

# 9 Anderby Creek and the Great Coastal Escape

5.6 miles (9 km)

## WALK HIGHLIGHTS

The Lincolnshire coast is most famous for Skegness, 'the Blackpool of the east', however, the Wash also hides many beautiful stretches of quiet, long golden beaches that only the locals know of. Anderby Creek is such a place and is particularly popular with dog walkers out of season. It's easy to see why. The walk takes you down quiet lanes and good footpaths alongside arable fields and ends with a scenic trek through the dunes

#### THE PUB

Popa's Bar, Anderby Creek, PE24 5XW
Only 200m from the beach and serves good local seasonal food.

2 01754 872374 www.popasbar.co.uk

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**HOW TO GET THERE AND PARKING:** Take the A52 towards Alford and Chapel St Leonards then follow the signs to Anderby Creek on a pretty coastal road north. There is a free beach car park. **Sat nav** PE24 5XX.

MAP: OS Explorer 274, Skegness, Alford & Spilsby (GR TF 552762).

# THE WALK

- 1 From the car park turn left as you face Popa's Bar. Walk towards the beach and up the sandy bank towards the 'Cloud Bar' then down towards the sea and turn right. Beware of being cut off by pockets of water if you walk close to the sea.
- 2 Follow the beach for 2 miles. Pass Wolla Bank and Chapel Six Marshes, marked by a blue sculpture. Turn right at Chapel Point, which is clearly marked by the North Sea Observatory (open to the public).
- 3 Pass the Point Café and cross the main road towards the houses in the direction of Eastfields Park. Chapel Point Nature Area is on your left. As you reach Eastfields Park, turn right towards the barriers, following the public footpath sign.
- 4 Once inside the caravan park, walk ahead along the main road for around 200m, turning left at the next footpath sign. After another 20m, there is another footpath sign directing you across the grassed area. Turn right at the waymarker and head towards the wooden footbridge. Cross this and bear left, walking alongside the stream towards a waymarker, directing you right. Now walk on a path between two fences leading to a gate at the end into Nelson Villa.
- **5** Continue ahead, passing the house on your right as you leave the caravan park onto Maiden Lane. Follow the lane ahead until you come to a T-junction. Bear right and continue along the lane until you reach Stones Lane, the first turning on your right, beside a signpost for Anderby Creek.
- 6 Follow this lane for 1/2 mile, passing arable farms, before reaching a house on a huge plot called 'Mole End'. Continue to follow the footpath

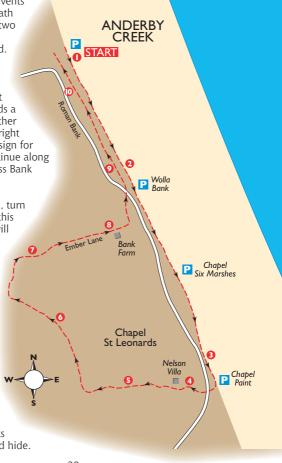
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ahead which circumvents the property. This path leads you between two fields towards a T-junction at the end.

7 Turn right for Anderby Creek and follow this path as it curves round towards a metal gate and another footpath sign. Turn right here, following the sign for 'Roman Bank'. Continue along Ember Lane and pass Bank Farm at the end.

8 At the road junction, turn left, taking care on this short section. You will pass a large pond on your left and head towards the iunction on the bend. Here, take care when turning right into Wolla Bank, Follow the road for 100m until you reach the car park.

Walk to the end of the car park to the footpath sign and take this path for 3/4 mile which directs you towards the bird hide.





10 At the junction for the bird hide, turn right, following the path round by the waymakers. Take the steps and walk down the boardwalk. Take the immediate left turn at the bottom and walk along the dunes towards the seafront houses. At the crossroads, turn left, then right onto the path beside the houses. At the end of this path, turn left, back down the sandy path and into the car park.

### PLACES OF INTEREST NEARBY

Never underestimate the power of Skeggy! **Skegness** rakes in thousands of day-trippers and holiday makers every year with its abundance of arcades, fairground attractions, sandy beaches and kiss-me-quick hats. There are chip shops, cafés and seafood stalls everywhere and it's only 10 miles south of Anderby Creek. Everyone should visit at least once in their life-time! If you like tearooms more than chip shops you may prefer the coastal village of **Sutton-on-Sea**, just 5 miles north. It is known for its award-winning sandy beaches, well-kept seafront gardens and traditional family attractions.