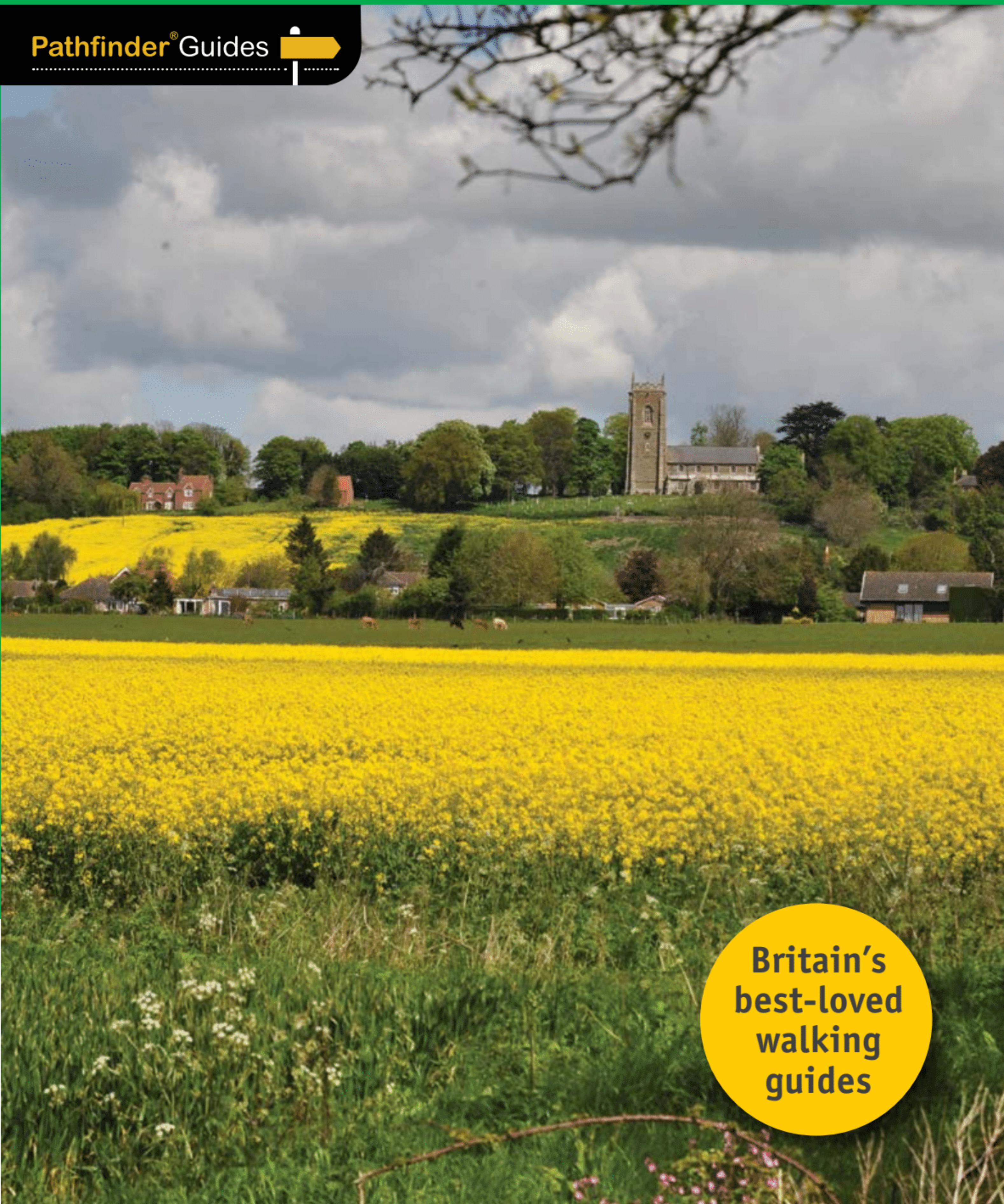


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Tattershall and Coningsby

Start Tattershall

Distance 3½ miles (5.6km)

Height gain Negligible

Approximate time 1½ hours

Parking Off Tattershall Market Place

GPS waypoints

 TF 212 579

 TF 213 577

 TF 221 573

 TF 226 583

 TF 228 586

Ordnance Survey maps Explorer 261 (Boston),
Landranger 122 (Skegness & Horncastle)

Although a short and flat walk, the considerable historic interest ranges from a redbrick 15th-century castle and two medieval churches to a Battle of Britain display. There is also pleasant walking beside the River Bain.

