

Exploring
**Lincolnshire
Wolds** & Market Towns



Welcome to the

Lincolnshire Wolds

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This guide is packed full of ideas of things to do and places to visit; whether this is your first time holidaying in the Lincolnshire Wolds or if you've been before, you'll find the area has something for everyone.

Stunning locations, unique characters, charming towns, heritage and fabulous food – the Lincolnshire Wolds welcomes you.

Whether you're looking for an exciting adventure, a gastronomic holiday, a romantic getaway, or just to relax and enjoy the peaceful beauty of the countryside; the Lincolnshire Wolds is the perfect retreat for all the family.



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There is a fantastic choice of places to visit in the Lincolnshire Wolds. From the architectural splendour of Gunby Hall, to the acclaimed market towns of Louth and Alford, not forgetting the home of one of the UK's best-loved motor racing circuits, Cadwell Park, this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty offers so much to delight, fascinate and enthrall.

To give you a helping hand, we've compiled our Top Five Shortlist of the most unmissable things to do.

A taste of tradition

Home to some of the UK's finest produce, you can't afford to miss out on sampling the Lincolnshire Wolds' gorgeous gourmet delights. It's no wonder that Lincolnshire was voted Britain's favourite food spot last year in a public poll.

Visit the market town of Louth heralded by TV chef Rick Stein as "The finest little market town in Britain", and the Hairy Bikers as: "A great foodie centre, full of wonderful shops", Louth is the place to sample an amazing array of produce; including the famous Lincolnshire Sausage, Lincolnshire Poacher Cheese, Lincolnshire Plum Bread and Stuffed Chine.



A romantic picnic

Pack up a locally sourced picnic and head to the Blue Stone Heath Road with your loved one to enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the Lincolnshire Wolds from its highest point.

Step back in time

Take a trip to the town of Alford and visit the Manor House, reputedly the largest thatched manor house in the country. Still featuring its original design and hiding a beautiful garden, the Manor House is a perfect day out for the family. Alford is also home to the Five Sailed Windmill, one of the last original working windmills, often considered to be the finest in England.

Collectable charm

Voted one of the best antiques destinations in Britain with treasure troves of collectables and gifts, Horncastle continues to draw in the crowds with an array of vintage porcelain, jewellery and books.

If you are heading out on the A158 from Lincoln to Skegness, make sure you stop off at The Second Hand Shop and Tearoom in Hagworthingham to see one of the largest collections of tea cups and mugs in the country.

Peaceful Sanctuary

Treat yourself to a relaxing day at Woodhall Spa. Featuring two top-class golf courses, a croquet lawn, an outdoor heated pool and an amazing selection of tea shops, this large village offers a beautiful sanctuary to escape from the hustle and bustle.



Food & Drink

Savour some of Britain's finest produce.



Lincolnshire is a rich agricultural county, home to many talented producers who grow and make fantastic foods, locally and organically. The Lincolnshire Wolds is at the heart of the county, so you are never far away from hearty fare, real ales, food markets and farm shops.

Visit the bustling markets in Alford, Horncastle, Spilsby, Mablethorpe and Louth, popular with locals and visitors alike, where you can peruse, taste and buy everything from homemade bread to Lincolnshire cheeses, all made and produced only a few miles away.

For real ale enthusiasts, take a trip to the home of Fugelestou Ales at the Fulstow Brewery near Louth or one of the area's most popular attractions, the award-winning Batemans Brewery in Wainfleet and sample how traditional Lincolnshire beer is produced.



Top 5 Lincolnshire Treats

- ◆ Lincolnshire Sausage
- ◆ Lincolnshire Plum Loaf
- ◆ Lincolnshire Poacher Cheese
- ◆ Batemans Ales
- ◆ Stuffed Chine

Inspiration & Heritage

The Lincolnshire Wolds is steeped in heritage and home to some of the country's most celebrated ancestors.



Alfred, Lord, Tennyson

Alfred Tennyson (1809 – 1892) was the most successful poet of the Victorian era, influencing countless people with his gift of the written word.

Not many people know that the once Poet Laureate was born here in the heart of the Lincolnshire Wolds, in the idyllic sleepy hamlet of Somersby.

