

# STEPPING OUT: SCOPWICK LOOP



Easy Terrain



2.5 Miles  
Circular  
1.25 hour

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## Access Notes



1. The walk is relatively flat, with just a few gentle slopes.
2. It follows a mixture of grass tracks, farm roads and farm tracks.
3. The tracks can get muddy after rain and are uneven in parts, but in dry periods the surfaces should be suitable for rugged disability buggies or rugged pushchairs.
4. There are no obstacles (kissing gates, stiles or steps) and you will not be sharing any of the paths with livestock.
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 272.

## A 2.5 mile (4km) easy-access circular walk from the village of Scopwick in Lincolnshire.

The walking route follows a simple loop around the surrounding countryside, taking in a beautiful green lane and farm tracks between open fields. There is a beautiful sculpture to discover as well as plenty of wildlife to enjoy 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, The Royal Oak is located in Scopwick village or The Penny Farthing Inn is located in nearby Timberland.

## Getting there

The village of Scopwick is located on the B1188, about 12 miles north of Sleaford. The walk starts and finishes at the designated Stepping Out parking area, at the end of Vicarage Lane. From the B1188, turn onto Vicarage Lane and continue past the cemetery on your left. Immediately afterwards, you will see the designated parking area on your left, alongside the recreation ground.

Approximate post code **LN4 3NT**.

If you are coming by public transport, the bus stops in Scopwick are on nearby Heath Road. For information on bus transport, call Traveline on 0871 2002233 or visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel).

## Walk Sections

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Before you begin the walk, it is worth visiting the cemetery on Vicarage Lane (just alongside parking area). Go through the lychgate to enter the War Graves Cemetery. At the far end is the white Cross of Sacrifice. Personnel from nearby RAF Digby who have been killed in action are buried here. During World War II many New Zealand and Canadian Air Force personnel were stationed at Digby and their graves predominate, and there are also five German aircrew buried here. One of those buried here is John Magee, a Canadian officer who wrote the poem High Flight. This was quoted by US President Ronald Reagan in the context of the Challenger Space Shuttle disaster. Magee was educated at Rugby School where he won the coveted poetry prize and was killed in a flying accident while stationed at RAF Wellingore in December 1941, aged just 19. Tap the listen button below (App only) to hear an extract of the poem.

When you have finished at the cemetery, exit via the lychgate and turn left along Vicarage Lane, passing the parking area and recreation ground on your left. Where the tarmac lane ends, keep ahead on the grass and, after about 40 metres, you will come to a junction of grass tracks with a fingerpost on your left.

Turn left here to join the wide grass avenue, signed as a restricted byway. The grass avenue leads you to the next fingerpost, with a wide hedge gap into a crop field ahead. Do NOT take this gap, instead turn right to follow the grass track restricted byway between hedgerows (marked with a No Motor Vehicles Allowed sign). This track is the start of the old lane known as Trundle Lane.

## 1 → 2 Trundle Lane to Acre Lane



Follow the grass track called Trundle Lane ahead, keeping your eyes peeled for the plentiful wildlife that inhabits the dense hedgerows each side. About half way along, you will come to a carved wooden sculpture on your right, known as The Seated Lady. The sculpture was created at part of North Kesteven District Council's New Milestones Scheme. It was carved by Rosie Bradshaw and represents a tree spirit or Dryad.

Simply continue along Trundle Lane and, further along, the grass track becomes a stone-covered farm track. At the end of Trundle Lane, you will come to a T-junction with the farm road known as Acre Lane.

## 2 → 3 Acre Lane to T Junction

Turn left along Acre Lane, taking care of any occasional access traffic. After about 250 metres you will see the next fingerpost on your left. Turn left here to join the farm track signed as a public bridleway. Follow this farm track ahead for some distance, ignoring the footpath signed off to the right at the first



intersecting hedge line.

The track leads you between arable fields, but the village name suggests a different past. The name Scopwick means Sheep Farm in Old English. The village lies alongside an old drove road which once connected the wool trading centre at Kirkstead Abbey to Welbourn on Lincoln Cliff. After around a mile you will reach a fingerpost ahead, marking a T-junction of paths. (There is a pair of metal gates to your right here, whilst the main farm track swings to the left at this point.)

## 3 → 4 T Junction to End



Turn left at this T-junction, staying with the main farm track which is signed as a public bridleway. After about 300 metres (where the main track swings right), you will reach the next fingerpost. Do NOT follow the farm track, instead go straight ahead on the grass field margin, signed as a public bridleway.

