

Willoughton



2.75 miles. 1hr - 1hr 30 mins.

Start - Willoughton Village bus shelter, DN21 5RT

- 1 From the bus shelter go down Church Street to St Andrews Church. Go through the iron gate into the churchyard and follow the flagged path past the church to a kissing gate.
- 2 Go through the kissing gate and turn right with the boundary on your right, (the remains of moats on your left mark the site of a priory).
- 3 At the end of the field by a barn go through an old kissing gate into Hollow-gate Hill. Cross the road and proceed up Long Lane.
- 4 At the end of the tarmac section near John Givens Racing Stables go straight forward through the belt of trees on a clear track that can be muddy.
- 5 Cross the grass paddock over 2 stiles and join the track over another stile by a three fingered post. The left hand track leads into Hemswell. We turn right and follow a good track known as Southfield Lane. This can be muddy in the winter.
- 6 Where the lane bends sharply to the right, go straight on over a ditchboard bridge on a signposted footpath with a pond and a small thicket on your right, climb the stile and walk across the grass field to a 3 step stile at the road.
- 7 Cross the road, ditchboard bridge and stile following the footpath sign and waymark crossing the field over green mounds that mark the site of the Knights Templar's preceptory. Temple garth.
- 8 When you reach the fieldgate and signpost turn right down the lane and left passing the Stirrup Inn to your starting point.

- - - Countryside Footpath
- Urban Footpath