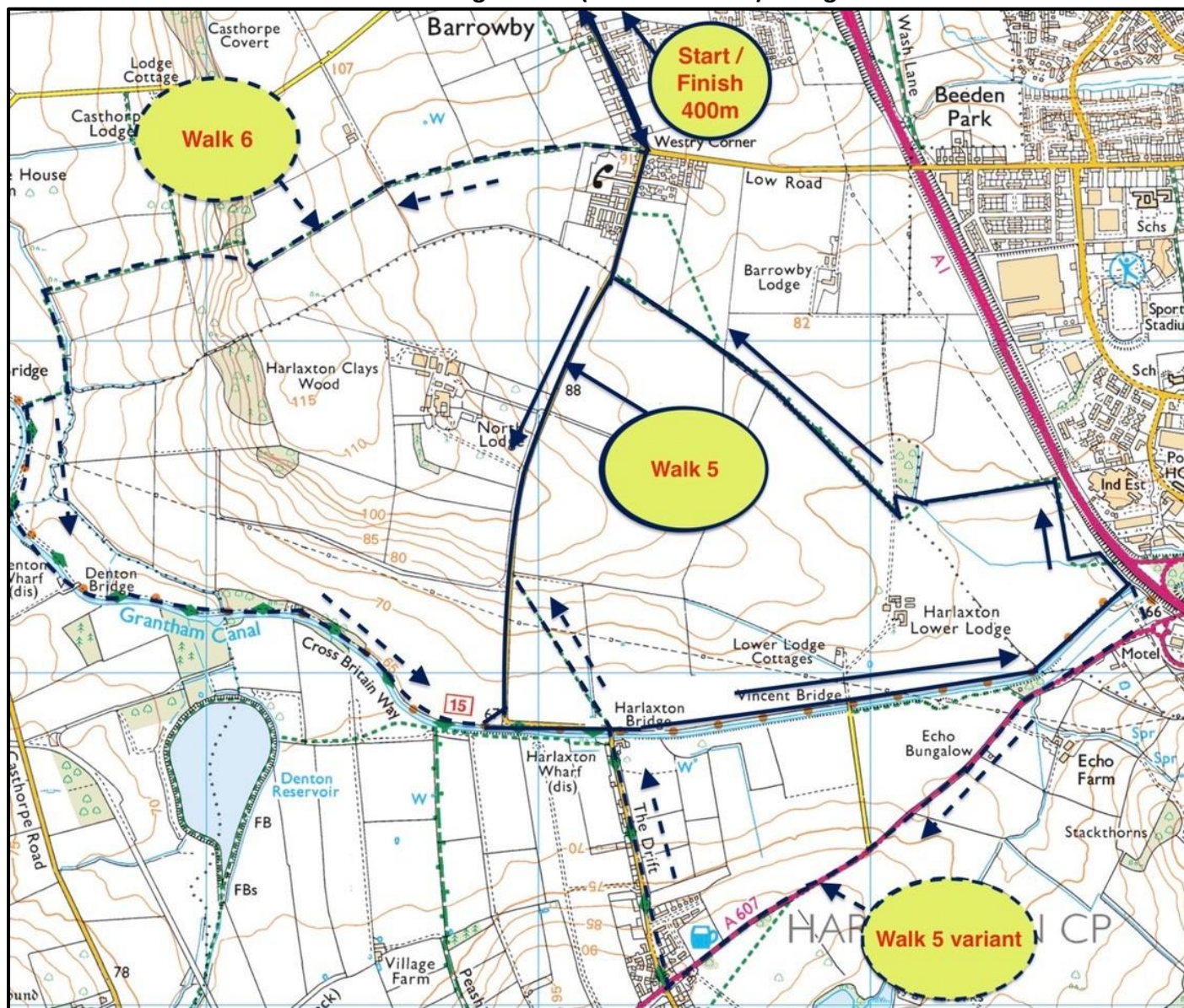


VISTAS, CANALS AND STREAMS: WALKS 5, 5 variant and 6

Suitable for most walkers, can be muddy in places. Long incline up The Drift in all 3 walks.

Distances: Walk 5: 3¾ miles Walk 5 variant: 4½ miles Walk 6: 5.8 miles

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



Walk 5 (3¾ miles). Turn right and go down Low Road to Westry Corner. Turn right down the Drift. Follow this for about 1¼ miles to Grantham Canal. At the Canal turn right down onto the towpath through the gate by the car park, and then turn left onto the towpath towards Grantham. Follow the canal for about 1¼ miles to the A1 and the junction of the path. Turn left onto a mud path. After 150m you reach a stream on your left, follow the stream keeping it on your right-hand side then walk right across the field to the first electricity pylon. Beyond this, before you reach the A1 boundary (**point A**) turn left and walk across the field to the left-hand corner of the small copse called Myers Wood. Walk past the beehives and dogleg left following the waymark. Turn sharp right at the second waymark to follow the route indicated by the arrow. Follow the now straight grass path for 1200m to the Drift, ignoring the footpath sign to the right. Turn right and return to the Green via Westry Corner.

Walk 5 variant (4½ miles). As walk 5 but on arriving at the A1 boundary (**point A**) turn right and follow the metalled path over the canal bridge (No. 68) (note the sign on your right "32 miles from the Trent") and turn right on to Harlaxton Road (A607). Cross the A 607, with care, to the footway on the left hand side of the road. Follow Harlaxton Road to the Gregory PH and, crossing the A 607 with care, turn right onto the Drift. Follow this road to the Green at Barrowby via Westry Corner and Low Road.

Walk 6 (5.8 miles). From the Green turn right down Low Road to Westry Corner. Turn right and go along the access to the playing field and then keep left on the field path. Continue straight on ignoring the track to New Barn Farm and continue up the hill keeping the hedge on your left. After 500m you reach Surprise View with vistas across the Vale of Trent and to Belvoir Castle. The path turns right then quickly turn left down some steps and over a stile. Continue straight down for 600m. Cross a bridge over a stream called the Old Beck, turn left and right and continue to Grantham Canal. Turn left along the towpath to Denton Wharf, across Bridge 65 and follow the access track to the road. Turn left along the road walking on the wide verge for 350m into the access track to Denton Reservoir. After 300m turn right to the reservoir, where you turn left to walk round the reservoir, noting cormorants, geese and other wildfowl. After 450m round the reservoir (this makes you almost opposite where you joined the reservoir), turn left down steps marked public footpath and follow the path along the fields to come back to the canal. Follow the path along the field (the canal is on your left) until you reach Harlaxton Wharf, cross the canal and follow the Drift to Westry Corner. Turn left to walk back up Low Road to the Green.

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