As a free-spirited child schooled initially in Louth, Tennyson grew up to study at Cambridge University and is the only person to achieve a Peer of the Realm, thanks to his skills as a writer.

Responsible for some of the most celebrated poetry of all time, Tennyson excelled at short lyrics, with much of his work based on classical mythological themes.

Inspired by events of the day, his most notable works include 'Charge of the Light Brigade', a tribute to the British cavalrymen in the Crimean War.

Did you know?

- ◆ Tennyson's family owned over 2,500 books.
- ◆ Tennyson used half the proceeds from his first published work to pay for a private stagecoach to Mablethorpe, where he shouted prose along the way.
- ◆ At the peak of Tennyson's career, he was earning £10,000 per annum.
- ◆ Tennyson is buried in Westminster Abbey.



Sir Joseph Banks

Sir Joseph Banks (1743 – 1820) was raised at Revesby Abbey, on the edge of the Lincolnshire Fens.

It was during his schooling at Eton that the explorer first began to show an interest in nature, ultimately leading to his further education in botany at Oxford University.

With the sudden death of his father in 1761, Banks was thrust into property and land management as he inherited numerous Lincolnshire estates.

His interest in exploration led to his voyage on the infamous ship Endeavour, to assist Captain Cook on his travels to the South Seas and Australasia.

Did you know?

- ◆ Known as the 'Father of Australia', Banks' report started the deportation of petty criminals to the country.
- ◆ He was close personal friends with King George III and was an unofficial director of the Royal Gardens at Kew.
- ◆ Elected president of the Royal Society at just 23. He held the position for 42 years.
- ◆ He organised the first sheep to be sent to Australia.



Captain John Smith

Born in the village of Willoughby in 1580, Captain John Smith is regarded as one of the country's most famous explorers. The son of an ordinary yeoman farmer, Smith had great ambition and courage and rose through the ranks of English society to become the Captain of Cavalry with his own coat of arms - the mark of a 'gentleman'.

In 1607 Captain John Smith became an important leader of the first permanent settlement in the New World at Jamestown, Virginia. He ensured its survival by building a relationship with Virginian Indians - one of whom was the legendary Pocahontas, who saved Smith's life when he was due to be executed by her father.

Did you know?

- ◆ Smith was responsible for building the first houses in Jamestown.
- ◆ Smith was injured in a gunpowder accident in 1609 and taken back to England.
- ◆ When Pocahontas visited England in 1616, Smith wrote to Queen Anne to ask her to welcome Pocahontas as a 'Princess' to the court. The Queen granted this wish and met with Pocahontas, who had married Englishman, John Rolfe.



Sir John Franklin

Another famous explorer from the region, Sir John Franklin (1786 - 1847) was born in Spilsby in 1786. After joining the Navy as a teenager he fought in two of the most famous sea battles, Copenhagen in 1801 and Trafalgar in 1805.

His first expedition to the Arctic took place in 1819 and he charted over 1,000 miles of the Arctic coast. Franklin made a total of four journeys to the Arctic during his lifetime.

Franklin was presented with the Geographic Society Gold Medal in 1829 and received a knighthood from King George IV in the same year.

