



British Walking Federation

PT126 THE WAY TO A WINDMILL



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DISTANCE: 12km

ENTRY FEE: £1.50 per walker (Cheques payable to the British Walking Federation)

AWARD: Cloth Badge at £2.50 each

START VENUE: The Church at Sturton le Steeple

OS MAP: 120 **GR:** SK788838

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COACH & CAR PARKING: On street parking, or with permission, the Reindeer Inn car park

DIRECTIONS FROM NEAREST TOWN: Retford/Gainsborough - You can reach Sturton le Steeple from either Retford or Gainsborough. From Retford take the A620 to North Wheatley, and then a minor road to Sturton le Steeple. From Gainsborough, take the A631 & then the A620 to North Wheatley.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Buses from Retford - 95 or 95a (2 hourly).

REFRESHMENTS: At the start and on the route.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION (Updated 31st August 2024)

With the church on your left and the pub and pond on your right, go towards the crossroads. Cross over the main road and enter Springs Lane. Continue ahead as the lane leaves the village and then becomes a gravel track, ahead for 1200m to go under the Railway Bridge

Q1. What is the number of the bridge? MAC3___

After the bridge continue ahead for approx. 1800m and following the gentle incline to the top passing Maumhill Wood on the left. Where the track bears left ignore the initial vehicular gaps on right and turn right over small wooden bridge following Trent Valley Way. Continue ahead with hedge on right, at the bottom of the field go through gap in hedge onto grassy lane. Turn left and continue ahead to reach tarmac road. Turn left along road. As the road bears left towards the red brick house turn right on track Public Bridleway, follow track downhill to reach the railway crossing with a Nature Reserve on your right.

Q2. What is the mileage of the level crossing?

TAKING EXTREME CARE cross over the level crossing. Continue up the track, passing through Caddow Wood. Pass green Anglian Water kiosk on right and in 50m turn left through second gate on wide grassy bridleway (ignore first gate into Caddow Wood Yard). As the grassy track descends it becomes gravel and then tarmac. Continue to follow this to reach North Leverton Windmill. N.B. This is now a fully working windmill and can be viewed on Saturdays at 10am.

Q3. What year was the windmill built?

Leave the windmill and continue on tarmac track to the main road. Turn left and pass under the railway bridge and into the village North Leverton. Go through the village passing the playing fields, post office and the Royal Oak pub. Approximately 200m past the pub, turn left on footpath "Church Walk" towards church.

Q4. What year is on the stone block before the bridge?

Go over bridge and bear left around church to gravel track. Turn right and continue onto tarmac road between houses passing Fingle House and onto dirt track. Ahead on narrow enclosed path with stream on right to kissing gate, turn left to further kissing gate in corner. Ahead to cross a bridge and 3 kissing gates close together, then straight on with distant cooling towers directly in front of you, to eventually turn right, following the yellow waymarker round field to gate in hedge to road. Cross over road and turn left to display board.

Q5. When was Edward Fenton born?

Return along the road and in 10m turn left through the kissing gate on Trent Valley Way (not signposted) next to wooden fence. Follow path round to left, keeping to edge of field with hedges/ditches on your right. Continue ahead in the same direction, bearing left and right to keep heading towards the cooling towers, to reach bridge with gate. Bear right across field to double gate in corner and road, cross over the road to pavement and turn left. Follow pavement past the school and arrive back at the church and pub.

When you have completed this trail please use the [Permanent Trail Entry Form](#)

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