

About the route

A walk of contrasts taking in a substantial Trentside village that was once on the main route from London to Newcastle and the opposite end, a quiet, pleasant hamlet. A riverside walk alongside low-lying grazing land with a long historical association completes the picture. Easy low level walking on field paths, quiet country lanes and riverside. Expect some mud after a period of rain.

Walk Checklist:

Start point/parking

All Saints Church at Sutton on Trent.

Distance

Approximately 6 miles (9.5 kms).

Duration

2.5 - 3 hours.

Stiles and gates

Yes.

Refreshments

Public House, Main Street, Sutton on Trent.

Public Transport

By bus: Services Nos. 37 Newark – Retford & 39 Newark to Tuxford.

OS Grid Reference

Walk starts at **SK800659** – Map OS Explorer 271 and OS Landranger 121.



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Trent Vale



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Walk Route

Sutton on Trent and Grassthorpe Circular



Sutton on Trent Mill.

Start Point: All Saints Church at Sutton on Trent

Route Length: Approximately 6 miles (9.5 kms)

Route Duration: 2.5 - 3 hours + stops

Route Type: Easy walking on field paths, quiet country lanes and riverside



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Sutton on Trent and Grassthorpe Circular

1 Start. From All Saints Church, walk south to the nearby junction with High Street on the right, which you follow as far as the Old England Hotel – closed but still signed. Turn right past the hotel and pass between some houses to a tree nursery. Veer a couple of yards right: a path between the saplings leads to a footbridge and Bulham Lane.



Grassthorpe Beck.

 All Saints Church, Sutton on Trent, is a Grade 1 listed building. The origins of the church are believed to be Saxon given its mention in the Domesday Book. The building today is mainly 13th century with a 16th century chapel. Points of interest inside are the 16th century rood screen in the South chapel and an old font with a 17th century cover.



2 Cross the lane half-left and walk north beside a hedge. The path then turns left, still by the hedge, to join a farm track; turn right to go straight ahead to a footbridge. Veer slight left to a gap in the hedge, and then head slightly left again across an arable field to a gate. Keep along the left-hand edges of two small meadows, and then pass through a gate to reach a road in Grassthorpe.

 The small town of Grassthorpe was founded later than Sutton on Trent so has no mention in the Domesday Book. The name implies a Viking origin for the settlement as 'thorp' is an Old Norse word meaning 'village'.

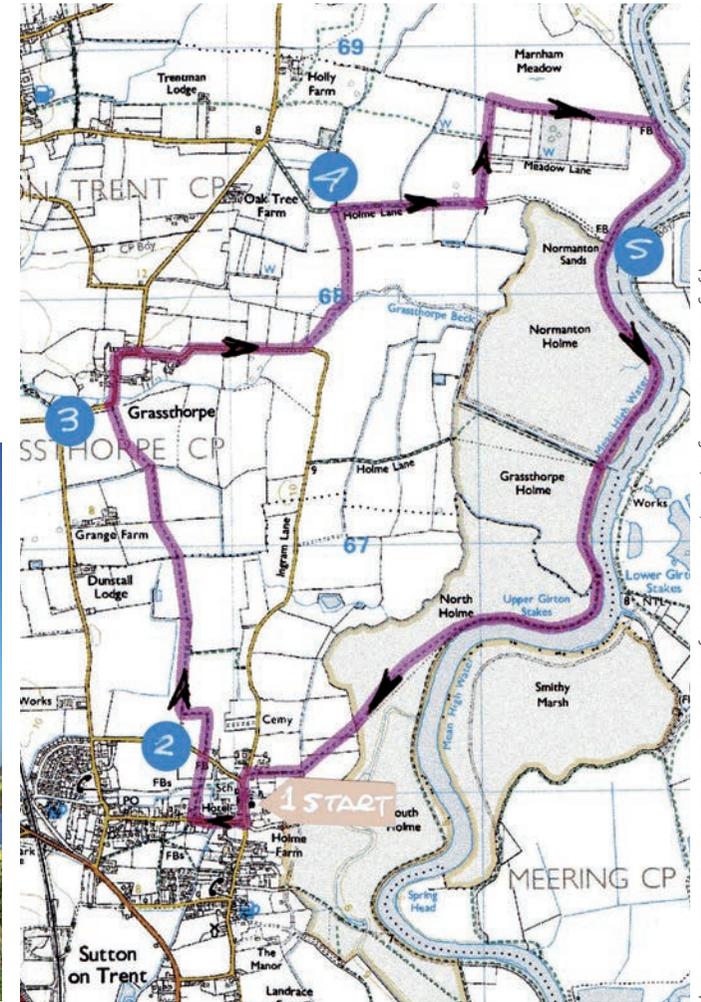
3 Continue straight ahead along Town Street and go round the right-hand bend onto Ingram Lane. Ignore the main road on the left and keep straight on along Ingram Lane for about 800 metres (½ mile) where just before the white-railed bridge, enter a field on the left. Follow the stream to the end of the meadow and turn sharply left to a gap in the hedge.

4 Turn right along Holme Lane. Before the end of the lane, turn left at the footpath signpost and walk in a northerly direction passing Meadow Lane on the right and footpath left to reach the field boundary of Marnham Meadow. Cross a footbridge and pass through a gate; turn right immediately and follow path to the River Trent. **Note: this path is permissive with access to April 2017 only.** Turn right over a footbridge and follow the floodbank south to another footbridge.



5 Cross this into Normanton Holme and continue along the floodbank. After crossing a narrow footbridge to Grassthorpe Holme, then a wider one to North Holme, follow the floodbank until it turns left. Now head right aiming for All Saints Church. Cross a footbridge and veer half-left to a gap in the hedge. Cross the next meadow aiming diagonally right to a gate

near the corner. Now cut across the corner of the next field to a footbridge, and after crossing the floodbank go straight ahead beside the concrete flood wall, then through several gates to reach a road. Here turn left to return to the church.



 The word Holmes has a Scandinavian origin and means an island in a river or lake. It also came to mean a low flat tract of land beside a river. As they were liable to flooding these fields were not used for food crops but as extra pasture and for growing hay. The riverside grazing land belonging to the villages of Normanton, Grassthorpe and Sutton, known as Holmes, are in fact commons over which there are local rights of grazing.

 This plaque in Sutton on Trent village gives details about the system of grazing on Sutton on Trent Holmes.