Tattershall is dominated by its castle and church, which rise majestically above the flat landscape. Both were built in the 15th century by Ralph, third Lord Cromwell, who was Lord High Treasurer of England during the reign of Henry VI and one of the most powerful men in the country.

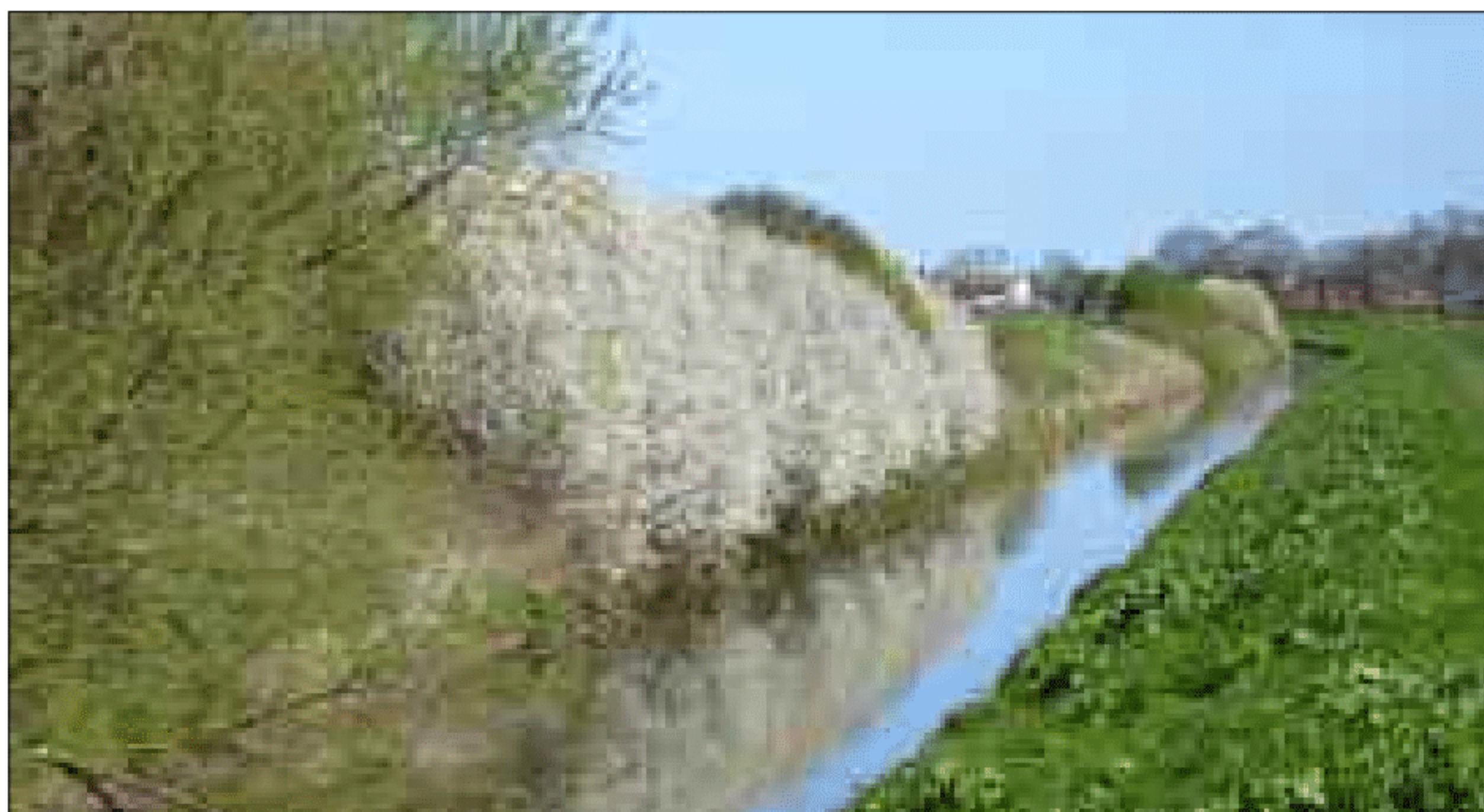
The dark, redbrick castle is a tall,

four-storied tower-house, which replaced a more modest earlier structure. After falling into disrepair, it was restored by Lord Curzon at the beginning of the 20th century and is now maintained by the National Trust.

