

## About the route

Using the broad 'green lanes' unique to this area of the county and part of the Trent Valley Way, this longer walk offers some fine wide ranging views – including three neighbouring counties – from modest heights for relatively little effort. Field paths, green lanes, some road walking and two gentle ascents.

### Walk Checklist:

#### Start point/parking

Lay-by to east of St Peter and St Paul's Church on Church Street, Sturton le Steeple.

#### Distance

Approximately 7.25 miles (11.5 kms).

#### Duration

3.5 - 4 hours.

#### Stiles and gates

Yes.

#### Refreshments

Public Houses in Sturton le Steeple and North Leverton.

#### Public Transport

By bus: Service 94 & 94A between Retford and Gainsborough. No Sunday service.

#### OS Grid Reference

Walk starts at **SK788839** – Map OS Explorer 271 and OS Landranger 121.



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Walk Route

# Sturton le Steeple and North Leverton Circular



North Leverton Windmill.

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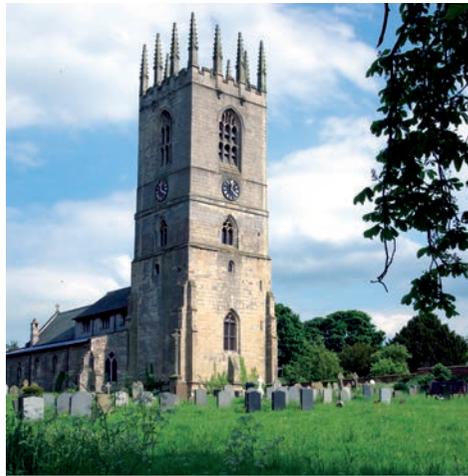


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**1 Start.** From the lay-by turn left along the road passing St Peter and St Paul's Church and the Public House to meet a road junction. Go straight ahead into Spring Lane, first tarmac then a rural brideway. Keep on this for 1.2 kms (¾ mile) and where it goes left; turn right under a railway bridge.



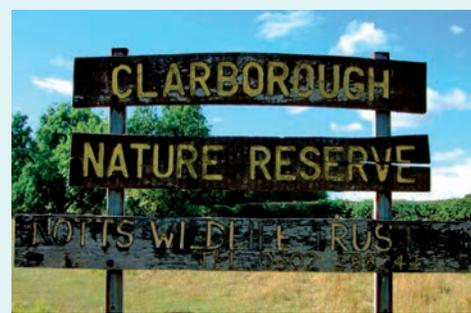
St Peter and St Paul's Church, Sturton le Steeple.

Sturton le Steeple is recorded as 'Estreton' in the Domesday Book of 1086. The name is thought to derive from the words 'straet' and 'tun' meaning 'town on a Roman road'. It does indeed sit on a main Roman road that once crossed the Trent by way of a ford at Littleborough. The church doesn't in fact have a steeple, but rather a tall tower with 12 distinctive pinnacles that can be seen for many miles around.

**2** Continue on brideway (High House Road) ascending to the top of a low hill with Maumhill Wood on the left. Though barely 70m high the views are far ranging – Lincoln Cathedral can be seen on the eastern horizon. Keep ahead and just

after a sharp left bend turn right over a small gated bridge and follow the brideway down to a tree-lined 'green lane' (Blue Stocking Lane).

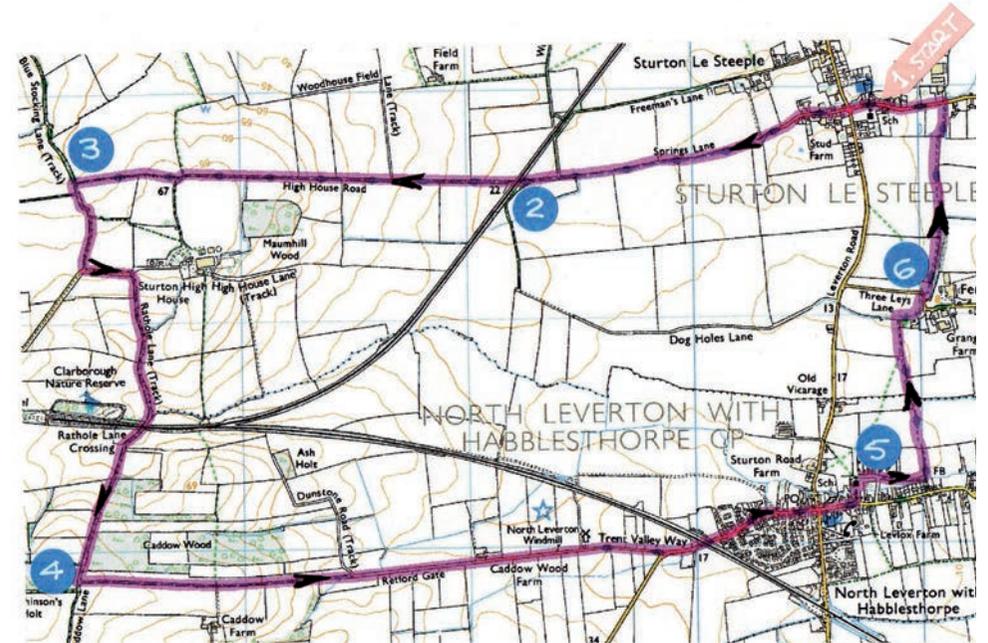
**3** Turn left and follow this lane to a minor road, ignoring paths to left and right. Turn left along this for 200m then right descending a track (Rathole Lane) to a railway crossing. To the right is Clabrough NWT Nature Reserve, Cross the railway line with care and continue ahead uphill (Caddow Lane) beside woodlands.



Clabrough Tunnel Nature Reserve is a limestone and scrub woodland; its origins being the spoil excavated from the tunnel and cutting during the construction of the railway in the 19th century. It is a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest).

**4** At the summit, just past Caddow Wood, turn left along a brideway (Retford Gate), first level then downhill to pass North Leverton windmill. Continue ahead to a road junction. Turn left along footway and enter North Leverton. At the crossroads keep straight ahead on Main Street passing the Public House and 200m on take signed footpath leading to the church. Turn right in front of it and take path to exit churchyard into a back lane.

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Mill stones at North Leverton windmill, one of the only three fully sailed windmills in the county.



**5** Turn right along this and where it goes right, keep ahead to a signed footpath. This soon runs alongside a beck to a footbridge where you go through gate on the left. Go along left field edge to further gate into a large field. Continue in same direction – St Peter and St Paul's Church in sight ahead – across open field to boundary hedge. Take gated bridge ahead, soon followed by another gate.



Keep ahead on path – hedge and dyke right – and at its end go over further dyke. Turn right immediately at signpost to follow two sides of field edge leading to a gate and signpost into Three Leys Lane at Fenton.

**6** Take signed path and stile opposite and follow field edge path – hedgerow right – through three fields with stiles and footbridge near the end, and finally, via an enclosure with stiles to a road in Sturton. Turn left along this road back to the start.

Common spotted orchid found at Clabrough NWT Nature Reserve.

