

About the route

Easy. Level walking using field paths, lanes and the river flood bank. It can get muddy and wet in places.

Walk Checklist

Start point/parking

Kettlethorpe Church. Please park responsibly in Torksey.

Distance

Approximately 11.5 miles (18.5 kms).

Duration

3.5 - 4 hours + stops.

Refreshments

White Swan Public House & Torksey Visitor Centre.

Public Transport

Roadcar service 106 runs between Lincoln and Gainsborough and stops at Torksey. For further information call the Traveline on **08706 082 608** or visit: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel

OS Grid Reference

Walk starts at **SK847758**.



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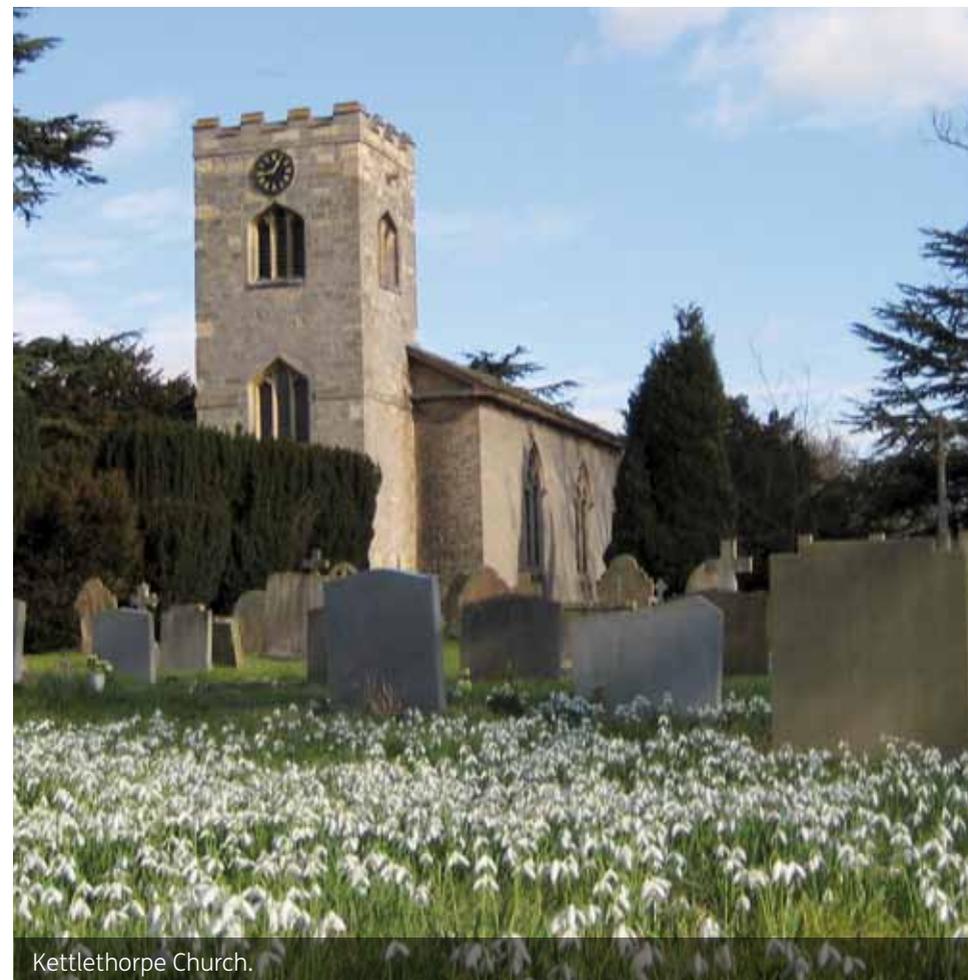
Trent Vale



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Walk Route

Torksey Circular



Kettlethorpe Church.

