



Drawing Title: **Belton Temple Bellwood Walking Route**

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## Belton: Temple Bellwood Walk

2.9 Miles

### Start

Belton Playing Field. From the High Street (A161) turn into Jeffrey Lane. A sign indicating Playing Field and bowling green leads along a disused railway line. When a gate blocks onwards progress turn right through a gateway into the playing field car park.

### The Walk

1. Walk back along the disused railway line to Jeffrey Lane and turn right.
2. The road bends round to the left ignore the right hand road at the junction. This is the road to Beltoft.
3. As the road bends round to the left again, on the right hand side are two footpath signs close to each other, take the first signed Temple Gardens. This 'path' is road width. Follow it towards the distant motorway.
4. At the junction near the motorway (M180) turn right.
5. At the next junction bear right (to the left is a bridge over the motorway) and our road/lane soon becomes a bridleway.
6. As the bridleway meets the Belton-Beltoft road, turn right along the road. In about 200 yards, turn left along a waymarked track.
7. At a cross paths marked by a solitary tree, turn right along a field edge path alongside a ditch on the right. This path crosses one footbridge.
8. The path rises up a ramp onto an embankment bearing the disused railway line. Turn right. At the gate go through, turn left into the playing field car park.

### Terrain

The area is basically level, following pavements initially to point 3. From here to point 5 the way is an un-surfaced road (there may be puddles after heavy rain). From point 5 it becomes a generally grassy bridleway reinforced in places with bricks and stones. The way rises slightly up Mill Hill. There is no pavement on the country road (Beltoft to Belton) but one can step onto the verges if necessary. The track to point 7 is wide and generally good. The path onwards is a field edge path alongside a ditch, deep in places. A good wooden footbridge is crossed. At point 8 a slight ramp rises onto the level grit surfaced line of the former railway.

### Time

Between 1-1.5 hours at a leisurely pace.

### Maps

O.S. Explorer 280 Isle of Axholme

### Tips for Walkers

This walk is at its best in spring, summer and autumn time. Near point 4 the motorway runs over the site of Temple Bellwood, originally a base of the Knights Templar, later a site of a great house which became derelict in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The only remains now being Temple Gardens. The 30ft high obelisk, overgrown and off to the right marks the site where the squire's horse Sir Solomon died in an accident, hence the name of the pub. Watch out for buzzards in that area.