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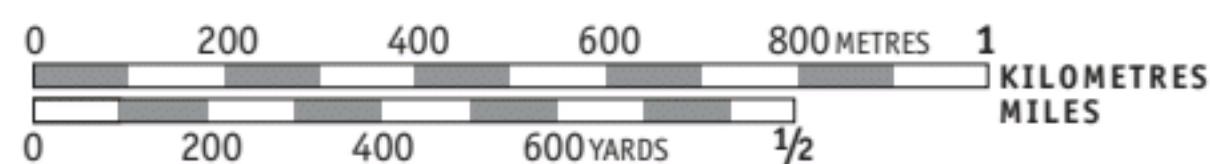




The Louth Canal at Alvingham

across the reclaimed marshland, now rich farmland, to reach a lane.

Keep ahead for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile (800m) to round a right-bend. As the lane then bends left, take a path off on the right **C** to join a path above Green Dike.



Follow this through to another lane, along which turn right.

Shortly, turn left **D** along Meadow Lane and walk through North Cockerington. Just past the telephone box and Barn Owl Cottage, turn right along a track, Church Walk, and trace this to a lane. Cross straight over to join a wide green way that leads back to the footbridges at **A**. Cross these and walk back to the start.



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Stamford, Easton on the Hill and Tinwell

Start Stamford, Red Lion Square

Distance 5½ miles (8.9km)

Height gain 230 feet (70m)

Approximate time 2½ hours

Parking Stamford; Pay and Display

Ordnance Survey maps Explorer 234 (Rutland Water), Landranger 141 (Kettering & Corby)

GPS waypoints

-  TF 028 071
-  TF 027 067
-  TF 019 059
-  TF 011 048
-  TF 010 042
-  TF 008 061

This is a most attractive walk, the first and last parts of which are across delightful riverside meadows beside the Welland. In between you pass through two beautiful villages, and there are fine views over the valley, especially looking across to Stamford. As the town is at the far south-western tip of Lincolnshire and close to three county boundaries, there is some 'border hopping' and, although a relatively short route, it briefly enters both Northamptonshire and Rutland. Leave plenty of time to explore Stamford, one of England's most attractive and historic towns.

A 17th-century traveller described Stamford 'as fine a built town all of stone as may be seen' and this is still true today as the town is undeniably attractive and remains remarkably unspoilt. Most of its handsome stone buildings date from the 17th and 18th

