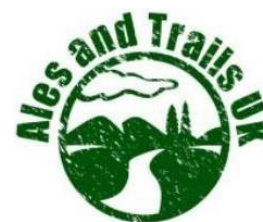


Rippingale & Dunsby: Two Churches Circular



Distance: 6.55 km

Difficulty: Easy

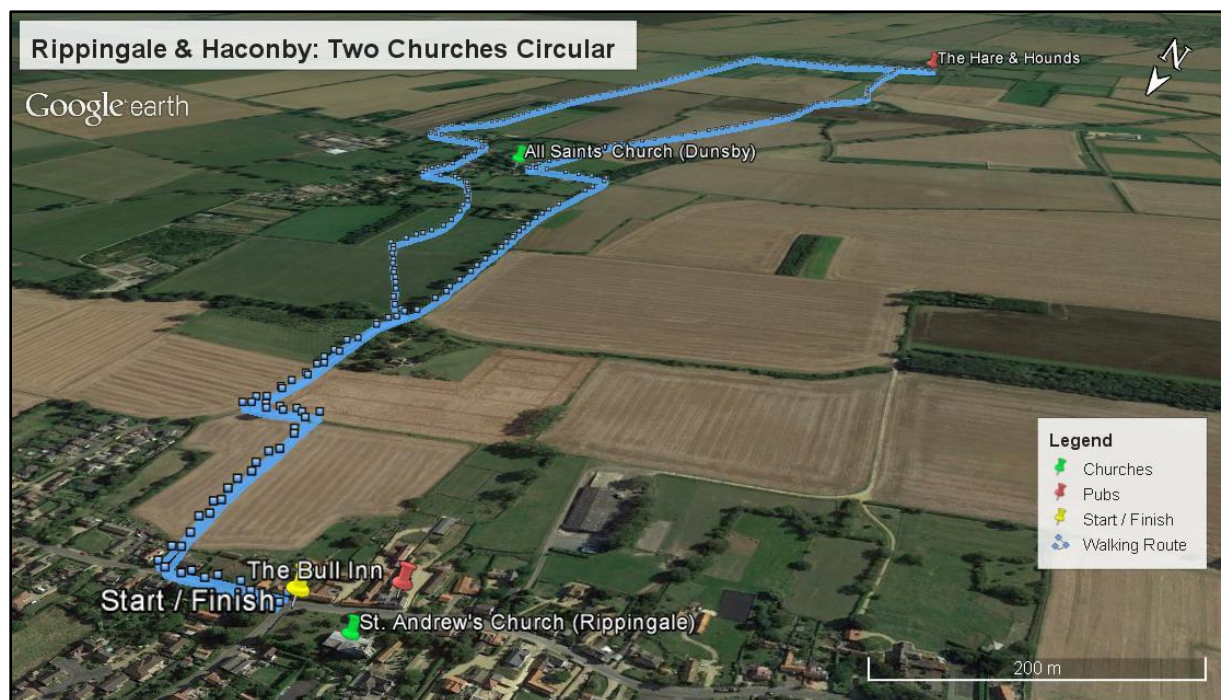
Dog Friendly: Yes (lead required; fields contain livestock)

Ascent/Descent: Easy (+/- 46 metres)

Toilets: At the pubs, only

Wildlife: Nothing of note

Endomondo GPS track: [View/Download here](#)



The Rippingale & Haconby: Two Churches Circular walking route (Google Maps)

Starting location: Parking for customers is available at The Bull Inn (satnav: PE10 0SR) or there is some on-street parking available in the vicinity of the church.

1. With your back to the Bull Inn, set off right along High Street, passing by the church at the T-junction on your left.

*St. Andrew's Church in Rippingale dates from the 13th and 14th century, though the tower dates from a century later. In the church yard, there was once a weeping ash, *Fraxinus Excelsior* 'Pendula', a tree rare for Britain. It survived for a century until 2002; having died, it was then felled.*



2. Continue on along High Street/East Street. After approximately 100m, take the signposted path to the right, in front of the white house, to cross the field. Turn left and then right onto a quiet road to leave the village. Follow this road for approximately 1km to reach a T-junction; go left. Follow the road until you reach Dunsby Church on your right.



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The All Saints' Church at Dunsby is a grade-I listed building that has portions dating to the 13th Century, although the tower and most of the structure is from the 14th Century. It was restored in 1857. The church features a statue of Christ gazing westward and lies on the old coastal road linking Bourne and Sleaford.



3. At Dunsby Church, turn right onto the path in front of the church and then go immediately right through the kissing gate. Follow the path across the middle of the next two fields. Cross over a third field and then go through the hedge and head for the opposite-right corner of the field. Follow the waymarked path over the next two fields to emerge onto a road in the village of Haconby. Go right to find our first pub, the Hare and Hounds.



4. Exit the pub and go left, back the way you came. Ignore the path you took before and continue on along the street. After 500m, take the signposted path on your left (pictured left). Follow the field perimeter, then cross over the middle of the next field. Pass through a small copse and cross the next field, aiming for the opposite-right corner. Go through a kissing gate and follow the path out onto the road. Go left and



follow the road as it bears around to the right. AT the T-junction, go right/ahead and then take the signposted footpath over a stile on the left (pictured right).

5. Cross this field, then aim for the opposite-right corner of the second field. Climb the stile and cross the next field. Cross straight over the next field, aiming for a stile to the right-of-centre on the far side. Cross the next field, aiming for the opposite-left corner. Come out onto the road and then retrace your steps back to the start point.

Pub 1: The Hare and Hounds



Pub 2: The Bull Inn



Tips / Additional Points of Interest

Next to St. Andrew's Church in Rippingale, you will see a concrete post on the village green. This is a 'butter cross', used in English market towns to mark the location of the 'butter market'. Rippingale was granted a license to hold its own 'butter market' in the 12th or 13th Century. The butter cross is believed to have a three or four-step pedestal sunk just below the village green and would likely have also had a roof to shelter the women selling butter, milk and eggs below.



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