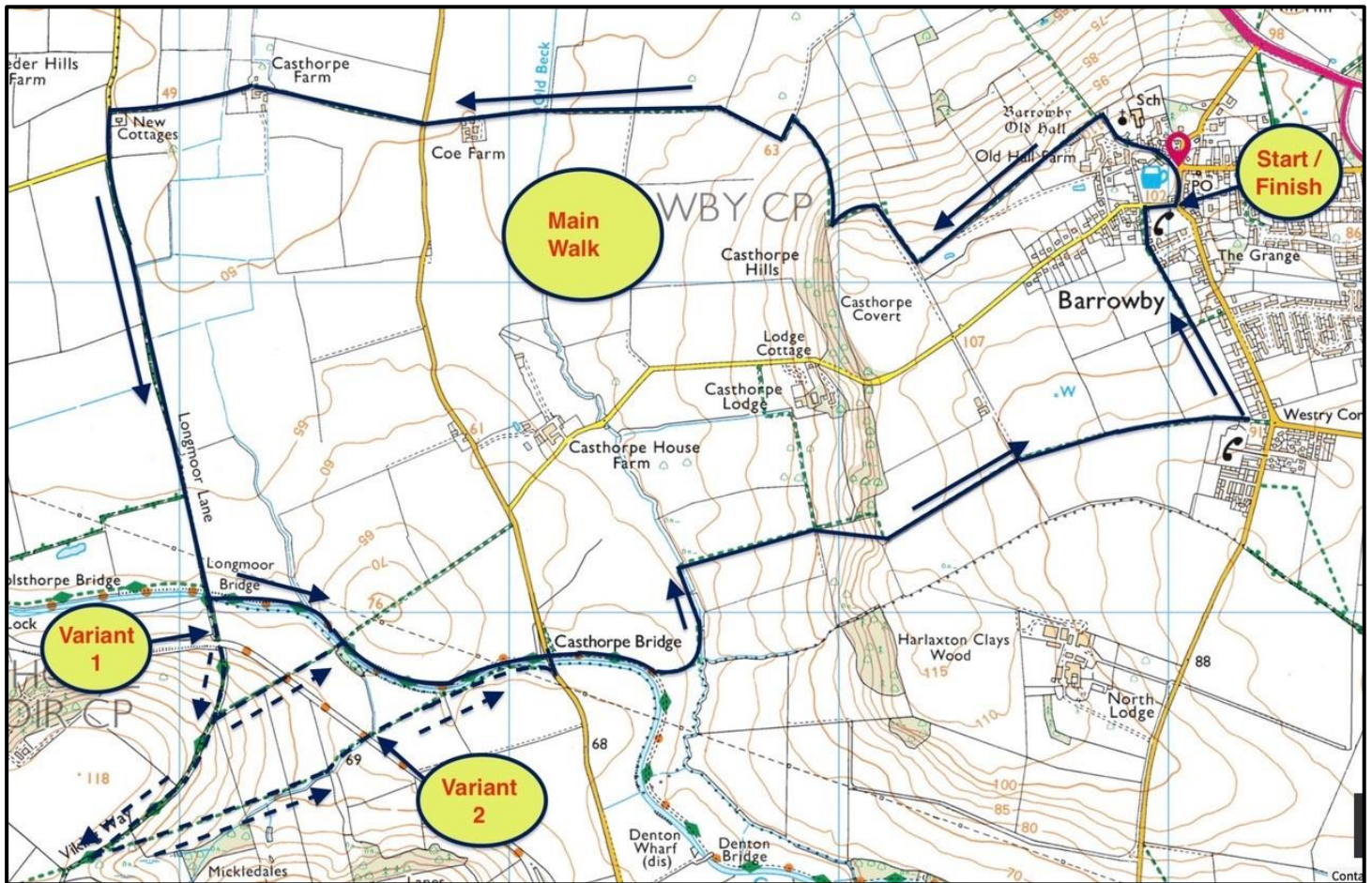


COE FARM WALK

For regular walkers. There is a steep section towards the end of the walk. Main walk plus 2 variants.

Distances: Main Walk: 6.5 miles Variant 1: add 0.5 miles Variant 2: add 1 mile

All walks are circular and start at the Village Green (Stevens Gutter) facing the Butchers.



Main Walk (6.5 miles). From Steven's Gutter go up Main Street to Church Street and turn left, then right by the entrance to the Old Hall to go past the church and down the track. At the end there are fine views across the Vale of Trent to Nottingham and beyond. To your right you will see the hump-backed Loveden Hill and, on a fine day, Lincoln Cathedral to its left.

Take the footpath to the left over the stile and walk along three fields along the ridge, until you reach a track. Turn right down the track.

After 200m turn left along the edge of the field following the waymark, then turn right at the next waymark to follow the edge of the field downhill with the hedge on your left. At the bottom turn left onto a track and quickly follow the track to the right again, noting the fine view of Belvoir Castle to your left. Cross the Old Beck – take a moment to look back up the hill to Barrowby church spire.

Continue straight on past Coe Farm, across the road at the end of the track and over the stile towards Casthorpe Farm. Just before you reach the farmyard, take the waymarked path to your right passing the farmhouse on your right. At the end of the track turn left onto Woolthorpe Lane for 100m.

When the road bends to the right go straight on for approximately one mile along Longmoor Lane to the Grantham Canal where you turn left onto the towpath.

[Variant 1 (add 0.5 miles): do not turn left onto the towpath but cross Longmoor bridge and follow the Viking Way up the hill past the disused railway line and take the first footpath sign to the left. Follow this downhill, back across the railway line to the wooden Bridle Bridge back to the towpath where you then turn right and rejoin the Main Walk].

Continue along the towpath.

[Variant 2 (add 1 mile): do not turn left onto the towpath but cross Longmoor bridge and follow the Viking Way up the hill past the disused railway line. Ignore the first footpath and continue up the hill. Just before the top of the hill there is a footpath sharp left going back downhill across the fields. Take this path along a stream, crosses the disused railway line, across another field to the canal bank and follow this path until you reach Casthorpe Road. Turn left across Casthorpe Bridge to rejoin the canal towpath on the other side].

All routes: Follow the canal towpath for 350m from Casthorpe Bridge until you see a waymarker sign on your left on the handrail of the steps leading down to the field. Take this path and follow the way markers across the field to the waymark by the stream. Turn left and follow the path along the Old Beck for 300m then cross the stream on the footbridge and follow the path up the side of the field next to the hedge. Ignore the footpath sign to the left (which takes you to the bottom of Casthorpe Road), and continue up the steep slope to the stile and steps at the top (Surprise View). Continue down the side of the field, ignoring the track to the left to New Barn Farm, until you reach the end of the path. Turn left into the Lowfield car park and walk up to the Sports Pavilion. Follow the footpath keeping the hedge on your right until you reach Mill Row. Turn right onto Casthorpe Road back to Steven's Gutter.

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