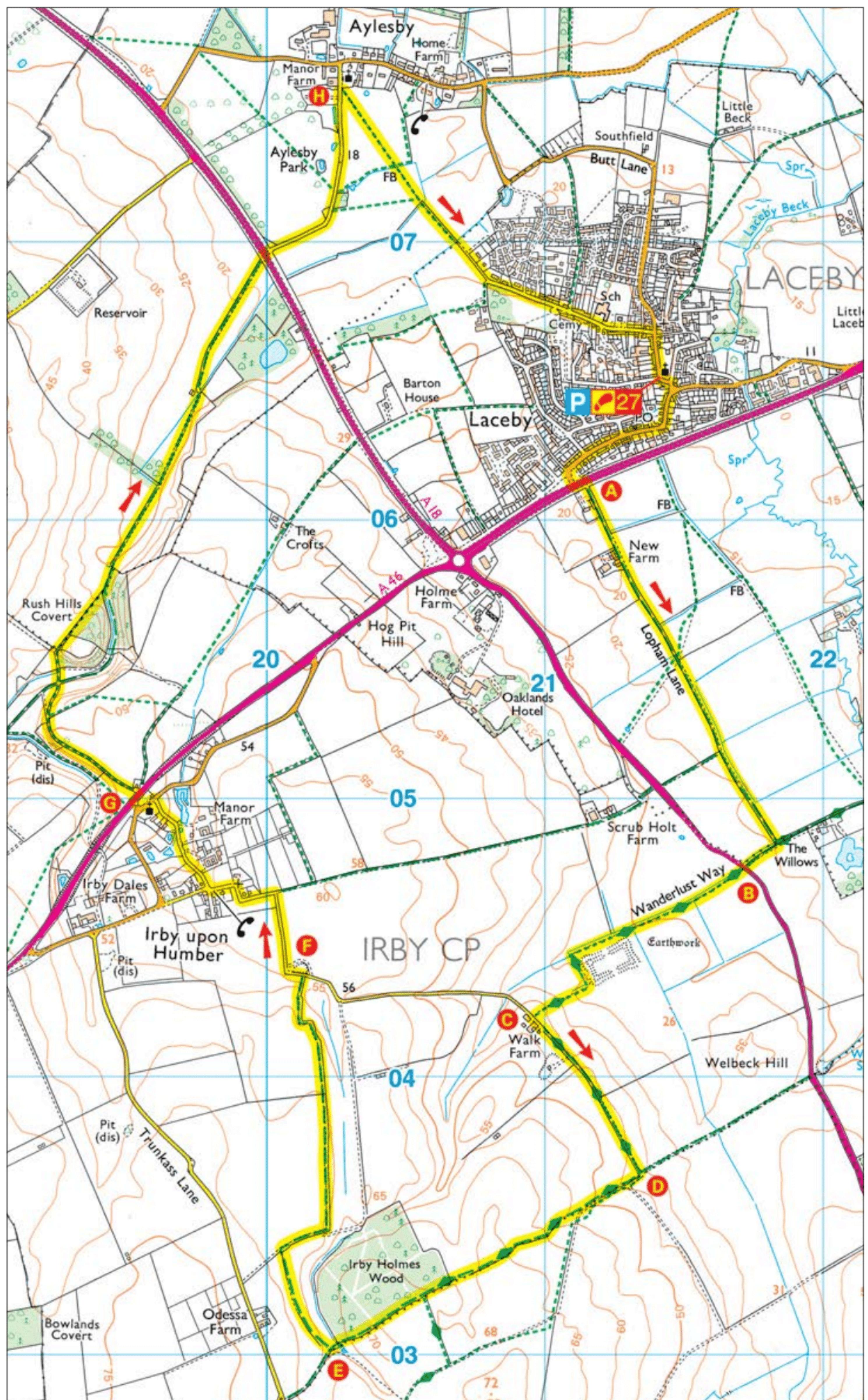
The yellow hills of Stamford



centuries, and it has an outstanding collection of medieval churches, whose towers and spires make a particularly fine sight when viewed from the riverside meadows on the last part of the walk. There is no single outstanding building, it is the whole harmonious package which makes a walk around Stamford so rewarding.



The walk starts from the south-east corner of Red Lion Square, where a footpath is signed to The Meadows, along an alley called Horseshoe Lane into Sheep Market. Cross diagonally into Castle Dyke and descend to the riverside. Cross the bridge



corner. Turn right over the culvert, then left over the New River Drain to continue on a track to reach a lane and main road junction **D**.

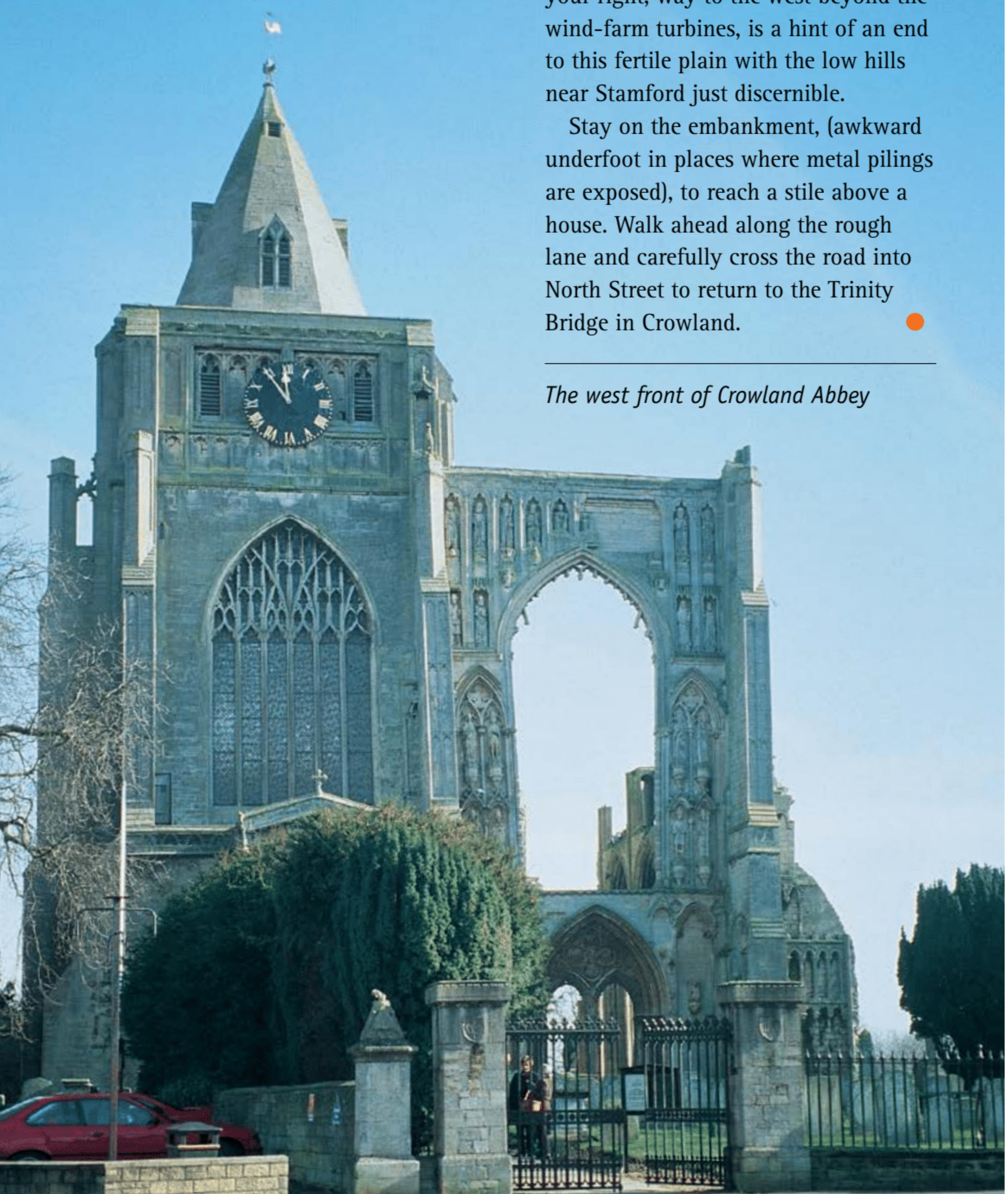
Turn sharp right along the narrow lane – note the roughly inscribed stump of the ancient St Guthlac's Cross on your left – and walk through to a sharp left bend near a house. Bear right off the lane here, putting wood-rail fencing on your left. Use the bridlegate and

