

DONINGTON ON BAIN WALKS

Located in a central position in the Wolds, this walk includes panoramic views around the Wolds and a valley walk along the Viking Way.

4.4 miles for the short route

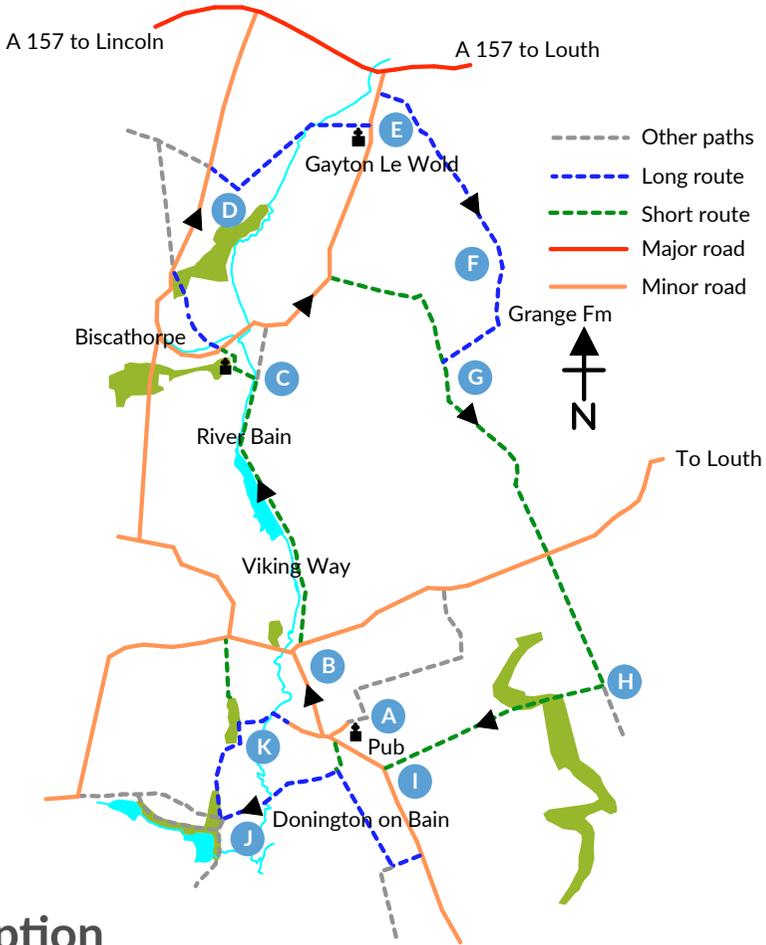
6.1 miles for the short route with extension

7.6 miles for the long route

*'live a
great
life!'*



Map



Description

A All routes start from the Black Horse Inn where you follow the road north past the church that is dedicated to St. Andrew, and out of the village. The road has no footpath so do take care.

B At the T junction look for a Viking Way sign on a gate ahead and continue along a footpath passing a lake on your left.

C Even if you are walking the **short route** you are recommended to go over a footbridge to take a look at the church. For the **short route**, at the road bear right, heading uphill until you reach a farm track on your right. Continue ahead and bear right again following the sign until you reach G.

For the **long route** go across the road and cross a footbridge to your left and

head uphill, through a wood, turning right at the road, continuing on the road until the footpath on the right.

D Bear right onto the footpath with the disused quarry on your right, bear left downhill on a cross-field path, and then over a footbridge, turn left at a stile and up to Gayton le Wold.

E At the road bear left and then right on a footpath keeping to the right-hand side of the field. Go straight across at a farm track looking for a stile on the right hand side of the field. After the stile take the cross-field path heading uphill keeping Grange Farm on your left.

F At the field boundary you will see a brick manhole ahead. Pass this and head for the far side of the field to a stile and fingerpost and take the cross-field path uphill.

G The **long route** turns left at the farm track, whilst the short route joins the same path from the right. Continue ahead with fine views down to the River Bain valley and beyond. You will also see two masts, one from



Church at Donington on Bain

the 'Cold' War and the other in current use. Continue in a southerly direction, crossing a minor road.

H Take the next footpath on the right and head downhill through a wood to meet the road at Donington.

For the **short route** turn right and continue until you reach the Black Horse pub where you started. Or turn left to extend the **short route** by 1.6 miles by following the last part of the **long route**.

I Take a footpath on the right following the field edge until you reach the Viking Way where you turn right. As you reach the houses bear left heading away from the village, crossing the River Bain, then keep ahead on rising land.

J At the wood, turn right at the crossroads and pass to the right of the farm building, heading diagonally downhill.

K Pass into the woods and pass over the footbridge and join the lane ahead, turning right at the main road to return to the Black Horse pub.



Mill at Donington on Bain

Maps

Landranger (1:50 000) no. 113
Grimsby (Louth and Market Rasen)
Explore (1:25 000) no. 282
Lincolnshire Wolds North

Start/End

Grid ref: TF 237 829
Postcode: LN11 9TJ

Parking

If you are planning to have refreshments at the Black Horse pub at the end the landlord is happy for you to use the pub car park, if not use the sufficient side roads. Alternatively you can start and end your walk at Biscathorpe and park on the grass verge – a great place for a picnic.

Terrain

Good footpaths and bridleways which can be muddy at times. Level along the valley and the top of the Wolds with gentle hills up and down. Limited road walking.

Refreshments

Black Horse pub at Donington on Bain or shops in the village.

Toilets

There are no public toilets on the walk.

Stiles

There are some stiles on this walk especially on the long route.

Points Of Interest:

- **Belmont Transmission Tower:** dominates the skyline on this walk. Built in 1965 at a cost of £274,000 to bring relief to TV viewers from the Humber to the Wash thanks to its improved signal. It was originally, 1,272ft (388m.) tall and Europe's highest structure. As TV's have gone digital it has now been reduced to 1,154ft, (352m.) so can no longer claim the title.
- **RAF Stenigot:** The NATO ACE high early warning relay station tower which dates back to 1965 can also be seen to the south.
- **Biscathorpe:** The village is mentioned in the 1086 Domesday Book as Biscopetorp, and prior to the Norman Invasion its Lord was Godric, post the 1066 invasion it was 'given' to the Bishop of Durham. The church is dedicated to St Helen and it's both ornate and plain in equal measure. The tower and spire is interesting and the carvings which adorn the building are a feature. The church is ringed with earthworks which are medieval.
- **Donington on Bain:** The village has a 12th-century church which is dedicated to St. Andrew. Within the church is a 17th-century memorial to the poet Thomas Kent. It also has a primary school and the Black Horse pub, plus a post office and village shop. A railway station served the village from 1875 to 1951.

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