

# Chapel St Leonards



Three walks of 9, 6 or 4 km ( $5\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  or  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles)

# Introduction

These walks are set around Chapel St Leonards, the farm land to the west of the village and along the coast. Located within the Lincolnshire coast and marshes landscape character area the village lies in the shadow of the sea defences.

In the 16th century the village was known as Mumby Chapel.

The original medieval chapel was engulfed by the sea in 1571. It was restored and used until the present church was built in the late 18th century. The current west tower was built in 1901 in the Arts & Crafts style by William Scorer at a cost of £600.



Between Chapel Point and Ingoldmells a number of Iron Age and Roman salt making sites have been discovered on the beach and pottery discovered there has been dated to the 1400s.

Before the chalets were built in the 1930s visitors to Chapel Point pitched their tents on the beach. This area and Chapel Marsh were devastated by the floods of 1953 after which the local sea defences were strengthened.

Now a popular holiday centre, there are miles of sandy beaches and a wide range of facilities.



*Chapel St Leonards village centre in the 1920s*

# The Walk

## WALK ONE

- 1 Starting from the Parish Council offices walk along South Road towards The Vine Hotel for a short distance and turn right along a public footpath at the side of the shops opposite The Vine Hotel car park.

*The Vine Hotel was the first in the village, the original building being converted from a farmhouse. This was replaced in 1937 by the existing hotel.*

At the road turn left and at the T-junction turn right, following the public footpath sign. Turn first left into Andrew Avenue and walk to the end.

Continue straight ahead and follow the public footpath beside the school playing field.

Follow the path, around the playing field, over the bridge and onto West View Crescent. Cross the road and continue in the same direction heading towards the gap and footpath between the terraced houses and bungalow. Follow the footpath to a road.



- 2 Turn right to the junction with Skegness Road. Cross the road and footbridge straight ahead, turn left and follow the road into St Leonard's church yard.



Follow the path to the right of the church and then out into a field, through a kissing gate. Turn left and follow the path along the edge of the field.

At the end of the first field turn right and follow the path to the road by the side of the Ship Inn. Turn left and cross the bridge.

- 3 Turn right to follow the road and then path along the side of the Willoughby drain to a road junction. Turn left and walk along the main road, ignoring Elliot Way on the left.
- 4 Turn left along Wigg Lane. Follow the lane for approximately 800m (1/2 mile) to a junction.

### For the SHORTER walk

- 5 Turn right and follow the lane.
- 6 Enter Nelson Villa Caravan Park and at the side of the house bear right across the grass to a footpath sign. Go through the gate, turn right and follow the hedge around the caravan park to a bridge.



# Map & Walk



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# The Walk

Cross the bridge and walk between the chalets. Bear left across the grassed area to the road. Turn left and at the next junction turn right to leave the holiday park.

Turn left and at Chapel Point climb the dunes and turn right. Rejoin the directions at point 9.

## For the LONGER route

- 5 Turn left and after 200m turn right along Stones Lane, a no through road.

At the junction of tracks walk straight ahead and follow the path beside the drain to a junction of paths.

*These arable fields are the ideal place to see and hear skylarks. This small brown bird prefers open farmland and avoids trees and hedges. It has a continuous warbling song which it can sing while hovering.*

- 7 Turn right and continue alongside the drain, and along a track to a road.



*There are few hedges on this walk but all hedges are important for wildlife, especially in an agricultural landscape. They provide nesting sites, shelter and food for birds, and a corridor for movement for small mammals.*

- 8 Turn left and where the road bends, turn right along the track signposted Wolla Bank. Walk through the car park and over the dunes to the beach.

Turn right and walk along the beach for 2 km (1½ miles) to Chapel Point.

*Listen out for the distinctive call of the cuckoo during the spring and summer. They lay their eggs in the nest of other birds, and then the newly hatched cuckoos push the host's eggs out of the nest!*

- 9 At Chapel Point you can continue along the beach or walk along the promenade past the beach huts to Chapel St Leonards. Turn right here to return to the village and the starting point.



# The Walk

## WALK TWO

Follow the directions in points **1** and **2** for **WALK ONE**. Then...

- 10** Turn left after the bridge and almost immediately take the public footpath on the right between two houses. Cross the bridge and walk straight across the field to a footpath sign and then straight on to a bridge.
- 11** Cross the bridge and turn left along a hedge-lined track, known as Blind Well Lane, for approximately 400m to a lane.
- 12** Turn left and after approximately 60m take the public footpath on the right. Walk across the field by bearing diagonally left heading to the far corner. Cross into the next field and walk straight across to a bridge and road.

Turn right and follow the road. After approximately 800m ( $\frac{1}{2}$  mile) leave the road, as it bends to the right, and continue straight on along the lane to the caravan park. Now follow the directions for **WALK ONE** from point **6**.



## WALK THREE

Follow the directions in point **1** for **WALK ONE**. Then...

- 2** Cross the road, turn left and follow the path.

After approximately 150m follow the field edge path to a bridge. Cross the bridge, turn right and follow the path beside the drain to another bridge.

Cross the bridge and follow the path straight on past a house and then between a fence and hedge. Enter the caravan park and walk straight ahead beside the fence. Where the fence turns to the left, walk straight on between the caravans, following the line of trees and waymarkers to a road.

- 13** Turn left and after approximately 50m turn right, following the footpath sign. Leave the caravan park and walk between two fences. Follow this path to South Road.
- 14** Turn right and then left along Trunch Lane to the sea front and toilets.
- 15** Turn left and follow either the bridleway along the bottom of the dunes, or the promenade at the top of the dunes, to return to the village centre.



# Be a responsible walker

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
- Consider other people

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# Walk Information



**Walk Location:** Chapel St Leonards is situated on the coast 8km (5 miles) north of Skegness.

**Starting point:** Outside the Parish Council offices, Sea Road. PE24 5TG.  
Grid Reference : TF 560 722.

**Parking:** Public car parks on Sea Road and Well Vale Drive.

**Public Transport:** The area is well served by buses. For times call the Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or visit [www.lincsbus.info](http://www.lincsbus.info) or [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/busrailtravel)

**Ordnance Survey maps for the area:** Explorer 274 Skegness, Alford & Spilsby. Landranger 122 Skegness & Horncastle.

**Walk length:** **Walk One:** 9 or 5 km (5½ or 3 miles).  
**Walk Two:** 6 km (3¾ miles).  
**Walk Three:** 4 km (2½ miles).



At a leisurely pace the walks will take these approximate times to complete: **Walk One:** 2¾ or 1½ hours. **Walk Two:** 2 hours.  
**Walk Three:** 1¼ hours.

**Type of walk:** These walks use village paths, field paths, tracks, dunes and the promenade. All the walks are level but may be uneven and muddy in places. All the walks are stile free.

**Refreshments:** There is a good selection of shops and pubs in Chapel St Leonards and several cafes along the route at Chapel Point and Trunch Lane (opening may be seasonal).

**Public Toilets:** Sea Road, Chapel St Leonards, Chapel Point and Trunch Lane (opening may be seasonal).

*These walks and leaflet have been put together with assistance from the Chapel St Leonards Parish Path Partnership Group and Parish Council.*