

Country Walk

A circular walk through Thorne - Moorends takes you through the Humberhead National Nature Reserve.

You begin beside (14) Oates Mill, located on North Eastern Road. From here proceed along North Eastern Road until you see a sign for the public footpath on your right. Take (17) North Eastern Road public footpath until you reach Land Ends Road. Turn right along Land Ends Road onto Alexander Street and follow it until it joins King Edward Road. Cross to the far side of the road, then turn left and continue up the street. Keep going until you reach Wilkinson Avenue, which has a sign for "Thorne Moor", and turn right. At the end of Wilkinson Avenue turn left and continue along the path for a short distance until you see the public footpath sign (Joans Cable) on your right. This 1.5 mile public footpath leads all the way to Thorne Moors through some beautiful countryside. Please keep to the footpath and stay off the farmland either side of the path. At the end of the path you cross a stile then turn left and follow the path as it curves to your right. The next stile marks the entrance to (18) Thorne Moors.

Thorne Moors is part of the Humberhead National Nature Reserve and is quite simply stunning. There are two different routes possible, the yellow route or the blue route. Turn left and follow the yellow arrows on a green background and in approximately 3/4 of a mile it joins the Rhododendron Path. If you wish to leave the moors, turn left, if you wish to continue the walk, turn right.

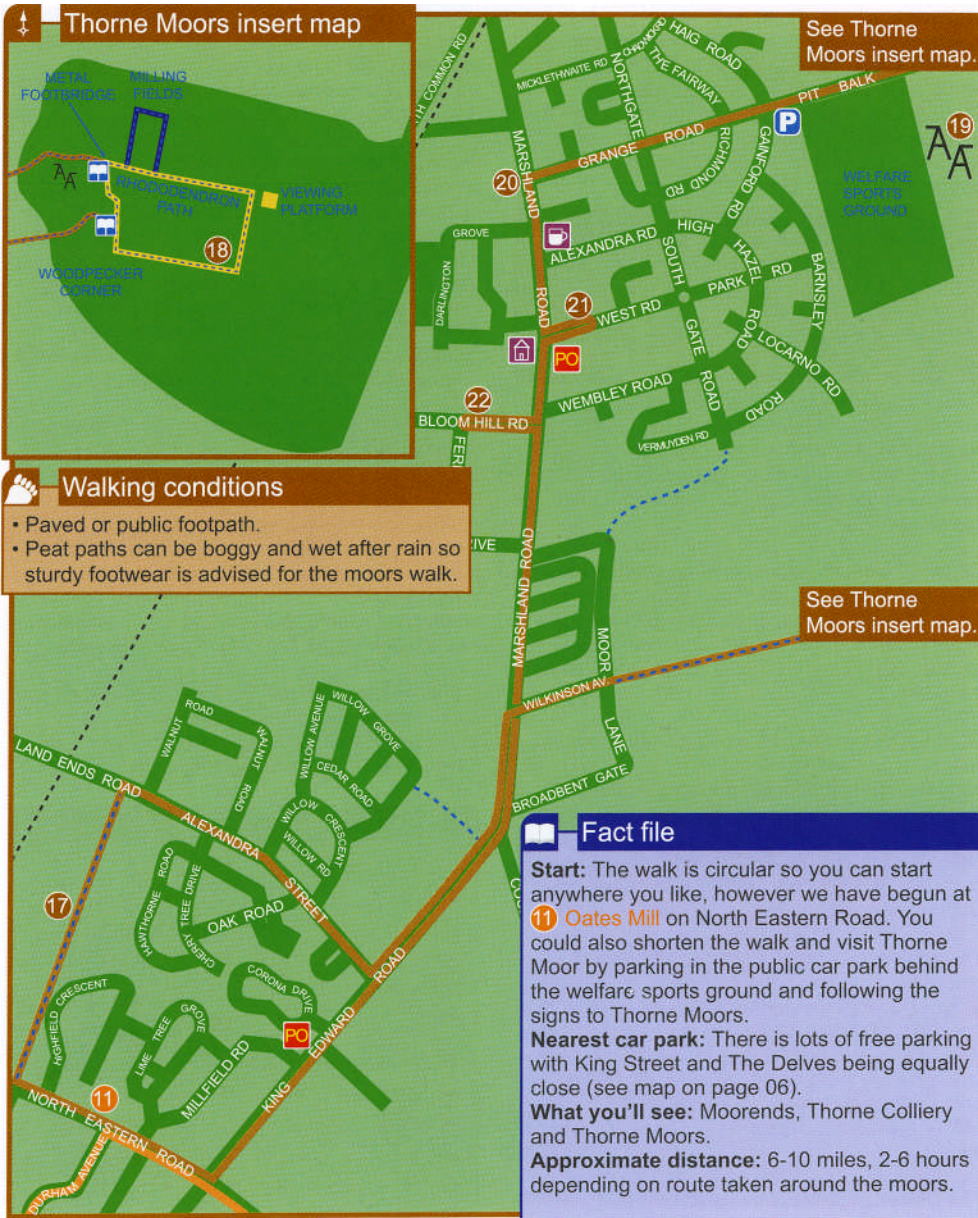
If you want to see the milling fields on the northern edge of Reserve, look out for blue arrows in a few hundred yards and make a 1-mile detour to your left along the 'blue route'. This takes you to a viewpoint where a rough limestone road crosses the path. Please don't cross this road - danger of deep water beyond.

Continue along the Rhododendron Path to the viewing platform. Then retrace your steps for 100 yds left (yellow arrow) along the grassy path. In 1/2 mile it makes a right angle to the right; continue to follow it until you emerge at open fields near some tall, well-grown trees at Woodpecker Corner. Here it turns right at right angles again and runs up the west edge of the Reserve. At the top turn left along the Rhododendron Path, over metal then brick bridges. Follow the footpath to the left of the (was) imposing (19) Thorne Colliery. Moorends rapidly expanded in the early part of the 20th century to cope with the influx of workers. Today the mine has gone.

Continue along the footpath that leads onto Grange Road. You now find yourself in the mining village of (20) Moorends. Follow Grange Road to the end, and then turn left down Marshland Road. Continue along Marshland Road until you reach West Road on the left. Turn left up West Road for 100 yards and you come across (21) Moorends St Wilfrith Church. This red brick building has stood in this spot since the 1930's. Retrace your steps back to Marshland Road and turn left. Cross the road to the right hand side and continue along Marshland Road until you reach Bloom Hill Road on the right. Turn up Bloom Hill Road and at the end on the right hand side you'll see (22) Parish of St Joseph and St Nicholas Moorends, the Roman Catholic Church. Although this building was erected in 1938 there has been a congregation that worships in Thorne - Moorends since 1912. Retrace your steps and turn right back onto Marshland Road and walk back to Thorne. The Road changes its name to King Edward Road before you take a right onto North Eastern Road and back to (11) Oates Mill.

From here you can join the Historic walk by turning left down Durham Avenue.





Thorne Moors insert map

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- Walking conditions**
- Paved or public footpath.
 - Peat paths can be boggy and wet after rain so sturdy footwear is advised for the moors walk.

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Start: The walk is circular so you can start anywhere you like, however we have begun at 11 Oates Mill on North Eastern Road. You could also shorten the walk and visit Thorne Moor by parking in the public car park behind the welfare sports ground and following the signs to Thorne Moors.

Nearest car park: There is lots of free parking with King Street and The Delves being equally close (see map on page 06).

What you'll see: Moorends, Thorne Colliery and Thorne Moors.

Approximate distance: 6-10 miles, 2-6 hours depending on route taken around the moors.