

REBOURNE PONDS





2.9 MILES


→ **START** Village Green near the red lion public house, just off the High Street (B1206) in the centre of Redbourne. DN21 4QR.

THE WALK

- 1... Walk up Beck Lane to see the Duck Pond (Drain is on the left).
 - 2... Return, turn left along pavement past the Manor House.
 - 3... Carefully cross the High Street and go along School Lane: at the left hand bend continue ahead along an enclosed footpath (snicket), emerging into Park Lane.
 - 4... At the bend follow the road round to the left, continue to the road junction.
 - 5... Turn Right along Carr Lane with the airfield to your left.
 - 6... Take the first road on the right, continue past Stoneholmes Wood to a road junction.
 - 7... Turn Right past Gingerbread Cottage, along a track passing Stoneholmes wood on the right and later a stone wall on the left.
 - 8... At a path T-junction turn left following a boundary, cross the avenue approach road to Redbourne Hall, continue ahead along the field edge path.
 - 9... (At the time of recon it was hard to see right of way due to large broken down tree). The field is on the right and tree hedge on left. This merges into a a wide lane past the Great Fish Pond, stop here and turn around.
 - 10... Retrace steps back to point 8 path junction continue straight on
 - 11... A finger post indicates the way left on a crossfield path (sign Vicarage Lane), continue ahead to the left of some trees, go through a metal kissing gate and ahead, turn left through a small playing field , turn Right along Vicarage Lane. Carefully cross High Street following the pavement past the red Lion and return to start
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 **TERRAIN** The area is flat. There are two road crossings of the High Street at points 3 and 11. the route follows pavements and surfaced quiet lanes to point 7. An unsurfaced lane/track is followed to point 8. Fiels edge footpaths of varying quality lead past the Hall to a wide unsurfaced lane to point 9. From point 10 a crossfield path is followed to the churchyard. Pavement is followed along Vicarage Lane back to the High Street. Gun shots may be heard during shooting season.

 **TIME** Between 1 to 1½ hours at a leisurely pace.

 **MAPS** O.S. Explorer 281 Ancholme Valley.

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