

## Tennyson Twenty Route

OS Explorer Maps 273 (Lincolnshire Wolds South) and 274 (Skegness, Alford and Spilsby)

(Assume starting from layby opposite JJs café on A158 in Hagworthingham TF 3439 6960)

Distance 20.8 miles

1. Walk along A158 towards Horncastle. Pass all houses, turn R to climb up no through road (FP sign). Straight on at top, onto farm track, carry straight on to end of track. Turn L, follow waymarks around field and along bottom of field, to a bridge on L over stream. Cross stream, walk along field edge with hedge and dyke on R. At farm track, turn R to Stainsby.

2. Straight on at FP sign, along metalled road to road junction. Turn R along road, to road junction. Turn L at road junction. Follow road until just after wood on R, take BW on right. Follow this to another junction of paths, turn R and come out onto South Road in Tetford. Turn L onto road, then R. Turn L just before bridge at FP sign. Walk by stream and cross at bridge on R. Take L fork, follow to a gate, through gate and straight across the field to come out near a small new housing development. At road, turn R and walk to Tetford Church.

3. Take road to left of Tetford Church. Ignore FP by gate on R. At end of road, carry straight on by FP signpost, down RHS of house drive. Go through hand gate and continue to left hand corner of field. Emerge by waymark post.

Path is usually clearly defined. Straight on up the hill, to right of spinney. Reach top at FP signpost to right of line of trees in edge. Straight on across next 2 fields to track, turn L for short distance, take FP on right across next field to emerge on Bluestone Heath Road.

4. Turn R for short distance along road, take stile at FP sign in hedgerow on left. Follow waymarks across field, round farm buildings, then downhill, turn right and then left near houses. Follow farm track to public road (lakes on both sides of track) near Ruckland.

5. Turn R downhill, then uphill. Turn R onto track passing St Olaves (smallest church in the county). Go through bridle gate and turn L uphill along grassy track to reach a metalled farm track. Follow farm track to reach minor road. Through gate and turn R to follow road. Before a spinney on RHS, take signed footpath on R, downhill to emerge on A16 at Burwell.

6. Cross A16 and take footpath from old Butter Cross uphill. Just before church look out for footpath to R, contour above the farm buildings, cross a track, and follow downhill across a field, to meet a minor road. Turn L and follow road, taking R fork at Y junction and continue until road turns sharply left.

7. Carry straight on over stile and bridge, on a mown path with stream on your L. Ignore stile on your L. Continue, with stream on your L, until you reach a stile just after woody area. Cross stile and continue for a few yards before climbing R up some steps to meet a house drive. Cross drive and over stile.

8. Keeping hedge on L head uphill to a stile. Over stile and turn L and follow headland to High Barn. Cross stile and onto junction of paths. Turn L downhill to meet farm track.

9. Cross track and over stile. Follow waymarks, over bridge, and then half R to come out on a farm track. Turn L and follow this, through farm to come out in Swaby. Turn R, walk downhill for a short distance passing village pond on your R, before turning L into Valley Lane. At end of lane go to L of wooden garage and walk between house and pond to gate into Swaby Valley Nature Reserve. Follow good path through Reserve and Wood.

10. Where path forks, keep to R through woods to emerge at end of field. Keep to R, and at waymark turn R, short distance to cross bridge and duckboards. Turn half L, path is visible, to cross the marshy area using duckboards in places. You should be able to see the stile at edge of field, (near large tree). Cross stile and bridge. Short muddy section here (unless LCC has sorted). Head towards church, keeping houses on your R, to reach South Thoresby Church.
11. Turn R along road, straight on to post box on A16. Cross A16 and follow minor road to Calceby.
12. At T-junction turn L, cross road and look for stile in fence. Cross stile, turn L short distance to another stile. Cross this and walk diagonally across the field to reach a farm track. Turn R keeping hedge on your L. Towards bottom of field, cross through gap in hedge into field, continue with hedge now on your R down to a small stream. Cross stream and turn half L and walk towards Driby. Cross stile and walk uphill towards another stile, over this and turn L on main farm track at Driby.
13. At cattle grid by post box, turn R on BW heading uphill. At junction of paths turn R. Ignore all side tracks, follow this to the road at Brinkhill. Turn R downhill and follow into the village.
14. At road junction turn L out of village. Where road swings L, keep straight on along BW (Green Lane). Follow this, ignoring all side tracks to reach Bag Enderby. Cross road and follow the smaller road into village and church.
15. Turn L on BW opposite church. Follow round to R and continue, crossing 2 streams and passing a pig farm. Track becomes tarmacked after pig farm, and as road goes uphill look for FP on R.
16. Over stile, across field aiming for telegraph post, another stile, head towards house and George and Dragon pub on A158 at Hagworthingham. Turn R on A158 and walk back to start point passing the pub and JJs café.