walk ahead on the wide track; then climb the embankment on your right to join a path along its top.

Shortly after climbing a stile above a pumping station, the embankment bends sharply left **E** and the tower of Crowland Abbey appears in the distance. The views across the fens are immense, a latticework of drains and field roads dappled by church spires, pylons, aerials, water towers and copses; on your right, way to the west beyond the wind-farm turbines, is a hint of an end to this fertile plain with the low hills near Stamford just discernible.

Stay on the embankment, (awkward underfoot in places where metal pilings are exposed), to reach a stile above a house. Walk ahead along the rough lane and carefully cross the road into North Street to return to the Trinity Bridge in Crowland.

The west front of Crowland Abbey



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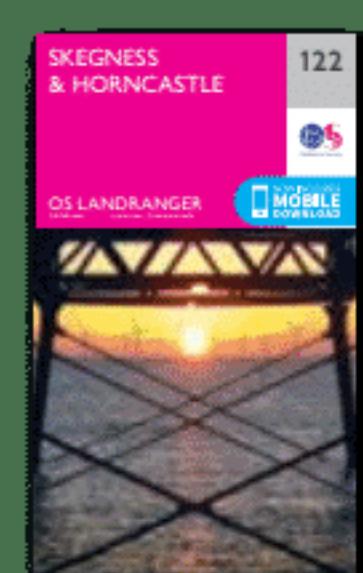
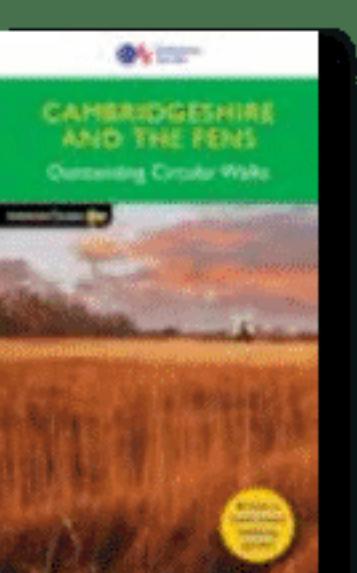
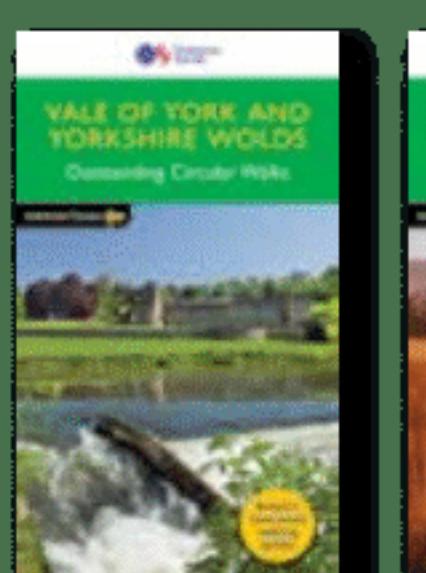
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