

BELTON RAILWAY LINE WALK

3 MILES 2 MILES

<u>START</u>

Belton Picnic area. Leave the M180 at Junction 2, following the A161 through Belton and on towards Epworth. The Picnic area is on the right just after the right hand bend.

THE WALK

- 1. Leave the car park, walking back towards Belton until the ponds appear on your left. Carefully cross the A161 and go up a short slope onto the line of the old railway entering a the track through a marked gateway.
- 2. Go through the next gateway along a short road passing the Steers Arms on your right and reaching the main A161 again.
- 3. Cross the main road carefully and follow it to the right, turning left up Stockshill for about 50 yards and then bearing right at the junction past the church.
- 4. Immediately after passing the church on your right, turn right on a high footpath for about 100 yards towards The Crown pub.
- Just before the last bungalow on the left, turn down a narrow path which soon opens out with fields on your right, cross a lane and follow another lane to Goose Pitts Farm.
- 6. As you reach the gateway turn left keeping the high hedge on your right, the path bends round to the right and meets the road at a junction. For the shorter way turn left along the road until the left hand bend, cross here and follow the waymarked headland path to the Picnic area.
- 7. For the full walk go straight down Belshaw Lane. Turn left onto North Ferry Road.
- 8. At the right hand bend here a waymarked path goes straight on (a shortcut) but follow the lane past North Ferry Farm as it deteriorates.
- 9. Turn left onto the line of the railway soon passing where the shortcut comes in and walking between bushes and trees on a slightly rising embankment.
- 10. Turn left on wide track through the picnic area to the car park.

TERRAIN One slope at the beginning, the tracks and paths are good.

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MAPS O.S. Explorer Isle of Axholme.