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Distance: approximately 12 miles

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer Map Number 273 (Map 1:25000)

Important notes: This route crosses, in part, two streams; therefore relevant experience is required.

This route is part of the Lindsey Trail.

This route was researched and submitted by The Poacher Harness Club, Lincolnshire.

This route gives drivers the opportunity of on and off-road driving on the southern edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds and is set within an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. On a clear day, some stunning views can be seen looking towards Lincoln, Norfolk, and Fenland countryside, as well as local features often depicted in the poetry of Alfred Lord Tennyson.

Please note that the route includes crossing two fords between which access is difficult if assistance is needed. The route also needs a relatively fit horse, as some of the paths become muddy at wet times of the year. Several other carriage driving routes are also available in the area.

The British Horse Society's publication 'Lincolnshire on Horseback' might also be of interest to riders of ride/drive carriage horses.

Route Description

Travelling in a clockwise direction and starting from the most southerly part of this route, namely Asgarby, follow the country lane northwest toward the historic village of Winceby.

Turn left at the first junction, and follow the road through the hamlet turning right down a lane marked 'Unclassified Road'. This road turns into a track which leads you past a farmyard on your left, and eventually to the main road (A158). Take special care when crossing.

Once you have crossed, follow the track for approximately two miles until you reach some cattle pens. From here, continue straight up the hill to the tourist information board sign and then turn right.

Continue past the church (which will be on your right), and at the next T-junction turn right towards Somersby. Follow this road for approximately 1.5 miles to the next T-junction and turn right to Somersby and then on to Bag Enderby. Here, take the second right turn (signed Bag Enderby) opposite the track shown in the picture.

This leads you past a church built in local greenstone to a farmhouse and farm in front of you. At this point, turn left along a rutted track signed 'Lindsey Trail', which you follow for approximately two miles through open countryside. This involves crossing two streams and passing a piggery on your right before reaching the road at Thornbury Hill. Turn right onto the road, drive a short distance, and again cross the main A158 taking great care as visibility is poor.

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Follow through the village of Hagworthingham, taking a left turn towards Lusby. Cross the ford and continue up a steep hill. Having passed the Saxon church of Lusby you will reach a junction. Cross over, and follow the road approximately half a mile until reaching a small lane turning right.

Before you turn, on a clear day you can look across the sea to the Norfolk coast and town of Hunstanton on your left - also noting the wind farm built in the sea off Skegness.

At the end of the narrow lane, turn right and you will be back where you started from.

General Information

Accommodation: There are no bed and breakfast facilities directly accessible from the route. One self-catering option exists in Somersby (The Cowshed, 07951 272763). The nearest BHS facilities are at Brook House Farm, Scamblesby who also offer self-contained accommodation. Further information can also be obtained from Horses Welcome.

Food or shops: Unfortunately, there are no shops or pubs on the route.

Insurance: The BHS recommends that before undertaking any part of this route, both horse and rider should be adequately insured against public liability. The BHS can provide public liability and personal accident insurance cover as well as many benefits if you join as a member (terms and conditions and territorial limits apply). For more information or to join, visit www.bhs.org.uk/membership.

Feedback: These routes are kept to the standard that the local authority can afford. They were all accessible at the lime of launch and are on definitive public rights of way. If you experience any problems with the routes or wish to raise any concerns, please contact the local authority, your local BHS Access Officer or the Access Team at BHS HQ via access@bhs.org.uk.

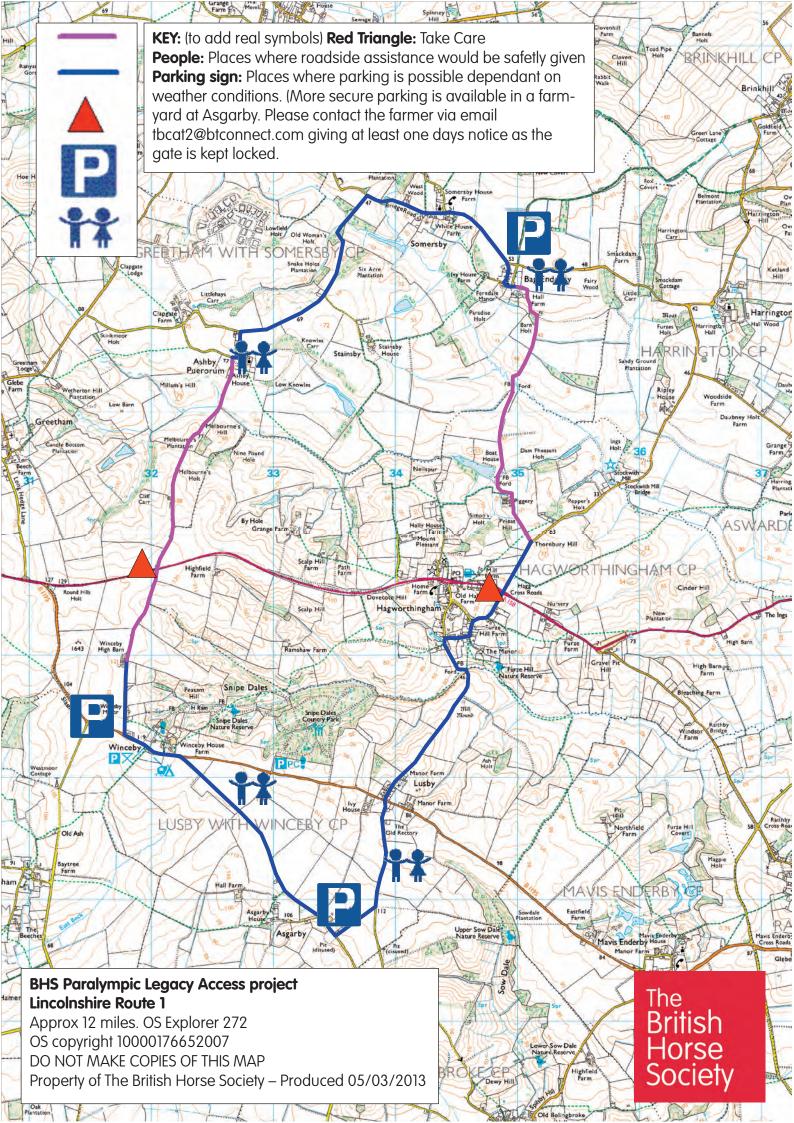
About the Paralympic Legacy Access Project

In 2013, the BHS launched the Paralympic Legacy Access Project (PLAP), dedicated to identifying and promoting 20 off-road routes across Britain. The 12-mile circular routes were recognised to suit the needs of carriage drivers with physical limitations.

The project was inspired by an anonymous donation to commemorate the achievements of the Paralympics and Para World Carriage Driving Championship in 2012. Launched by BHS President, Martin Clunes, the 20 routes were all tested prior to launch.

A huge thank you to those who volunteered their time, knowledge and input to create the routes of the Paralympic Legacy Access Project.

Discover more at www.bhs.org.uk/carriagedriving



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