
Route Direction

These directions begin in Lynstead and follow the route in an anticlockwise direction but of course it can be walked in either direction or from any point on the route.

1. There is ample on street parking in Lynstead where this walk begins opposite the church. Take the marked footpath which begins on the private drive of White Chimneys. The path skirts the house and follow a narrow path between a fence and hedge, eventually emerging into a field through a kissing gate. Cross this field diagonally to the LEFT to meet another gate at the corner of a hedge. The path then rises quite steeply to meet a lane. Cross over the lane and continue straight on alongside the edge of a field; through 2 further gates and to the road which emerges opposite Loyterton Farm.
2. Turn RIGHT onto the lane then almost immediately LEFT onto the concrete drive to the farm. Pass through some farm buildings and then go to the LEFT of the building ahead where there is a sign 'Creekside Construction Ltd.' Continue straight ahead, skirting the farmhouse on the RIGHT, following the edge of an orchard. On reaching a row of trees ahead, turn LEFT to a stile through the tree line, approximately 30yds (27m) further on. Cross the stile onto some rough land and pass to the LEFT of the mobile home, continuing straight ahead toward a 5 bar gate & the road.
3. Turn LEFT onto the road and after 200yds (180m) turn RIGHT onto a marked footpath (The fingerpost has been broken off). Follow this grassy track to the barn on the other side of the fence. Cross the stile at this point, into the orchard. Go straight ahead, to the LEFT of the barn and continue through the orchards to meet the road.
4. Turn LEFT onto the road and continue on, passing a mower business and housing, to a track on the RIGHT. This is signposted to St. Marys Church which can be clearly seen ahead, through the orchard. On reaching the church gate turn LEFT and follow the boundary hedge of Norton Court.

5. Continue to follow the hedge, beyond the orchard and into the village playing field to meet the road. Cross the road into Lewson Street. Walk the length of Lewson Street to the Plough Inn. (Open Thursday - Sunday).
6. Continue on the road as it goes to the RIGHT of the pub and where it bears to the RIGHT go straight ahead onto a marked footpath. DO NOT take the first marked path over the stile but continue on for a few steps and take the path on the RIGHT alongside a fence following it to meet a road.
7. Turn LEFT and after approximately 100yds (90m) turn RIGHT onto a wide path. The path continues ahead on a grassy track, just beyond an entrance gate on the RIGHT. At the bottom of the track the path turns RIGHT into trees; follow this as it turns to the left and descends to the valley bottom. As it rises up the other side ignore the path signposted to the LEFT and continue uphill to the lane. Turn RIGHT onto the lane.
8. Where the lane bears to the RIGHT turn LEFT onto a footpath. Go through a kissing gate into a field with a mobile phone mast ahead. Walk alongside the hedge on the left to meet a lane. Cross over to the footpath opposite, next to a house. At the end of the house boundary the path bears half RIGHT across the field. Cross the field and go through the tree line to meet a road (***This is Lynstead Lane. Care must be taken as there is not a pavement along this busy stretch of road.***)
9. Turn LEFT onto the road and after a few steps take the concrete path on the RIGHT, marked with a half tyre set in a concrete block. Follow this path alongside a tree line for approximately 240yds (220m) to pass through the trees to a path on the LEFT. Go through an unusual stile onto the narrow path between a barbed wire fence and a hedge. Continue on the path to meet a lane.
10. Turn LEFT onto the lane to the junction & back into Lynstead. The church & beginning of the walk is further down the road to the RIGHT.

Fields & orchards between villages

A circular 5 mile (8k) walk between
Lynstead to Norton



Where does this gate lead?

The answer can be found on the back page of next month's newsletter

