

# A BOOT UP AROUND LINCOLN

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In some ways Lincoln occupies an unusual location for county town, being roughly central on a north-south axis but just five miles from the Nottinghamshire boundary to the west whilst being almost forty miles from the coast to the east. Geographically and topographically of course there are good reasons why the city grew where it did, as the Romans recognised when establishing their "Lindum Colonia". Nevertheless within its surrounding countryside Lincoln enjoys a wide variety of scenery, ranging from the heights of the escarpment of the Lincoln Cliff to the north and the south, the wide expanses of the heath to riverside meadows beside the River Trent and the virtual fenlands of the Witham valley.

This book represents a new concept in Lincolnshire walking guides. Taking as its base the historic City of Lincoln the walks lie within an approximately 15-mile radius of the city's centre; that is to say about half an hour's drive – at the most – for the majority of its residents.

All the walks have been carefully chosen for their variety and location and to encompass both the well known – and perhaps to some readers, less well known – history to be found there. The walks also attempt to cater for all ages and abilities as they range in distance from 2 to 7 ¾ miles. They are presented in a clockwise sequence starting from Marton beside the River Trent in the northwest round to Bassingham in the southwest.

The ten walks are:

Marton & the River Trent • Hemswell & Willoughton  
• The River Ancholme from Brandy Wharf •  
Riseholme, South Carlton & Burton • Skellingthorpe &  
Doddington (via Harby) • Bardney • Stixwold & the  
Water Rail Way (via Kirkstead) • Scopwick, Kirkby  
Green & Blankney • Navenby to Coleby • Bassingham

Halsgrove's new-format guidebook, containing maps, photographs and useful information will ensure a great walking experience. Packed with colour, the book is an ideal reminder of a visit to the countryside around the historic city of Lincoln.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hugh Marrows has lived in Lincolnshire all his life. He is married with two grown up children. He spent his working life in the civil service where for many years his job involved much travel throughout the county of Lincolnshire and from his experiences sprang an interest in the county's diverse landscape, architecture and history.

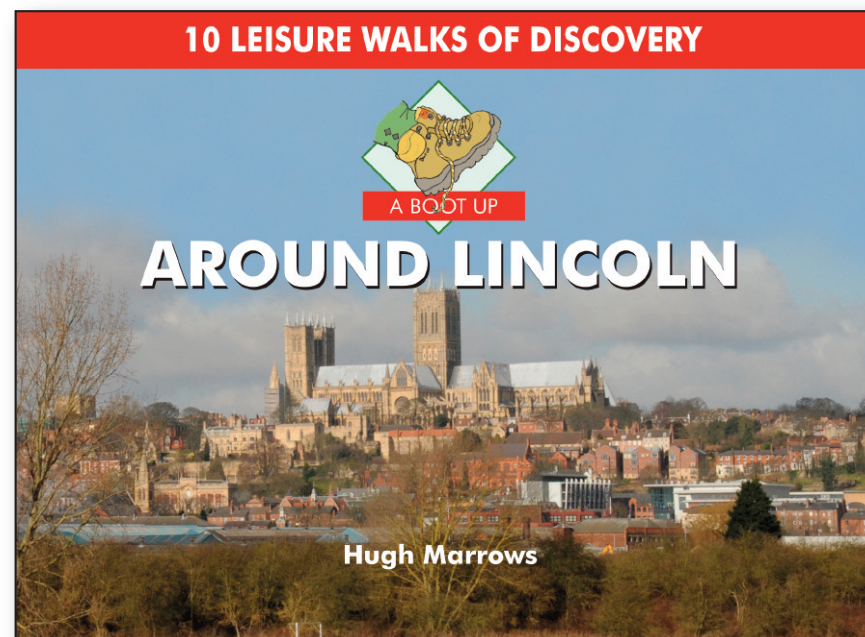
His love of the outdoors and country walking readily combined with an interest in photography and the recording of the visible heritage of Lincolnshire's archaeological remains, churches, vernacular buildings and remnants of its industrial past such as canals and railways. He had the good fortune (as he will readily admit) to retire early, something that allowed him both the time and opportunity to pursue these interests more fully and to begin writing about them in various county magazines and local newspapers.

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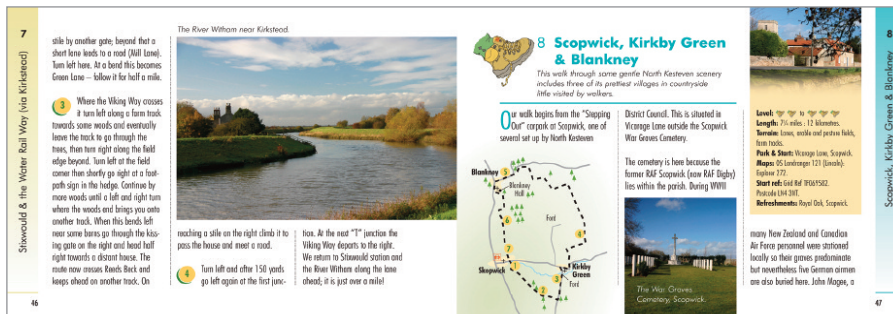
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Above: Brandy Wharf, bridge and old warehouse.

Left: Navenby church and the old school.

Below: Example of a double-page spread.



Riseholme Hall.



The "Bassingham Bull".

View along the Trent embankment.