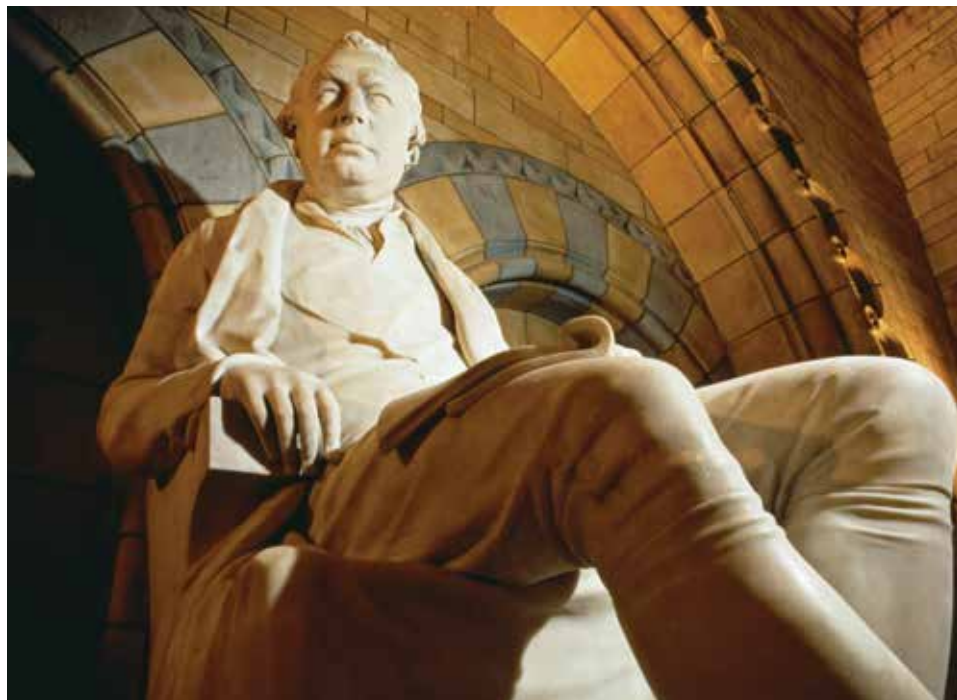
Franklin made his last voyage at the age of 59 to the Northwest Passage between Canada and the Arctic.

The entire expedition disappeared and it was 12 years before it was confirmed that Franklin had died on Beechy Island in July 1847.

A statue commemorating the famous explorer can now be seen in the market place in Spilsby.

Did you know?

- ◆ During his first trip to the Arctic Franklin and his companions were forced to eat the lichen and leather from their boots in order to survive.
- ◆ Franklin was appointed Governor of Tasmania in 1836.
- ◆ When Franklin made his last journey to the Arctic he had been retired from Arctic exploration for 20 years.



Get closer to Alfred, Lord Tennyson

- ◆ Somersby
- ◆ Louth
- ◆ Stockwith Mill

Get closer to Captain John Smith

- ◆ Willoughby
- ◆ Alford, Smith was educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School

Get closer to Sir Joseph Banks

- ◆ Sir Joseph Banks Centre, The Bull Hotel, and Banks' Town House, Horncastle
- ◆ Revesby Estate
- ◆ The Lincolnshire Fens

Get closer to Sir John Franklin

- ◆ Spilsby
- ◆ Louth, Franklin was educated at King Edward VI Grammar School

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**“Tis better to have loved and lost
than never to have loved at all.”**

A line from Alfred Tennyson's poem, "In Memoriam A. H. H".

Aviation Heritage Lincolnshire





Lincolnshire boasts a rich heritage in aviation. With numerous RAF bases in the region, visitors can expect to see the practice flights of the world famous Red Arrows, along with some of the most iconic war planes ever to take to the skies – including the Lancaster Bomber and Spitfire.

In recognition of the county's role in aviation history there are numerous shows and events that showcase the technological evolution that has ensured Britain's prominence in flight.

In 1943 Petwood House was requisitioned by the RAF to become the officers' mess for the famous Dambusters. Today, Petwood House is a quintessentially country hotel that continues to honour this famous group of men, with a dedicated Squadron Bar packed with artefacts and memorabilia from their epic flights.

Places of interest

- ◆ **Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Visitor Centre**
Open: Monday to Friday, 10.00am - 5.00pm
Located: RAF Coningsby, Dogdyke Road, Coningsby, LN4 4SY
 Housing the only operational Lancaster Bomber in the UK, the BBMF is located on an operational RAF base and is also home to five Spitfires, two Hurricanes, a Dakota and two Chipmunks.

- ◆ **The Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre**
Open: Monday to Saturday, 9.30am - 5.00pm
Located: East Kirkby Airfield, East Kirkby, Spilsby, PE23 4DE
 Nestled on a former bomber airfield, the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre has a restored control tower and numerous interesting exhibits.

- ◆ **Thorpe Camp Visitors Centre**
Open: Every Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday from 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Located: Woodhall Spa Road, Tattershall Thorpe, LN4 4PE
 With informative displays this camp offers guided tours detailing the base's role in the Second World War.

- ◆ **Woodhall Spa Cottage Museum**
Open: Daily, 10.30am – 4.30pm from Easter to the end of October
Located: Iddesleigh Road, Woodhall Spa, LN10 6SH
 The museum includes an RAF display and incorporates a Tourist Information Centre.

