

A photograph of a man from behind, walking through a dense green forest. He is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, camouflage shorts, and a black backpack with yellow text on it. The forest is filled with green leaves and branches.

# **SOUTH KESTEVEN WALKING FESTIVAL**

**11<sup>TH</sup> TO 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**Official Programme**



**SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

# **SOUTH KESTEVEN WALKING FESTIVAL**

Put your walking boots on and join this celebration of walks from across the South Kesteven District.

This programme is full of guided walks from community groups across the district and discover something new in South Kesteven.

Each walk has a difficulty rating and symbols are used to explain the suitability of the walks for different audiences.

## **KEY TO SYMBOLS**



Dog Friendly



Children of all ages



Pushchair friendly



Wheelchair friendly



Children over 12



Gentle - a slow stroll



Easy - Mainly flat, short climbs, even paths



Moderate - Some ascents, uneven ground, gates and stiles.



Hard - Some steep ascents/descents, uneven ground, gates, cattle grids, stiles, a distance requiring a good level of fitness.



## BELTON ESTATE DOG WALK



Date: Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April                    Time: 10.30am

Start Location: Mansion Steps - Belton House, High Rd, Belton, Grantham NG32 2LW

Distance: 2.3 Miles

Overview: The Brownlow's were a canine loving family. Join one of our dog rangers and gain an understanding of their affair with dogs and experience the different habitats, landscapes and wildlife on Belton Estate while meeting like-minded dog loving families.

Parking is available at Belton House.

[Click here to book.](#)



## BELTON ESTATE ARCHITECTURE & HISTORICAL GRAFFITI PERAMBULATION



Date: Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April                    Time: 11am

Start Location: Visitor Reception Building - Belton House, High Rd, Belton, Grantham NG32 2LW

Distance: 0.9 Miles

Overview: An immersive 60-minute tour, uncovering the stories behind Belton, offering a unique perspective on how great architecture can shape culture and the stories graffiti can tell.

Parking is available at Belton House.

[Click here to book.](#)



## ROBIN HOODIE - WALKING THEATRE SHOW



Date: Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April                    Time: 2pm

Start Location: Witham Meadows, Witham Rd, Long Bennington, NG23 5DS

Distance: under 1 Mile

Overview: Walk through a Robin Hood story with the Walking Theatre Co. in this FREE family friendly production taking place on Witham Meadows in Long Bennington.

[Click here to book.](#)



## GRANTHAM HISTORICAL WALK



Date: Sun 12<sup>th</sup> April                    Time: 10.30am

Start Location: Grantham House, Castlegate, Grantham, NG31 6SS

Distance: 2.3 Miles

Overview: Join National Trust Walk Leaders on a circular historical walk around Grantham, where we will depart and finish at Grantham House. The town is steeped in history dating back to between 400-600AD: the Saxon Period. Battles with Oliver Cromwell; WWI and WWII camps dominated the landscape. Kings and Queens of England had stayed in this market town. Politicians, actors and scientists have hailed from Grantham. White Gingerbread also came from here, and as some would say the early designs of the tank for WW1.

[Click here to book.](#)



## THE TEMPEST - WALKING THEATRE SHOW



Date: Sun 12th April                    Time: 2pm

Start Location: Allington Manor, Bottesford Rd, Allington, Grantham NG32 2DH

Distance: under 1 Mile

Overview: Walk with the cast through an adaption of The Tempest from the Walking Theatre Co. set in the garden of Allington Manor.

Tickets are £5 and include teas and coffees during the event.

[Click here to book.](#)



## A WALK ON THE WILDLAND



Date: Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April                    Time: 10am

Start Location: Boothby Lodge, NG33 4DE

Distance: 1.9 Miles

Overview: Come and join the Boothby Wildland team for a 3km guided walk across the wildland. We will look at the recent river restoration project and how the land has changed over recent years.

No booking required. Parking is available at Boothby Lodge.



## BELTON ESTATE LANDSCAPE - GEOLOGY, HISTORY AND NATURE



Date: Tue 14<sup>th</sup> April

Time: 10am

Start Location: Stables Courtyard - Belton House, High Rd, Belton, Grantham NG32 2LW

Distance: 5.3 Miles

Overview: Discover the Secrets Beneath Your Feet at Belton House Estate  
Belton's landscape is beautiful, and its story has been written over hundreds of millions of years. Join one of our walk leaders for a geology-themed journey through time, where you'll uncover how ancient forces shaped the rolling hills, escarpments, river basin and other water features.

