

# STEPPING OUT:

## CULVERTHORPE HALL AND GARDENS



Moderate Terrain



### A 1 mile (1.6km) circular walk close to the hamlet of Culverthorpe in Lincolnshire.

The walking route takes you around the parkland of Culverthorpe Hall, with lovely views of the lakes and the hall itself along the way. This walk is part of the Stepping Out network, published through a collaboration with North Kesteven District Council to inspire more people to enjoy the district's landscapes, ancient woodland, historic buildings and charming villages.

If you are looking for refreshments, there are pubs in the villages of Silk Willoughby and Wilsford, just a short drive away.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Whilst the bridges and stiles on this exact walking route are currently in good condition, on the alternative routes offered on the NKDC Stepping Out network from Culverthorpe some of the bridges and stiles are currently awaiting repair. Please take care if using these alternative routes.

### Getting there

The hamlet of Culverthorpe is located 5 miles south-west of Sleaford, 9 miles north-east of Grantham and 3 miles south-east of Ancaster. The walk starts and finishes from the Stepping Out car park near to Culverthorpe Hall.

The nearest post code, which will take you to a road nearby, is **NG32 3NJ**.

From this point, continue on the lane south then west and you will see a brown sign on your left, pointing to the Culverthorpe Walks car park on your right. The car park is open every day from 8am and closes at 7.30pm (Apr-Oct) and at 5pm (Nov-Mar).

### Walk Sections



#### Start to Enclosed Path

Standing in the car park with your back to the vehicle entrance, walk across the car park at about 10 o'clock to join the narrow public footpath marked with a yellow arrow. After just a few metres you will emerge through a fence gap to reach a T-junction with a driveway (with entrance gates to your left).

Turn right to follow the driveway, with hedgerows each side, as it leads you between the two large lakes within

1 Miles  
Circular  
30 mins

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### Access Notes



1. The walk includes only a couple of gentle gradients and follows a mixture of parkland driveways and grass footpaths, the latter of which can get muddy in winter and after rain.
2. You will need to negotiate a kissing gate plus four stiles along the route. The stiles are quite tall with close fence surrounds, so all but the smallest dogs are likely to need a lift over.
3. Almost all the paths are enclosed away from the parkland, but you will cross one paddock that may be holding horses.
4. Dogs are welcome on these footpaths within the Culverthorpe estate, but you are asked to keep them on leads at all times.
5. Please remember the Countryside Code. Some paths are provided by kind permission of the landowner, please only use the waymarked paths. Where young stock may be present, please make sure your dog is under firm control in these areas.
6. OS Map Explorer 248.



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the parkland. Culverthorpe Hall is surrounded by 3,000 acres of parkland which includes these two lakes and rolling pastureland.

Where the driveway bends left, turn right through a kissing gate to join the enclosed grass path between metal fencing.



elsewhere and for much of the time Culverthorpe was let. Since then, Culverthorpe has passed through the hands of several private owners.

Beyond the hall, the driveway leads you ahead and then bends left, passing through a gateway (or use the two pedestrian gates alongside this) to reach a fork. Take the left-hand branch, passing farm buildings on your left.

## 1 → 2 Enclosed Path to Driveway



Follow the grass path ahead, with beautiful views across the lake to your right, and glimpses of the rooftops of Culverthorpe Hall across the parkland to your left. Part way along, you will need to cross a stile ahead to continue on the enclosed path. As you draw level with the end of the lake, you will reach a T-junction in your path. Turn left here, heading gently uphill on another grassy enclosed path.

At the end of the enclosed stretch, cross the stile ahead to enter a paddock (which may be holding horses). Walk ahead, following the line of metal fence on your left, and cross the stile at the far side to reach a junction with another stretch of parkland driveway.

## 2 → 3 Driveway to Farm Buildings

Turn left to follow the driveway, leading you between rolling sections of parkland. Stay with this main driveway which leads you directly past the front of Culverthorpe Hall on your right.

The Grade I listed Culverthorpe Hall, along with its estate, farm, parkland and lakes, was constructed in 1679 in the Italian style for the Newton family. When the Newton family branch died out in 1743, the estate passed to the Houblon-Archer family. This branch of the family is most well-known for their ancestor, Sir John Houblon, who became the first governor of the Bank of England in 1694. His portrait appeared on £50 bank notes from 1994 to 2014. The Houblon-Archer family had family seats

## 3 → 4 Farm Buildings to End



As you reach the next wide gate ahead, cross the stile alongside this and go straight ahead to continue on the driveway. Stay with this driveway as it bends left and then right, passing back between the two lakes and heading towards the entrance gates. Just before these gates, turn left through the fence gap and follow the short path back to the car park where the walk began.