A woman wearing a blue and white helmet, orange-tinted sunglasses, and a pink vest over a black shirt is riding a blue mountain bike on a gravel path. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred green forest.

Get Active

Miles of open space and beautiful rolling countryside.



With uncluttered roads, miles of open space and beautiful rolling countryside - the Lincolnshire Wolds is perfect for lovers of the great outdoors.

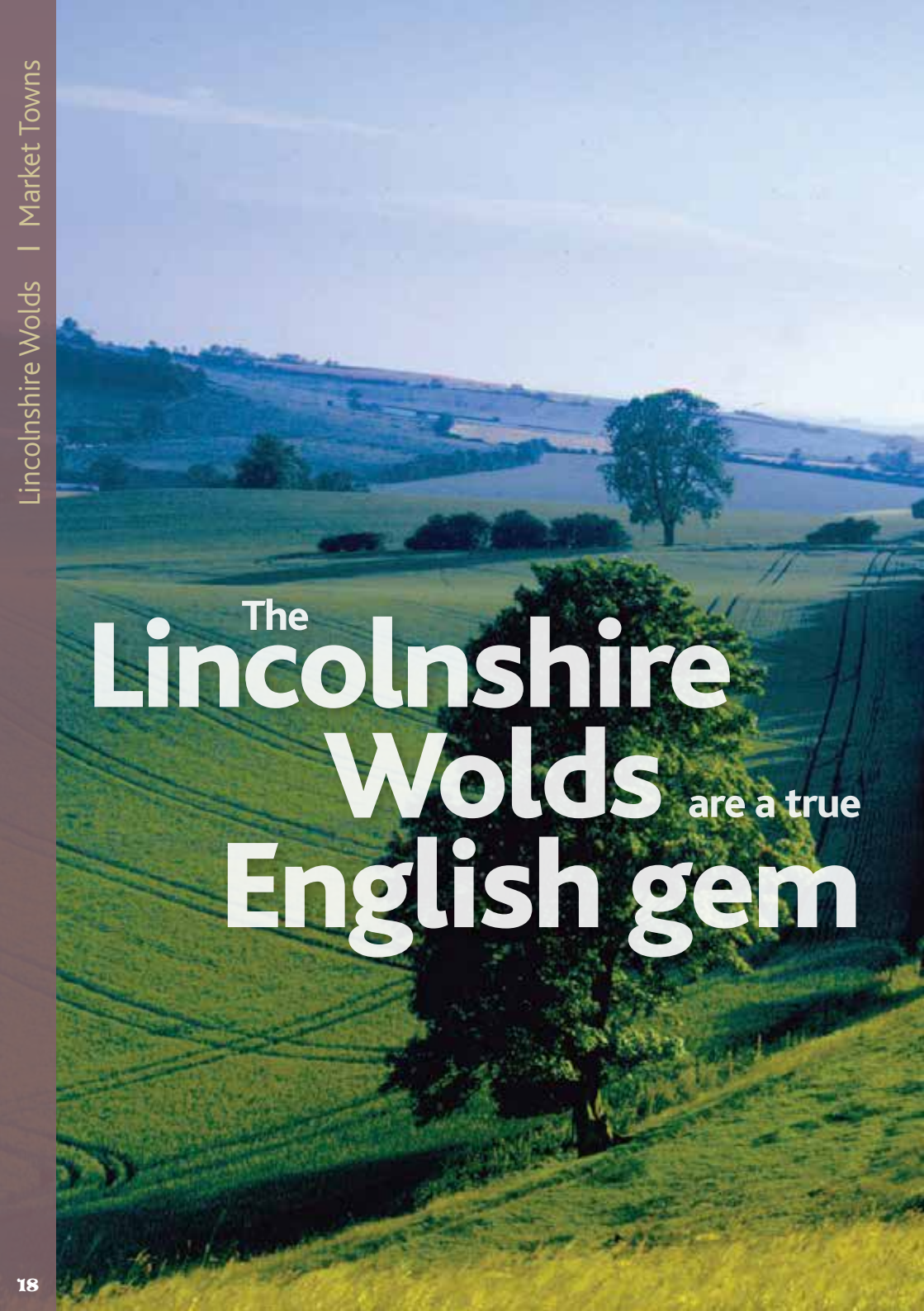
If it's adventure you're after - then you are in the right place! With hundreds of trails, tracks and country lanes to explore - on foot, horseback or mountain bike, the Lincolnshire Wolds has something for everyone.

