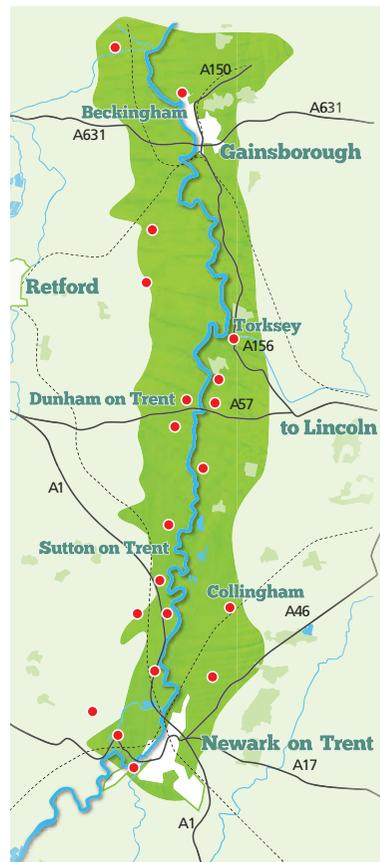
Public Houses in Laughterton and Fenton.

Public Transport

By bus: Service 106 Lincoln – Gainsborough.
Calls at both Laughterton and Fenton.

OS Grid Reference

Walk starts at **SK838759** – Map OS Explorer 271
and OS Landranger 121



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Walk Route

Laughterton and Fenton Circular



Kettlethorpe Hall.

Start Point: Public House, Laughterton

Route Length: Approximately 2.5 miles (4.2 kms)

Route Duration: 1 - 1.5 hours + stops

Route Type: Fairly easy on level terrain using field paths, footways and roads



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Laughterton and Fenton Circular

1 Start. From the pub car park turn left onto the A1133. Where this road turns right, keep straight on and enter Sallie Bank Lane. As it turns left it becomes a track. Follow this as it swings left again then soon right to end at a dwelling.



Laughterton was a medieval settlement though not recorded in the Domesday Book. The place-name Laughterton has been associated with the place name Leugtriccun, which dates to the 7th century and refers to the 'hill or farmstead where lettuce grows.'

2 Now turn right into a field and veer slightly left towards a footbridge in a line of trees on the left. Cross this footbridge followed by a second one, then continue straight ahead between two fields – ditch on right – and forward to a road.

3 Cross the road at the end and go over a stile – taking care of the electric fence on your right. Continue over another stile and head up the road toward Kettlethorpe Hall on your right. Just before the hall turn left through a metal gate and lychgate into a churchyard. At the entrance to the church take the path straight ahead exiting at a gate into a field.



Kettlethorpe was also not recorded in the Domesday Book. Kettlethorpe Hall sits in the remains of a moat, which shows that it is standing on the site of a medieval manor house.



St Peter and St Paul's is a listed 15th century church which underwent alterations in the 19th century. The 14th century stone cross in the churchyard is a scheduled monument.



14th Century stone cross.



The remains of the medieval settlement of Kettlethorpe lie north of the church, outlined by ridge and furrow.

5 Cross a grassy track into the next field following the waymark signs. You will pass a garden on your left where you might see pigs, ducks and turkeys. Continue on to a waymarked gate and Fenton village.

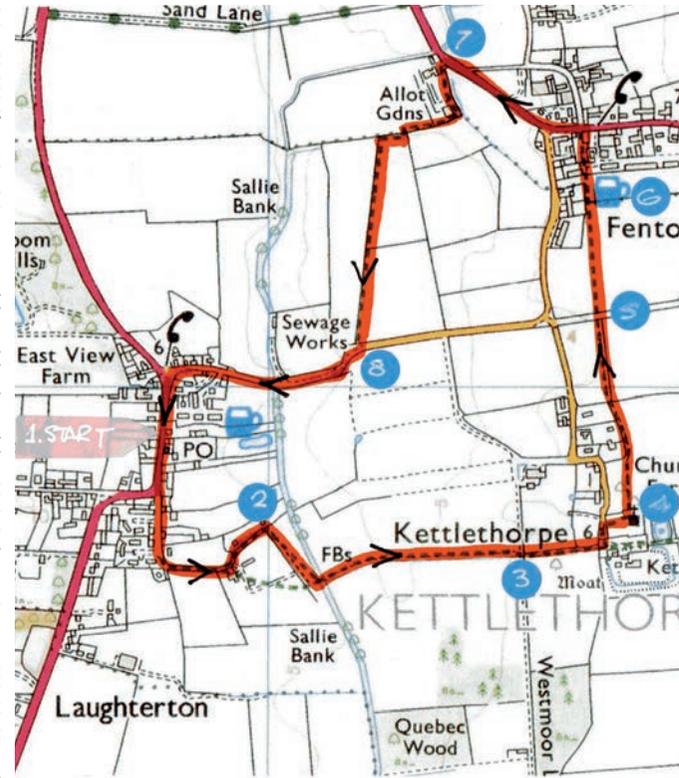


The Medieval settlement of Fenton lies almost on the south parish boundary. It does not appear in the Domesday Book, but it appears in documents from the 12th century. There was never a parish church but a parochial chapel was present there before 1297.

6 Go through the kissing gate, pass some farm buildings on your right and then through a metal gate across a field. Exit the field through a metal gate; go into the pub car park, then forward to a road, the busy A156. Turn left along this towards

4 Follow the path under an avenue of ancient lime trees and through two kissing gates. Continue on this path passing the ridge and furrow field on your left.

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Torksey (**take care – fast, heavy traffic**) for approx. 400m to pick up a waymarked footpath on the left in a hedge.



7 Follow the path between a tunnel of trees and hedges, then right and soon left into a field. Follow the field-edge path – hedge right – through two fields to a minor road.



Monument to crew of a British WW2 bomber that crashed at Kettlethorpe.

8 Turn right along this (**take care: there is no footway**) to a T-junction in Laughterton: note the monument of a propeller. Now turn along the road back to the pub.



A significant amount of late Anglo-Saxon pottery was recovered during an archaeological evaluation at Home Farm Close, suggesting the presence of an Anglo-Saxon settlement.

The village's failure to appear in the Domesday Book, and the pottery find lend weight to the theory that parts of the book have been lost.