



Coastal Country Park Walks

Chapel Point to Anderby Creek



A CIRCULAR WALK OF 8.5 OR 6 KM (5.3 OR 3.75 MILES)

The Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park lies between Sandilands, Chapel St Leonards and Huttoft on the quiet Lincolnshire coast.

With five miles of beautiful sandy beaches, amazing big skies and some wonderful wildlife sites, the Coastal Country Park is a great place to explore and enjoy.

It aims to provide better protection for wildlife and attract new species, improve and promote access to the area, as well as develop quality facilities for local people and visitors.

One of the best ways to discover the area is on foot. This walk takes in the coast, farming hinterland, nature reserves and a variety of unusual attractions including the Cloud Bar and the Round and Round House.



- 1 Cross the road in front of the cafe, turn left and then immediately right.

After approximately 90m turn right onto a public footpath through the entrance of the leisure park.

Take the second road on the left, signed public footpath, and after approximately 60m bear diagonally right to the far corner of the grassed area. Turn right and walk between the rows of chalets to a bridge.

- 2 Cross the bridge, turn left and walk around the edge of the field to a kissing gate. Go through the gate, walk across the grass to the driveway and turn left.

Follow the drive out of the caravan park to join a road. Follow the road straight ahead for approximately 400m to a T-junction. Continue straight ahead along the road for approximately 200m.

- 3 Turn right along Stones Lane.

Look out for the pill box in the hedgerow on your right. It would have formed part of the Second World War coastal defences built when the country was under threat of invasion during 1940. You may see others as you travel around the local area.

- 4 At the end of the lane, by a small compound, carry straight on, keeping the drainage channel on your right.

Follow the drainage channel for approximately 550m to junction with a track and footpath.

- 5 Turn right and follow the footpath as it bends to the left.

- 6 The long and short walk routes divide where the path bends to the right.

Reed bunting
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Anderby Creek

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Anderby Marsh Nature Reserve

Round and Round House

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Wolla Bank Reedbed
Nature Reserve

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Wolla Bank

Wolla Bank Pit
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Chapel Six Marshes

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Chapel Pit
Nature Reserve

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Submerged forest near Wolla Bank
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For the **SHORTER walk** continue along the footpath as it bends to the right. Walk through a car park to reach a road.

- 7 Turn left and walk along the road with care for 300m (this road can get busy during the summer months).
- 8 Turn right into Wolla Bank car park and walk across the car park to join the beach. Turn right and walk along the beach to Chapel Point.

You will have walked past **Wolla Bank Pit** nature reserve which is next to the road. The flooded pits were excavated for clay which was used to repair the sea wall after the floods of 1953. There are now extensive reed beds and areas of open water. In winter look out for tufted duck, goldeneye, pochard, snipe and if you're lucky bittern.

Wolla Bank Reedbed is on the opposite side of the road and is best viewed from Wolla Bank car park. After clay was scraped from here to carry out repairs to the sea wall the area developed into reedbeds. Reed warbler, sedge warbler, reed bunting, and whitethroat all nest here. In spring you might be lucky enough to see marsh harriers.

Other clay pits in the area are also now nature reserves, including Chapel Pit. These reserves are managed by The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. For more information about all the reserves and the wildlife found on them go to www.lincstrust.org.uk

For the **LONGER walk** leave the path as it bends to the right by walking straight ahead along a permissive footpath beside a drainage channel.

Continue straight on along a track.

- 9** At a bridge on the right continue ahead along the path by following the track as it bears left.

Follow the path along the track as it bears right, then crosses a cattle grid and grass field.

- 10** At the end of the grass field, before a gate and cattle grid, turn left and follow the path along the field edge, keeping the hedge on your right, to a road.

- 11** At the road turn right. Take care as you walk along this road section of the route.

At the T-junction turn left.

Anderby Drainage museum houses two Ruston 10HRC twin cylinder diesel engines which drive centrifugal pumps which can pump 4500 litres of water per second. They served the area for nearly 50 years until they were replaced in 1992 by electrically powered pumps which are located nearby. The original pumps are maintained by Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board to act as standby pumps. The museum also contains old drainage tools and photographs. The museum is open on set days throughout the year, for more information call 01507 328095 or go to www.lmdb.co.uk

After the museum turn right into Anderby Creek and walk through the village to the car park.

Anderby Creek Cloud Bar has been designated the world's first official cloudspotting area by The Cloud Appreciation Society. The platform has cloud menus to help identify clouds, mirrors to reflect the sky and specially designed cloud viewing seats. A great place to enjoy the big skies of Lincolnshire!

- 12** Walk onto the beach, turn right and walk along the beach towards Chapel Point.

The bird hide, known as the **Round and Round House**, located on top of the dunes offers fantastic views both out to sea and across Anderby Marsh nature reserve to the elevated Lincolnshire Wolds.

Between 6000 and 9000 years ago this stretch of beach was covered by trees. Remnants of this submerged forest can be seen at low tide around Wolla Bank.

Continue along the beach for approximately 3 km (2 miles) to Chapel Point, recognisable by the start of the concrete sea wall and shelter.

If you have time stop off at **Chapel Six Marshes**. The area has been greatly improved by the Coastal Country Park Project in recent years. The addition of a network of water filled channels help to attract a greater variety of wildlife including sedge warbler, bearded tit and reed bunting.

A car park and surfaced path around the site makes it accessible to all.



Please remember the countryside is a place where people live and work and where wildlife makes its home. To protect the Lincolnshire countryside for other visitors please respect it and on every visit follow the Countryside Code. Thank you.

-  Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
-  Leave gates and property as you find them
-  Protect plants and animals, and take litter home
-  Keep dogs under close control and on a lead when walking across fields with livestock
-  Consider other people



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