

SEABANKS & SALTERNS

Circular walks around

LONG SUTTON



Directions

North Loop (Blue)

North loop: 50% Public footpaths, 50% quiet roads.

From Market Place, go along West Street, past the library. Turn left at the end into Station Road.

1 After about 800m (1/2 mile), turn right between houses, at Public Footpath sign. After 50 metres go left until reaching the A17. Cross WITH GREAT CARE. Follow footpath across field towards Garnsgate Hall.

2 Turn left down Garnsgate Road. After 800m (1/2 mile), turn right following Public Footpath, called Haverholme Drove.

3 Turn right onto the road, passing an old Baptist Chapel on your left. At the end of Huntsgate, turn right into Harford Gate. Bear left after a few hundred metres, following the Cycle Route signs down Crow Lane, then left again in the direction of Gedney church.

4 Follow the road round to the church. Follow footpath through churchyard.

5 Cross A17 WITH GREAT CARE. Follow footpath sign with the drain on your left. Keep to path heading in direction of old mill at Gedney Dyke.

6 At the road, turn right. Follow road past The Chequers, then the War Memorial on your left and the mill on your right.

7 About 1.2 km (3/4 mile) after the mill, where the road bends to the left, look out for the Footpath sign near the hedge. Follow the path to the left, keeping the deep dyke on your right. This is the only part of the old sea bank that does not have a hard road surface.

8 At the road turn right and after a few hundred metres, turn right into Green Dyke. Turn left down The Rookery- look for three houses of the same design. Turn right at next junction and follow road to Lutton Church. Cross the road and go down Marriots Gate with the Jolly Crispin on your left. Turn right after a few metres into School Lane.

9 Near the end of the lane, follow the path between two houses, with a white cottage on your left. This path may not be waymarked. Follow footpath for 1.6 km (1 mile) until reaching the road-Blazegate. Turn left.

10 Turn right onto Marriots Gate. After 800m (1/2 mile), Turn left following the Footpath sign opposite No. 33 Lime Walk. Walk to right of leylandi and then dyke, until you reach the road.

11 Go right and join Park Lane. Pass the Masonic Hall on your left. Cross Market Street into the Market Place.

Directions

South Loop (Green)

South loop: 90% public footpaths, 10% quiet roads.

From Market Place, enter churchyard. Leave through arched gate and cross High Street. Walk 50m to your right, turn left into passage and go through park. Note the whale's jawbone arch, found in the Wash.

1 Cross road - Roman Bank. Looking to left follow footpath sign between houses then round to the right, keeping fields on your left. After 1.6 km (1 mile), cross footbridge and follow path keeping the dyke to your left. After second footbridge keep dyke on your right.

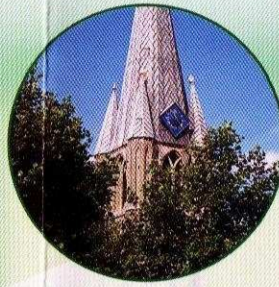
Starting in the pretty market town of Long Sutton, discover the story of how this unique landscape was created. Enjoy the tranquillity of a peaceful walk that takes you along old sea banks, and across land that was, at one time, marshes. Walk along old drove roads, where cattle, sheep, pigs and geese would have been driven to graze on the newly claimed common land.

Short Walk option (orange)

