



ISE VALLEY VAGABONDS



Stamford Permanent Trail - BWF App No PT18

START & FINISH: Free car park via 'Burghley House Visitors Entrance',
Pilsgate Lodges, Barnack Road (B1443), Stamford, Lincs PE9 3JU



(Look for large sign on Barnack Road then follow signs to the car park)

OS map 141 & 142 (start is on 142) **Grid Ref** TF050062 **Distance** 10km **Grade** 1
Fee £1.00 (€2,00 cash only)
Award £2.00 (€4,00 cash only) **OR** free souvenir sticker available on request

Route last updated on 24 January 2016

This route description is valid from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017

This walk has been established by members of the Ise Valley Vagabonds Walking Club (BWF Club No 70) and is a qualifying event in the IVV award scheme. It can be walked at any time, but see note below.

NOTE (1) – The route is closed during the first two weeks of September each year due to the Burghley Horse Trials taking place

NOTE (2) – Freemen`s Meadow (see after question 3) can flood after prolonged and heavy rain

Route Description

From the car park, follow the tarmac drive back to the Pilsgate Lodges and turn left along the pavement for 1km, passing the 'Welcome to Lincolnshire' sign. At the 40 mph sign/bridleway, cross the road and go ahead on the bridleway to cross the railway **WITH CARE**. Go through the kissing gate to footpath on the right. Ahead over two footbridges. Turn left on track, passing mill, then follow drive/bridleway uphill to main road. Turn left on pavement to roundabout. (Morrison`s – café/toilets on your right). Take left hand road, signposted 'Burghley House'. Cross to the other side and turn left on pavement.

Q1. Opposite Priory Court Care Home is an old building. What is it?

Continue to pass Priory Gardens, then turn right on next road on your right (Pinfold Lane) and follow to T-junction. Turn left, then left again. On the left is a grey plaque.

Q2. Whose remains lie in the monastery?

Ahead along St Paul`s Street and continue past part of Stamford School to the traffic lights. Cross **with care**. Continue ahead, still on St Paul`s Street, passing more of Stamford School, to its end at 'Marks & Spencer food store. Turn left on St George`s Street and continue through 'no-entry' signs, to go down alleyway on the left side of church. (*This is St George`s Church*). Turn right along Blackfriar`s Street into St George`s Square.

Turn left into St Mary's Street, with Stamford Arts Centre/Tourist Information Office/café on your left and continue ahead. Follow pavement to the left, around church. At road, cross **with care** and turn right uphill. When the pavement goes sharp left, cross the road **with care** then turn right to go back along St Mary's Street again for a short distance. At barrier, turn left along narrow Cheyne Lane to exit into (un-named) High Street. Turn right then turn left along Ironmonger's Street. At the end, turn left (*this is Broad Street*) and follow to the end (*George Alan outdoor shop on your left*). (*This is Red Lion Square*). Turn left, then right over pedestrian crossing and go directly ahead to go down passageway in corner of Red Lion Square.

At the bottom, turn right past the Golden Fleece and ahead up (un-named) Sheepmarket. Immediately before the road junction, turn left passing the entrance to the bus station, and continue ahead to go into Austin Street. Ahead along Austin Street to go over King's Hill Lane and follow round to T-junction. (*Rutland Terrace sign directly in front of you*).

Q3. What is unusual for Stamford about Rutland Terrace?

Turn left on pavement to a roundabout. Continue ahead on Tinwell Road, then turn left down Water Furlong. At bottom of lane, go through hand gate into Freeman's Meadow. Ahead on left hand path, next to wall, to reach river (*River Welland*) at large stone pillar. Turn left, keeping the river on the right, towards town. Go through gate and ahead next to river to tarmac path. Turn left, over bridge, then immediately right. As you turn, on your left is an information board about Stamford Castle. Continue besides river/white metal railings. When railings end, go directly ahead across the end of the car park, into a narrow alleyway, which swings right, to go up a small flight of steps and emerge at main road.

Turn right, downhill, to river. Ahead over the river. Cross Station Road and ahead past The George of Stamford. There is a plaque on your right.

Q4. Who were entertained there?

Continue uphill to Church Street. Turn right then, at Candlestick's Hotel & Restaurant, turn left along Church Lane. Continue ahead to main road. Cross **with care** to footpath opposite. Take path on right, ignoring 'Hereward Way', and continue with barbed wire fence on your left. Ahead, to cross wooden footbridge, then go through kissing gate. Half left across field, through another kissing gate, then ahead between holly hedges to reach road. Turn left, uphill and follow road round to left (*with views over Stamford to your left*). Ahead to reach the main road. Cross **with care** then turn left, downhill, on pavement to reach impressive entranceway. (*These are known as the Bottle Top Lodges*).

Turn right on driveway and enter Burghley Park. Ahead on drive for 900 metres to junction of drives. Continue ahead with deer fence on your right and go through gate, to information board.

Q5. In the late 18th century, who did Brownlow, 9th Earl of Exeter employ?

Turn right and follow gravel track which will swing round towards large stone bridge. (*This is the Lion Bridge and was built in 1775 by Capability Brown. If you have ever done any of the Series Walks from Fenstanton, you will have passed his grave. He is buried in the grounds of the church of St Peter & St Paul, Fenstanton*). Cross tarmac drive and ahead on track next to lake, heading towards Burghley House. At ditch/wall, turn left (*this type of construction is known as a 'ha-ha' wall*) and follow ditch/wall around Burghley House to

reach tarmac driveway by ornate gate. Turn right on drive, alongside house. At Stable Courtyard, on your right, turn left on tarmac drive to return to carpark.

We hope you have enjoyed the walk

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**ISE VALLEY VAGABONDS
PERMANENT TRAIL REGISTRATION FORM**

TRAIL	Stamford Permanent Trail	2017/1
ROUTE UPDATED	24 January 2016	
DATE WALKED		
NAME		
ADDRESS		
TEL		
EMAIL		
ADDITIONAL WALKERS		
ENTRY FEE	___ Walkers @ £1.00 (€2,00) each	Total £
AWARDS REQUIRED	___ Patches @ £2.00 (€4,00) each	Total £
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED		£
Please put my IVV stamps on a new set of Insert cards Yes/No		
ANSWERS		
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Comments		
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