Whether you're just curious as to why we have a cliff running through the estate, or have an interest in earth sciences, this walk offers a fresh perspective on the landscape – revealing how geology has influenced everything from wildlife habitats to historic and present land use.

Step into the past, walk through the present, and see Belton in a whole new light.

Parking is available at Belton House.

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## BELTON ACORNS PUSHCHAIR FRIENDLY WALK



Date: Thru 16<sup>th</sup> April

Time: 10.30am

Start Location: The Ride - Belton House, High Rd, Belton, Grantham NG32 2LW

Distance: 3 Miles

In collaboration with Belton Acorns, join our walking group created for anyone who has or looks after pushchair-aged children.

During these accessible and beautiful walks, you can meet other adults, find support and build up your fitness on a basic level. The walks can be up to 5k in length and, where possible, mostly on hard standing paths.

Our friendly volunteers will lead you on different routes for the seasons and help you explore your walking potential. These walks are held on the second Tuesday of every month, and we aim to be no longer than 1.5 hours, and no more than 15-minutes walk back to the car park/ride.

[Click here to book.](#)



## AN INTRODUCTION TO BELTON'S MILITARY HISTORY

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Date: Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April      Time: 10am

Start Location: Visitor Reception Building - Belton House, High Rd, Belton, Grantham NG32 2LW

Distance: 6.6 Miles

Overview: Belton Estate is steeped in military history, and one could go as far back as the Romans. However, today we are going to concentrate on Oliver Cromwell, WWI and WWII and a smattering of naval history associated with the house. During the walk we will demonstrate how the Brownlow and Cust Family were truly Tri-Service!

[Click here to book.](#)



## ALL THE FUN OF THE CIRCUS



Date: Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April      Time: 11am

Start Location: Stamford Arts Centre, 27 St Mary's Street, Stamford, PE9 2DL

Distance: 1 Mile

Overview: Family walk with Stamford Sights and Secrets Tours. Join a travelling circus and make history fun with activities and secret stories on this 45 minutes circus-themed tour of Stamford.

Tickets £5 per adult, children FREE, pay on arrival.

[Click here to book.](#)



## WALK WITH A TIME TRAVELLER



Date: Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April      Time: 11am

Start Location: Bourne Castle, Wellhead Park, 15 St Peters Rd, Bourne PE10 9NF

Distance: 1 Mile

Overview: Join Rhubarb Theatre's resident time traveller for a family friendly walk around Wellhead Park and Jubilee Meadows telling stories of Bourne history from their travels in time.

[Click here to book.](#)



## A GUIDED WALK THROUGH THE HISTORY OF ASLACKBY

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Date: Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April      Time: 11am

Start Location: Village Hall, Asslackby

Distance: 1 Mile

Overview: A morning stroll with Alison and Ali from the Aveland History Group, through the historic village of Asslackby. Meet at the village hall for a leisurely stroll around the village to view the historic sights of Asslackby. Learn more about the history of the remains of the Knights Templars, its Ancient Castle, Artisanal Manor House, Victorian School and Workhouse, and more. Donations to the Aveland History Group.

No booking required, suggested donation of £5.



## CIRCULAR WALK BELTON - THE PARKLAND



Date: Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April      Time: 10:30am

Start Location: Visitor Reception Building - Belton House, High Rd, Belton, Grantham NG32 2LW

Distance: 3.3 Mile

Overview: Join one of the Belton House Rangers for a leisurely and informative walk around Belton Estate. Stroll along the river Witham, amble through the park, including the site of the ancient medieval village, and woodland areas on this scenic walk. Explore the less familiar areas of the park, discover a diverse range of habitats and get closer to nature and learn more about their natural surroundings and the conservation work being undertaken.

[Click here to book.](#)



## QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK - GUIDED TOUR



Date: Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> April      Time: 10am

Start Location: Giant PEG in Queen Elizabeth Park, Belton Lane, Grantham, NG31 8DE

Distance: 2 Miles

Overview: Join the Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park, for a guided tour around Queen Elizabeth Park Grantham, highlighting areas where improvements have been created to help the biodiversity of the park. The walk will highlight wildflower meadows & new ponds which attract dragonflies, butterflies, newts, etc, Keeping an eye open on the riverbank for sightings of the kingfishers and otters.