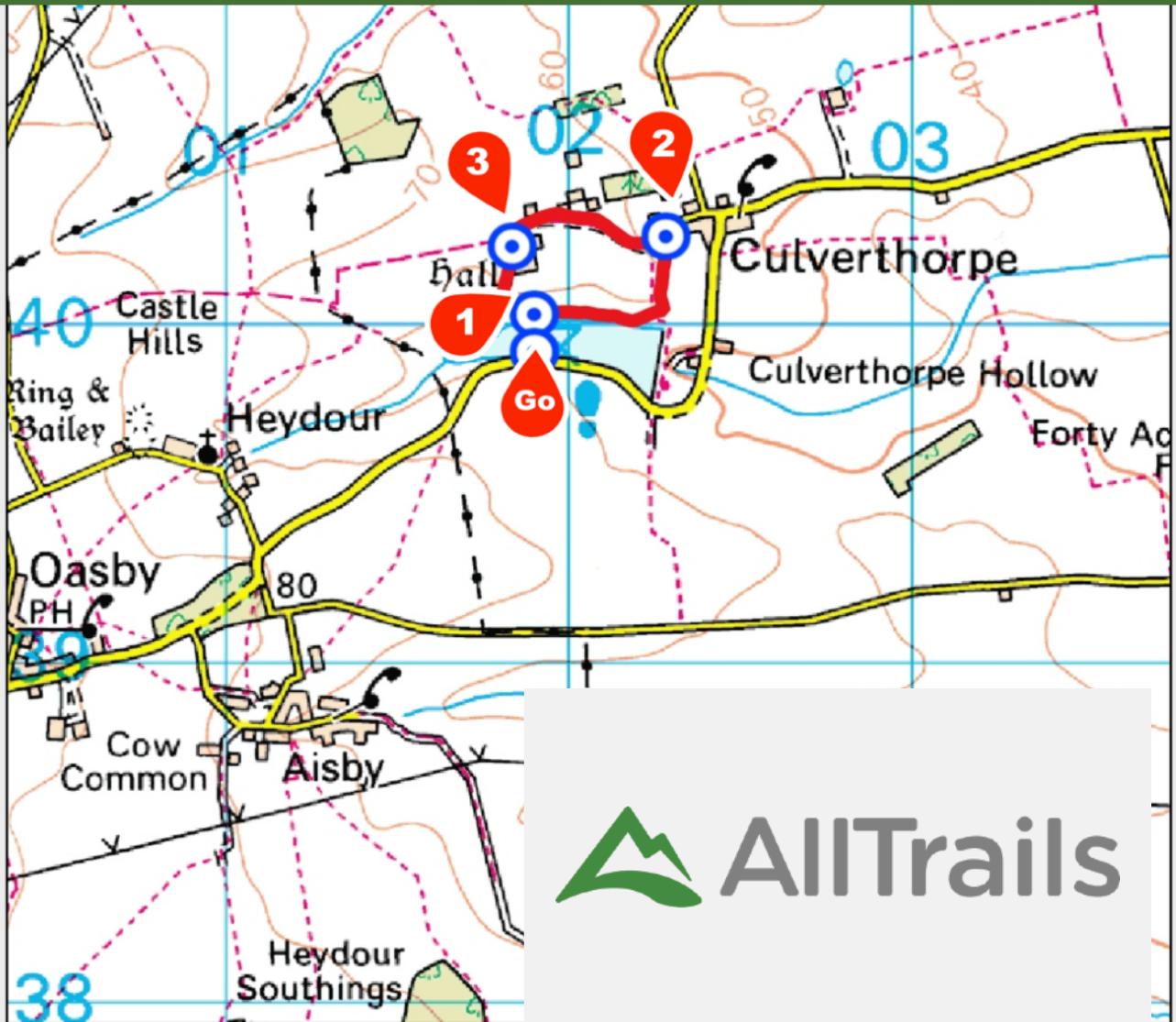


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**Walking Safety**

For your safety and comfort we recommend that you take the following with you on your walk: bottled water, snacks, a waterproof jacket, waterproof/sturdy boots, a woolly hat and fleece (in winter and cold weather), a fully-charged mobile phone, a whistle, a compass and a map of the area. Check the weather forecast before you leave, carry appropriate clothing and do not set out in fog or mist as these conditions can seriously affect your ability to navigate the route. Take particular care on cliff/mountain paths where steep drops can present a particular hazard. Some routes include sections along roads – take care to avoid any traffic at these points. Around farmland take care with children and dogs, particularly around machinery and livestock. If you are walking on the coast make sure you check the tide times before you set out.



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