For those with an interest in nature a visit to Snipe Dales Country Park and Nature Reserve is highly recommended. Situated on the southern edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds, visitors can explore the woodland and wetland areas of the Country Park, home to a variety of birds, water plants and wildlife. There are two walking routes to be enjoyed from the Nature Reserve and Snipe Dales also marks the start of two cycle trails for keen cyclists.

Taking place between May and June, the Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival has grown to become the third largest walking festival in the Country. With over 90 walks to choose from across this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Festival has something to suit all ages and abilities.

The Lindsey Trail, a 69 mile trail across the Lincolnshire Wolds, is one of the first routes in the country and suitable for carriage drivers, horse riders, cyclists and walkers.

Cadwell Park, one of the UK's best loved motor racing tracks is also based in the Lincolnshire Wolds. Home to the British Superbike Championship that takes place every August, throughout the year you can also watch club racing on the weekends. During the week you can race your own bike or car on track days.



The
**Lincolnshire
Wolds** are a true
English gem



Amazing big skies

With so many things for the family to do in the Lincolnshire Wolds, it's no surprise that each year it attracts visitors of all ages.

Home to avid explorers, the RAF's typhoon aircraft and the birthplace of some of the world's finest poets and writers the Lincolnshire Wolds is a great place to explore.

Take time to take in the amazing 'big skies' and be embraced by the beauty of the countryside, which inspired Alfred, Lord, Tennyson to write some of his finest work, including the poem 'The Palace of Art', where he described the 'dewy pasture, dewy trees, softer than sleep... a haunt of ancient peace'. In this sense, the Lincolnshire Wolds is truly breathtaking and was designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in 1973.





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Welcome to **Alford**

At the foot of the Wolds stands the beautiful market town of Alford.

The peaceful atmosphere, along with beautiful buildings, the fine Five Sailed Windmill, summer jazz festival and regular arts and craft markets, means that a visit to Alford certainly won't disappoint.

For those with a keen interest in history, Alford has plenty to delight. Lose yourself in a trip to Alford Manor House.

The house, dating from 1611, is the largest thatched manor house in the country and it is a perfect example of Georgian and Victorian design. Visitors can also explore the Hackett Barn Museum, which houses over 300 years worth of Alford's historic artefacts.



No trip to Alford is complete without a visit to the Five Sailed Windmill. Considered the finest in England, the windmill is still in use today. Discover how a mill works and how flour is made. The windmill produces a range of organic flours, which can be purchased in the shop and are used in the cakes and treats available in the tea room.

Throughout the year, the town has weekly outdoor markets and in the summer, arts and craft markets. Selling everything from ceramics to chocolates, Alford's markets certainly have something for everyone. The town also holds annual jazz and folk festivals, certain to entertain with a fleet of dancers and musicians.

Discover the surrounding areas by visiting Claythorpe Watermill and Wildfowl Gardens. The gardens boast a collection of over 300 birds and have a self-proclaimed Enchanted Woods area, which is ideal for sharing a picnic with the family on sultry summer days.

Places to visit:

- ◆ Five Sailed Windmill
- ◆ Alford Manor House
- ◆ Market Place
- ◆ Claythorpe Watermill and Wildfowl Gardens
- ◆ Giant's Hill Long Barrow
- ◆ St. Wilfred's Church
- ◆ Weekly markets every Tuesday and Friday
- ◆ Craft fairs every Tuesday throughout the summer, with larger craft fairs at Whitsun and August Bank holidays
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Events:

- ◆ Craft fairs every Tuesday (summer)
- ◆ Annual Jazz Festival (July)

Flying High Coningsby

On the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds lies the peaceful village of Coningsby.

This village, which began life as an early Danish settlement is home to one of the most important RAF bases in the country.

Take some time to visit RAF Coningsby.

The station was originally built for Bomber Command and housed the 'Dambusters' of 617 Squadron and Vulcan jet bombers before transferring to Fighter Command in the 1960s.



