

SECTION 1 - STAGE 1

LINCOLN TO WASHINGBOROUGH

START : Lincoln Cathedral. (West front.) (GR977718)

DISTANCE : 3¼ miles : 6.0 kilometres

REFRESHMENTS : Many options in Lincoln city.
Ferry Boat, Washingborough.
Hunters Leap, Washingborough.

NOTES. Parking is available in Lincoln at various locations in both the upper and lower city. The station is in St Mary's Street (off High Street - GR976709). The bus station is in Norman Street, an extension of St Mary's Street. Washingborough has a village trail leaflet.

THE ROUTE

From the front of the cathedral walk through the Exchequer Gate and turn left down Steep Hill. Opposite Jew's Court bear left along Danes Terrace to reach "The Collection" and there bear right down Flaxengate, crossing both Clasketgate and Silver Street. Proceed down Freeschool Lane and on reaching St Swithin's bear slightly right across Saltergate into a lane leading down to the River Witham. Cross by the footbridge to turn left along Waterside South, using another footbridge to negotiate the dual carriageway. Continue along Waterside south, until at the end of the final car park beyond Stamp End and Beech House, the Water Rail Way commences.

Follow this for just under two miles to Washingborough old station. There turn right across the South Delph (drain) into Ferry Lane and in a few yards take the signed footpath to the left. This soon bears right through Chapel Park to meet the B1190 road in Washingborough. Turn left and after 200 metres or so cross into High Street and walk up to the small green with its welcoming seats outside St John the Evangelist's churchyard.

DETOUR

Go down Oak Hill (by the "Hunters Leap"), bear right into Pen Fold Lane, and continue down School Lane to its junction with Park Lane and the main B1190 road. Turn right there for the Longstongs and the Owl Bench. Just beyond this is the community centre and the mosaic panel. (Inside there is a tapestry parish map and two photo installations - but phone 01522 - 790109 in advance to gain access.) There is another mosaic panel and painted village map at the Park Lane shopping centre so returning that way will conveniently link to the next stage of the walk to Branston. Of the four cast panels at the entrances to the village the nearest to the trail is at the crossroads just west of Pits Woods, Washingborough. (GR022700)