In the field corner, go ahead through the wide hedge gap and you will emerge to a junction of grass tracks at the start of Trundle Lane (which you should recognise from the outward leg). From this point you will be retracing your steps back to the parking area. Go ahead along the wide grass avenue and, at the end of this, turn right to join Vicarage Lane. You will come to the parking area on your right, where the walk began.

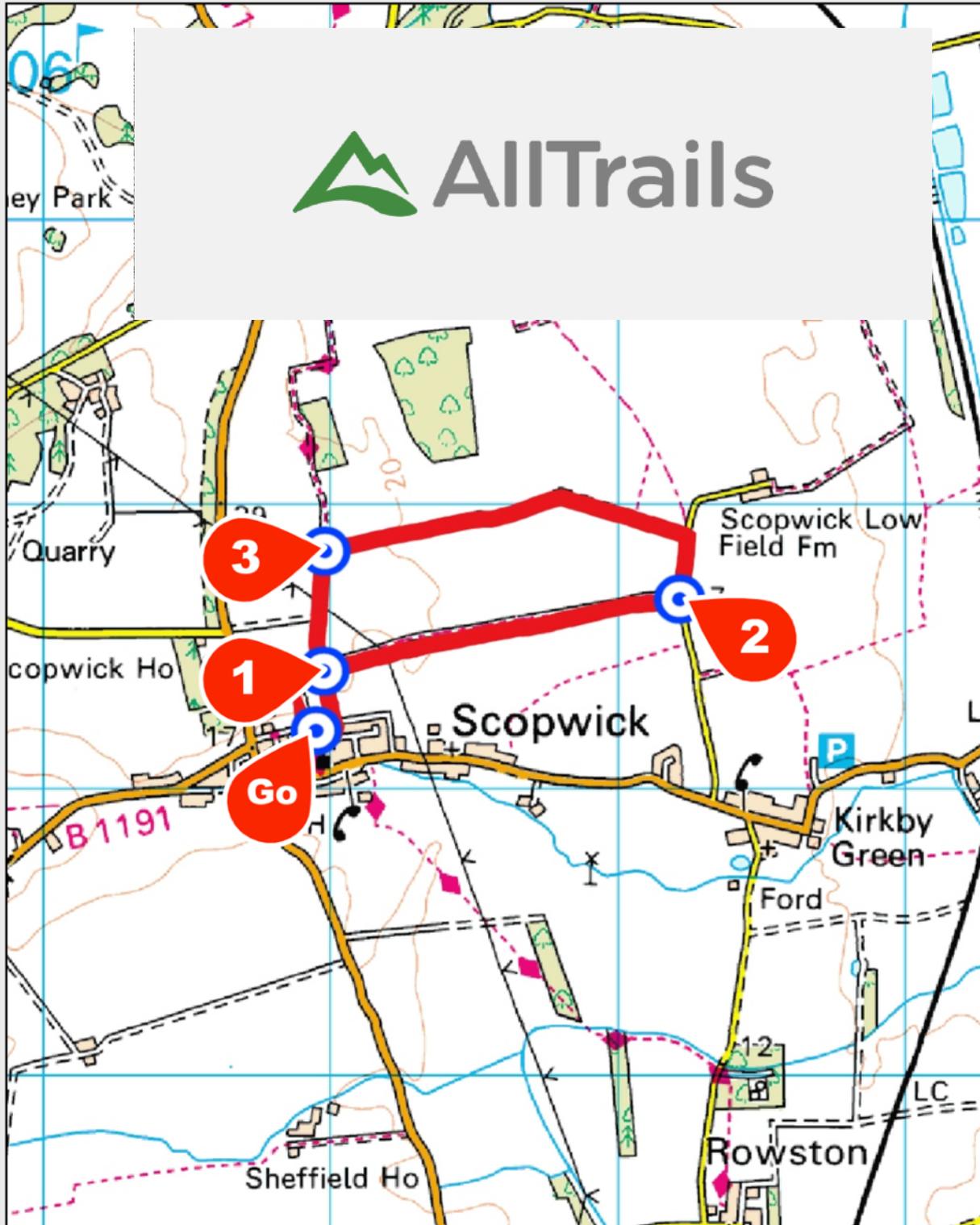


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**Walking Safety**

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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