No booking required for this FREE walk.



## **BELTON ESTATE - SUNSET WALK**



Date: Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> April                    Time: 6:30pm

Start Location: Bellmount Tower Car Park, Grantham NG32 2DF

Distance: 2.8 Miles

Overview: A leisurely evening walk from Bellmount Tower Car Park across to Londonthorpe Woods before proceeding up to Londonthorpe Village. The route then takes us down to Thorpe Dyke Field, before heading up into Bellmount Plantation and round to Bellmount Tower; to hopefully witness a spectacular sunset. During the walk enjoy some of the vistas, wildlife and history of the locality.

[Click here to book.](#)



## **SHINE AND NATIONAL GRIEF WALK AND TALK**



Date: Fri 24<sup>th</sup> April                    Time: 1pm

Start Location: Wellbeing Centre, National Grief Advice, Wharf Road, Grantham, NG31 6BH

Distance: 3.3 Mile

Overview: Join one of the Belton House Rangers for a leisurely and informative walk around Belton Estate. Stroll along the river Witham, amble through the park, including the site of the ancient medieval village, and woodland areas on this scenic walk. Explore the less familiar areas of the park, discover a diverse range of habitats and get closer to nature and learn more about their natural surroundings and the conservation work being undertaken.

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## BELTON ESTATE - GUIDED HIKE

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Date: Fri 24<sup>th</sup> April      Time: 9:30am

Start Location: Londonthorpe Woods, Londonthorpe Ln, Grantham NG31 9SL

Distance: 12.5 Miles

Overview: Join us on this 20k Guided Hike, led by our knowledgeable walk leaders. We will depart and finish at Londonthorpe Woods Car Park. The walk will take us across Belton Estate, up Green Lane, past the White House, before walking along to Barkston Airfield. We will then descend Minnett's Hill before entering Barkston Village for a spot of lunch by the river. From there the walk gently ascends to Peascliff Tunnel before heading back to Belton Estate and across to Bellmount Tower. There will be two drink stops along the route. Social walks are a great opportunity to meet new people, discover new places, and build your confidence walking in the countryside. Hike where Osmond Wainwright once walked.

[Click here to book.](#)



## WELLBEING WALK - ANCASTER AND KELBY



Date: Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April      Time: 6:30pm

Start Location: Woodland Waters, Willoughby Road, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG32 3RT

Distance: 5 Miles

Overview: Step into the beauty of Ancaster Valley on a peaceful circular walk through the Lincolnshire countryside. Hosted by Evelyn's Butterfly Effect, this 5-mile stroll is all about connection – with nature, with others, and with yourself. Expect fresh air, friendly faces, and easy conversation in a warm, welcoming group. Come alone or with a friend and enjoy a relaxed morning that nurtures kindness, community, and mental wellbeing.

Free to take part. Car park is £5, which is redeemable against food and drink from Woody's bar after the walk (no minimum spend).

No need to book.



## **BELTON ESTATE -INFLUENTIAL WOMEN OF BELTON**

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Date: Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April                    Time: 10:30am

Start Location: Visitor Reception Building - Belton House, High Rd, Belton, Grantham NG32 2LW

Distance: 2.6 Miles

Overview: Join one of our Rangers for a leisurely and informative walk around Belton Gardens and buildings, chatting about some of the ladies who put down their mark and stood out: Alice Sherard Brownlow, Florence Woodford, Sophia Cust, Edith Smith, Nina Cust, Helen Cresswell, and Aleen Isobel Cust. During the walk enjoy some of the vistas, wildlife and history of the locality.

[Click here to book.](#)



## **BELTON HOUSE TO BELLMOUNT TOWER**

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Date: Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April                    Time: 1:30pm

Start Location: Visitor Reception Building - Belton House, High Rd, Belton, Grantham NG32 2LW

Distance: 3.1 Miles

Overview: The National Trust and the Woodland Trust, supported by National Lottery Players through the National Lottery Heritage Fund, are working together to reconnect Grantham to its historic landscape.

This monthly guided walk provides visitors the opportunity to discover more about the history of the landscape. Journey along the Eastern Avenue of lime and chestnut trees, up to Bellmount Plantation, to capture the stunning views stretching across Grantham.

No dogs on this walk. The route includes entering Belton's Deer Sanctuary, where the priority remains keeping the environment solely for the purpose of the deer and grazing sheep.

[Click here to book.](#)