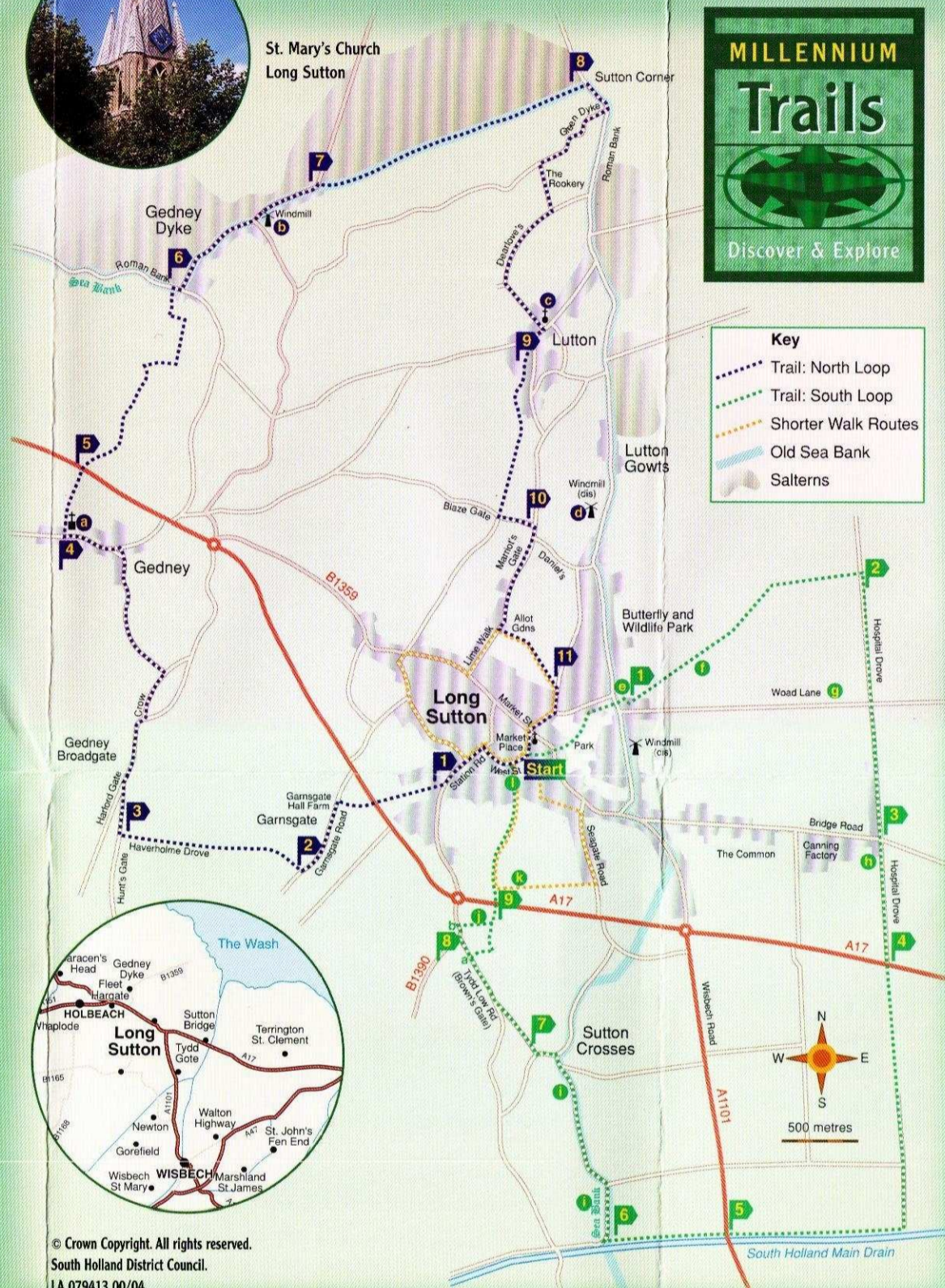
Follow the routes marked on the leaflet map in orange using roads and footpaths for shorter walks around Long Sutton. These are not waymarked separately.

Waymarkers

Follow Public Footpath signs with yellow Millennium Trails waymarkers for the North loop and orange waymarkers for the South loop.



St. Mary's Church Long Sutton



2 Join the track and then turn right onto Hospital Drove, cross Woad Lane, continue along Hospital Drove.

*At this point, a short cut can be taken back to Long Sutton (about 30 minutes walk)-turn right up Woad Lane. Go through the park to the town centre.

3 Cross Bridge Road WITH CARE and follow Bridleway.

4 Cross the busy A17 WITH GREAT CARE and continue up track to Holland Main Drain. Turn right and walk along the bank.

5 Cross the A1101 WITH CARE. Continue along the bank.

6 Turn right and leave the bank before you reach the next bridge, and join the road (called Sea Bank). Follow the road round, bearing left with Willow Tree Farm on your left.

7 Go left at the end of this road and, with the telephone box on your left, turn next right. Follow this road round, turning right into Tydd Low Road (Brown's Gate). Beware of traffic on this road.

8 Either: a) Follow the first Public Footpath sign on your right until you reach the A17.

or: b) Pass the first Public Footpath sign on your right. Follow the next Public Footpath sign immediately after the two rows of terraced houses until you reach the A17.

9 Take Great Care crossing the very busy A17. Follow Public Footpath heading towards Long Sutton Church, with the dyke on your left. Cross footbridge and follow signs.

BEWARE, THE PATH CAN BE UNEVEN NEAR THE EDGE OF THE FIELD. Turn right at the road and go back to the Market Place.



Long Sutton

Did you know?

a **Gedney St Mary Magdalene Church** This magnificent church was possibly built on a saltern.

b **Gedney Mill** - the Mill House is reputedly haunted.

c **Lutton St Nicholas Church**, built in the 14th century from stone and brick.

d **Lutton Bank Mill** or **Sneath's Mill**, built in 1779 with 8 sides, and made with bricks made of clay from the bank.

e The road here is called **Roman Bank**, an old sea bank which reaches from Skegness to Norfolk.

f **Old clay pit**, the last one in Long Sutton. Clay from here was used to build many of the local properties.

g **Woad Lane** is named after the plant and grown in the area for its blue dye. Ancient Britons used woad to paint their faces blue to make them look fierce in battle!

h Here you cross the site of the tracks of the **Midland and Great Northern Railway** which ran from the Norfolk coast to Lincolnshire. A very busy line in its heyday transporting goods and passengers, it was also used for taking bombs to the Norfolk airfields during the war.

i Two examples of cottages called **'One Night Houses'** or **'Smoke Houses'**. see over page

j **Sutton Crosses** is the possible site of the early 12th century wooden church. A stone coffin has been found here. The bodies buried here were dug up and moved to Long Sutton graveyard when building began on the existing church in the late 12th century.

k A new Public Footpath, designated in 1998, joins Seagate Road.

l **Reed Warblers** are often heard here amongst the reed beds and bulrushes. Boats came as far as this along a tributary, in Norman Times, to carry stone for building the church.

St Mary's Church, Long Sutton. An outstanding church with a lead covered timber spire soaring to 162ft.