These days, it is the main training base for pilots learning to fly the Tornado F3 and Typhoon.

Explore The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and Visitor Centre, where you can see a Lancaster bomber, five Spitfires, two Hurricanes and a Dakota being maintained to flying condition. Guided tours by volunteers offer visitors the perfect way to discover more about RAF history, heritage and the local area.

As well as the RAF, there are plenty of other attractions in this historic village, including St Michael's Church on the high street, which is home to the world's largest one handed clock. Dating back to the 17th century, the clock face is 16.5 feet in diameter and the hand is nearly 9 feet long. It is wound every day by hand. The pendulum itself is so large that it only swings once every 2 seconds!

The Classic Motorcycle Museum on the B1192 near Coningsby boasts an extensive collection of antique and rare motorcycles sure to delight avid motor enthusiasts.

Places to visit:

- ◆ Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Visitor Centre (Tours daily from March to October)
- ◆ St. Michael's Church
- ◆ Coningsby Moorside Motorcycle Museum



A Treasure Trove

Horncastle

Be captivated by the beauty of this thriving market town in the heart of the Lincolnshire Wolds, nestled between the River Bain and the River Waring.

The pretty market town of Horncastle boasts a great selection of antiques shops, galleries, coffee houses and traditional pubs.

Originating from Roman times, and claimed in the Domesday Book of 1086 to be owned by King William, Horncastle is steeped in heritage and history.





From cobbled streets and thatched houses, to the old Roman ruins and a 13th Century church, this market town is a gem to explore.

With over 20 different shops dealing in furniture, porcelain, jewellery and books, it's no wonder it is a popular place for antique enthusiasts.

Along with antiques shops, the town also welcomes visitors to its weekly markets on a Thursday and Saturday and monthly farmers markets, held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. These are great places to not only bag a bargain or two, but to buy some of Lincolnshire's finest produce.

For those who want to find out about the town's past, take some time to visit the 13th Century Church of St Mary and the remains of the old Roman Wall in the Library.

Horncastle is also home to Sir Joseph Banks, the Botanist Explorer who journeyed to Australia. What will you unearth in these ancient streets...

Places to visit:

- ◆ Market (Thursday and Saturday)
- ◆ St. Mary's Church
- ◆ Roman Wall in Horncastle Library
- ◆ Antiques shops
- ◆ King's Head (old-fashioned thatched pub)
- ◆ Banovallum House - Headquarters of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
- ◆ Stanhope Memorial
- ◆ Sir Joseph Banks' Centre

The 'Capital of the Wolds' **Louth**

This beautiful Georgian market town is a gastro delight for 'foodies'.

Hailed by TV chef's The Hairy Bikers as a "foodie Mecca", Louth is one of the UK's best-loved foodie hot-spots and certainly not to be missed.

Visit the bustling weekly markets and sample some of Lincolnshire's finest produce, selling everything from speciality cheeses through to Lincolnshire Plum Loaf.

If you can't visit on a market day, you will not be disappointed. Louth has such a lot of fabulous food shops to explore, including: butchers, bakers, fishmongers, greengrocers and cheese shops.





Whether you have a passion for shopping or an interest in history, this charming market town offers an array of attractions and activities: from the stunning St. James' Church sporting the tallest parish spire in the country, to the shopping area dotted with countless inns and magnificent Georgian and Victorian houses.

Spout Yard is a great sun-trap park complete with an outdoor theatre, children's play areas and picnic tables. There is also a purpose built art gallery and exhibitions of local artists run throughout the year.

Just beyond the town lies Hubbard's Hills, a steep-sided chalk valley; perfect for walking or an ideal spot for a picnic. Why not follow the Louth Art Trail, which showcases some of the finest local art. For those with young children, or the young at heart, take a trip to Rushmoor Country Park, with a huge variety of farmyard animals to keep everyone entertained.

Places to visit:

- ◆ St James' Church
- ◆ Louth Museum, open April - October, Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm
- ◆ The Louth Art Trail
- ◆ Riverhead Theatre
- ◆ Greenwich Meridian Line
- ◆ Weekly markets every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at Market Place
- ◆ Hubbard's Hills and Westgate Fields
- ◆ Rushmoor Country Park
- ◆ Shopping in the many independent shops in the centre of town

Events:

- ◆ Food Festival (July)
- ◆ Victorian Fayre (October)
- ◆ Christmas Craft Market (December)

Spilsby

The quaint market town of Spilsby is full of history and charm, and years of traditional hospitality make it the perfect place for visitors.

