

# OWSTON FERRY



3 MILES

→ **START** St.Martins Church, Church Street, Owston Ferry. From the M180, junction 2, take the A161 Gainsborough Road to Epworth; turn left at the traffic lights, following the signs to Owston Ferry. As you enter the village, take the second right into Church Street. Be careful parking along here.

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## 🔗 THE WALK

- 1... Go through the stone arch into the churchyard follow a path to the left of the church, which then bends round to the right to a small gate and into a road.
- 2... Turn left and almost immediately left onto a way marked path, passing at first a castle mound on the left and later a poultry farm.
- 3... Turn left onto the roadway for about 150 yards.
- 4... Opposite the poultry farm entrance, turn right along a way marked path, pass a hedge initially on your left and after crossing a small footbridge the path crosses a field towards a line of trees.
- 5... Cross the footbridge over Ferry Drain and turn left immediately.
- 6... The path opens up with the Warping Drain on the right and meets the road. Turn left and follow the road back into the village.
- 7... On reaching the square: **a)** The longer route bends at first right and then left past the White Hart along North Street. **b)** For the shortcut, turn left and the right into Croft Lane – this bends right, left and left again to meet the longer route at point 10.
- 8... Turn left down a track towards Ramor House.
- 9... Turn left over 2 stiles and along a track with paddocks on both sides.
- 10... At the track junction turn right along a path with gardens on the left.
- 11... At the road junction turn right and immediately left along Gashouse Lane.
- 12... At the road junction (Epworth Road) turn left.
- 13... Turn right into Church Street to finish the walk.

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🗺️ **TERRAIN** Having passed through the Churchyard, the path between 2 and 3 gently descends with a ditch on the left. Between 3 and 4 is a level straight roadway. Point 4 is just before a bend. The path to point 5 crosses cropped fields. From 5 to 6 is a wide level grass path. Between 6 and 7 pavements are followed. Pavements are used to point 8 when a wide track is used. There are two quite high stiles at point 9 and then good grass paths are followed to point 11. The quiet Gashouse Lane and gently rising pavements lead back to the Church.

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🕒 **TIME** Between 1 to 1½ hours.

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📍 **MAPS** O.S. Explorer 280 Isle of Axholme.



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