

## The Two Havens Walk : Barton Haven to Barrow Haven

An attractive circular walk, between 5 and 6 miles in length, which starts alongside Barton Haven and proceeds eastwards along the Humber Bank to Barrow Haven. The return involves some walking along quiet roads before joining a well-defined footpath to Falkland Way in Barton and thence to Waters Edge Country Park.

The route of the walk is covered in the **Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 281, "Ancholme Valley"**.

A convenient starting point is the **car park at Waters Edge Country Park**. Walk to the footbridge over Barton Haven, just to the north of the Ropewalk (**GR: 029231**). Do not cross the bridge but join the new paved path alongside the Haven on the left with the Waters Edge Visitors Centre (1) on the right. As the path bears right behind the Visitors Centre, there are excellent views of the Humber Bridge on the left (2). Follow the path "over the star" (3) and continue on the estuary side of Waters Edge. Look for the locally-produced decorated "tiles" in the paved path as you go along (these were designed and made by students at Baysgarth School in Barton). The path passes the sewage outfall (hurry past this!) and the tile works (3). A well-placed seat on the estuary side gives you a chance to rest if you need it at this stage (4).



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The next clay pit is the home of the *North Lincolnshire Sailing Club* (5). The one after that is a large lake where you might see some water birds (6). The path passes the lake used by a Waterski Club (7) and then a Caravan Site (8).



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As it turns the corner to run alongside Barrow Haven (9), the route then skirts the *Lincolnshire Trust Nature Reserve* (10). The Reserve contains a hide for observing the ponds (you may see a bittern here!). This is reached through a gate on your right as you walk alongside the Haven (11). If you are not visiting the hide (or if you have visited it and wish to resume the walk!), continue on the path on the top of the bank towards the railway (12).



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Go through the gate and cross the railway bridge eastwards before crossing the line via the level crossing near the station (13). Be careful of the two-hourly train as you do so! The road walking starts here but it is not without interest as you go through the village. You could call at

the Haven Inn if it is time for refreshment, for example! After that, you pass the old Methodist chapel on the left (14) and the old mill on the right-hand side of the road (15). The road crosses a bridge over the Beck (16) and, shortly afterwards, reaches the junction with *West Marsh Lane*.



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Turn right along this road and walk westwards (17). Don't be frightened by the noisy dogs at the house on the left of the lane! When *West Marsh Lane* swings right towards the estuary, pass through the labelled gate straight ahead (18). The path continues more-or-less straight ahead towards Barton, although the gate at the end of one field requires a small but obvious diversion to the right (19). Finally the path opens into *Pasture Road South*, alongside industrial units. This road joins *Falkland Way* (20).



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Turn right here and walk down the road, past the Geest Reception (21) and, further on, some industrial units. As the road swings left, take the right turn over the level crossing (22), going towards a white house. The labelled entrance to Waters Edge Park is over a small footbridge on the left-hand side of the road. Walk through the Park, using the Humber Bridge as your marker. Essentially you will turn right and follow a long path (23) until you reach an obvious left turn which you should take. This path leads past the popular pond (for ducks!) on the right, over a small footbridge, to the western gate of the Park in *Maltkiln Lane* (24). The car park from which you probably started the walk, is ahead on the other side of the road.



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