Although one of the smaller market towns in the area, don't be deceived as there's much to do in and around Spilsby. From discovering more about the famous Arctic explorer, Sir John Franklin, to visiting the magnificent Gunby Hall or St James' Parish

Church, to catching a play at the Spilsby Theatre, or stepping back in time at the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre.

Enjoy a stroll around the stone streets that have changed very little since the beginning of the 19th Century.



For those who want to explore a little more, why not visit St. James' Parish Church. Displaying valuables from the Willoughby de Eresby family, who used to own the entire town of Spilsby, before their home, Eresby Hall, burnt down in 1796.

After spending a day exploring, take a well earned rest at the Spilsby Theatre. Set in a fabulous Grade II listed building, the Theatre runs many plays and evening events. The beautiful neighbouring village of Somersby was once home to the Poet Alfred, Lord, Tennyson.

Gunby Hall is a must for any history enthusiast with impressive walled gardens and a wood-panelled music room.

Located only a few miles outside of Spilsby is the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre.

The museum is home to one of the rare Avro Lancaster Bombers 'Just Jane' and is a memorial to the 55,500 troops from Bomber Command who lost their lives during World War Two.

Places to visit:

- ◆ Market Place
- ◆ Franklin's birthplace/ memorial
- ◆ St. James Parish Church
- ◆ Gunby Hall (Tennyson's 'haunt of ancient peace')
- ◆ Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre

Events:

- ◆ Markets (Mondays)



Tattershall

If you want to get out and about and experience something different, Tattershall is the perfect place to visit.

Surrounded by miles of open space, the small village of Tattershall is full of charm, from the dramatic Tattershall Castle to the church of the Holy Trinity and the history of folk legend Tom Thumb.

Start with a trip to Tattershall Castle, run by the National Trust. It is said by many to have the finest medieval brick-work in England.



Built by Henry IV's Treasurer, Ralph Cromwell, in the 15th Century, it is a distinctive reddy-brown colour and highly unusual in shape. It is believed to have originally been a mansion with the outward appearance of a fortress, to ward off attacks. For those feeling adventurous, why not climb the 150 steps from the basement to the battlements to take in unrivalled views.

Whilst at Tattershall visit the nearby church: The Collegiate Church of the Holy Trinity, with its amazing painted glass windows and fabulous perpendicular architecture.

It is also the resting place of the legendary Tom Thumb, Tattershall's most famous local resident, who was allegedly just 47cm tall. He is said to have died in 1620, at 101 years old. Tom Thumb's tiny house can be seen on the roof of another, larger house, in the Market Place.

Nearby Tattershall Farm Park has a variety of farmyard animals which you can pet and feed. It even has an indoor barn, perfect for entertaining kids on those rainy days. Alternatively, why not take a leisurely walk through the nearby Tattershall Carr Woods or along the Horncastle Canal or pay a visit to Tattershall Kart Centre?

Places to visit:

- ◆ Tattershall Castle
- ◆ The Collegiate Holy Trinity Church
- ◆ Tom Thumb's Grave
- ◆ Tattershall Farm Park
- ◆ Thorpe Camp Visitor Centre
- ◆ Tattershall Kart Centre



Woodhall Spa

The village of Woodhall Spa has various attractions to entertain and enthrall; from golf courses to one of the oldest rear projection cinemas in the country.

With an Edwardian feel to the architecture, Woodhall Spa offers you the chance to explore its many quaint streets, with the option to sip a quick cuppa in one of its many teashops or sup a swift pint in one of the local pubs.

Regarded by many as one of the most beautiful villages in the county, Woodhall Spa is renowned for its infamous spring, which was discovered by accident in 1811 by John Parkinson of Old Bolingbroke during his attempts to find coal.

The reputed healing properties of the water encouraged local landowner Thomas Hotchkin to build a brick bath in 1829, which was replaced by a proper bath house and a hotel in 1838 as the fame of the village spread. The use of the spa baths declined over the years and ceased in 1983, when the well collapsed. However, such is the popularity of the village that it still attracts visitors.