Start Point: Kettlethorpe Church, Kettlethorpe

Route Length: Approximately 11.5 miles (18.5 kms)

Route Duration: 3.5 - 4 hours + stops

Route Type: Flat, canal and riverside paths - gentle easy walking



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Torksey Circular Walk

1 Start: From the church walk through the gate into the grounds of Kettlethorpe Hall. Immediately to the right (west) is a stile. Climb this and head straight across the field still heading west. Another stile will take you through the hedge and over the metalled track. Take the footpath on the right-hand side of the ditch, maintaining your westerly heading. Go over the footbridge crossing the Sewer Drain – and the Sallie Bank.

2 The path then swings right, round to the north-west, up towards a small cottage. Turn left at the cottage and walk down on the vehicular track. The track bears round to the right and turns into a metalled road, heading due north towards the power station. The road is called Sallie Bank Lane and passes through a small housing estate. You are now in the village of Laughterton. Turn left along the main road (A1133) and you can see the metalled road you are now going to take leading off to the right. This road was originally known as Mill Lane, but these days is called Marsh Lane. The road name sign, to avoid confusion no doubt, has both names. Marsh Lane has a gravel surface as it nears the river with a Scout Association camping ground to the right and the East Midlands Sun Club for Naturists to the left.

3 Marsh Lane comes out onto the flood bank of the River Trent, turn right here (north) and head for the power station. Follow the flood bank path northwards, past the square tower of Church Laneham church on the westerly bank of the river. As you go round the U-bend in the river, you will see Torksey Castle.



Torksey Castle isn't actually a castle at all. It was built in 1560 as a manor house and came into the possession of the Jermyn family in the middle of the 16th Century. Sir Thomas Jermyn, a Royalist, was the owner in 1642 when the Civil War began and the 'castle' was bombarded by Commonwealth troops. It remains a ruin to this day.



Torksey Castle

Follow the flood bank path right round to Torksey. The gates along the path here are called 'clapper gates', double gates hinged in such a way so that one side is always closed. Do not let them go when you are halfway through!

4 As you approach Torksey you will pass a modern, square building, which is a pumping station. The path turns to the right where the Fosdyke Navigation runs into the Trent and you can see Torksey Lock ahead. Approach the lock and come out onto the A156. Should you be in need of refreshment here, turn right down the A156 and about 100 metres along on the right you will see the White Swan public house.

5 Walk across the road with Torksey Lock on your left and through the car park, which has public toilets to the right, to follow the towpath on the southerly bank of the Fosdyke Navigation alongside Torksey Marina. Here you will find the Wheelhouse Restaurant.



Torksey Visitor Centre

Find out more about the history of Torksey Lock and the area's beautiful waterways, and enjoy a well-deserved cup of tea or coffee and perhaps a homemade cake! **Opening times:**

Winter: Tuesday to Sunday, 11am to 3.30pm.

Summer: Tuesday to Sunday, 11am to 5pm, or early evening depending on weather.

A Sustrans cycle path follows part of this route, for more information, visit: www.sustrans.org.uk



6 Continue along the elevated path and enjoy the views. Cross a stile by a bar gate to join the main road (A156). Walk along this in a south-easterly direction, passing the junction with the A57 and take the next turning on the right, Drinsey Nook Lane. The building on the corner, was once called the Buffalo Inn.

7 Walk down Drinsey Nook Lane for about 200 metres past the farm sheds, where you will see a finger indicating the footpath to the right (west). Go straight across the field, keeping the hedge and the ditch on your right. Still walking west, at the end of the field turn left (south) to the bottom of this field, turn right (west) again and then left (south), keeping Springwood Farm on your right. Walk down to the farm entrance. Turn right (west) here through the farmyard and cross the front of Springwood Farm keeping the farmhouse on your left.

After 100 metres turn left over a footbridge to follow a waymarked path to emerge onto Roadwood Lane at Thorney.

8 End: Turn right (north-west) and follow the lane until you reach the A57. Cross the road heading north and take the track called Westmoor Lane. Pass rough woodland on your left. Continue along the straight track until you reach open ground where you will see Kettlethorpe Church to your right.



Kettlethorpe Church