Jubilee Park boasts numerous activities that draw countless holidaymakers seeking summer fun including a heated outdoor swimming pool.



Step back in time at the Woodhall Spa Cottage Museum, created to preserve the rich history of the village. It houses an extensive collection of photography from the region by the late John Wield, whose family inhabited the cottage for over 70 years before it became a museum.

Visitors to Woodhall Spa can also visit Petwood House Hotel, originally home to the famous Dambusters.

Set deep in the pine forest is 'Kinema in the Woods', a cinema that celebrates its 90th birthday in 2012. Still showing films to eager crowds, expect to experience something rather different than what is currently available at your local multiplex.

Woodhall Spa is often hailed as the home of English Golf following the establishment of The National Golf Centre in 1995.

Budding golfers can tee off on its Championship level golf courses, ranked 25th in Golf World magazine's World Top 100 Golf Courses.

Places to visit:

- ◆ Jubilee Park
- ◆ Kinema in the Woods
- ◆ Woodhall Spa Cottage Museum
- ◆ Woodhall Spa Golf Club
- ◆ The Tower-on-the-Moor
- ◆ Petwood Hotel
- ◆ The Viking Way (footpath)
- ◆ Water Rail Way

Events:

- ◆ Woodhall Spa Country Show, every year in May



Exploring further afield?



The Lincolnshire Wolds are perfectly located within an hour or two of all the best the Lincolnshire Coast has to offer.

For a traditional seaside destination, head to the fabulous resorts of Skegness and Mablethorpe. Come rain or shine, entertainment is never in short supply - from fun on the beach to thrills and screams on one of the many rollercoasters!

Home to an iconic seafront, Skegness offers a perfect getaway break, combining relaxing walks along the promenade, fantastic fresh seafood and fun in the family amusement arcades. Nearby Ingoldmells is also home to the popular holiday park of Butlins and the family resort of Fantasy Island.

A few miles north lies the resort of Mablethorpe, a beach complete with its very own sand train. Look out for the 'Bathing Beauties' as you walk along the promenade and beyond; spot each of these unique beach huts, designed as part of the Bathing Beauties Festival which takes place each September.

Gibraltar Point National Nature Reserve covers three miles of coast from Skegness to the Wash. The reserve is recognised internationally for its important habitats and species. Take time to explore one of the many footpaths that take you around the reserve.

For those who want to forget it all, head to the coast at Theddlethorpe. A dog walkers paradise –the beach here is quiet and peaceful.



By Road

Those travelling by car can easily access the Lincolnshire Wolds by the A1 or M1. Motorists travelling from Yorkshire and the North can also access the region via the Humber Bridge.

By Rail

Regular railway services running to Lincoln or Skegness with East Midlands Trains. nationalrail.co.uk

By Coach

Contact National Express for more information on how to get to the Wolds on **08717 818178** or visit nationalexpress.com

Alternatively Stagecoach runs many bus services across Lincolnshire. Visit stagecoachbus.com for more information.

By Air

The closest airports are:

Humberside Airport - 27 miles
humbersideairport.com

Robin Hood Airport - 60 miles
robinhoodairport.com

Nottingham East Midlands - 77 miles
eastmidlandsairport.com



To Grimsby



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Map Key

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- = Minor Road
- = Railway

Exploring Lincolnshire Wolds & Market Towns

Tourist Information Centres

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Horncastle Community Access Point, Wharf Road, Horncastle, Lincolnshire, LN9 5HL

Tel: **01507 601111**

Email: horncastleinfo@e-lindsey.gov.uk

Tattershall

Butts Lane, Tattershall, Lincolnshire, LN4 4NL

Tel: **01507 601111**

Email: tattershallinfo@e-lindsey.gov.uk

Louth

Louth Town Hall, Cannon Street, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 9NW

Tel: **01507 601111**

Email: louthinfo@e-lindsey.gov.uk

Skegness

Embassy Theatre, Grand Parade, Skegness, Lincolnshire, PE25 2UG

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Woodhall Spa

(open from Easter to end of October)
Cottage Museum, Iddesleigh Road, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, LN10 6SH

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