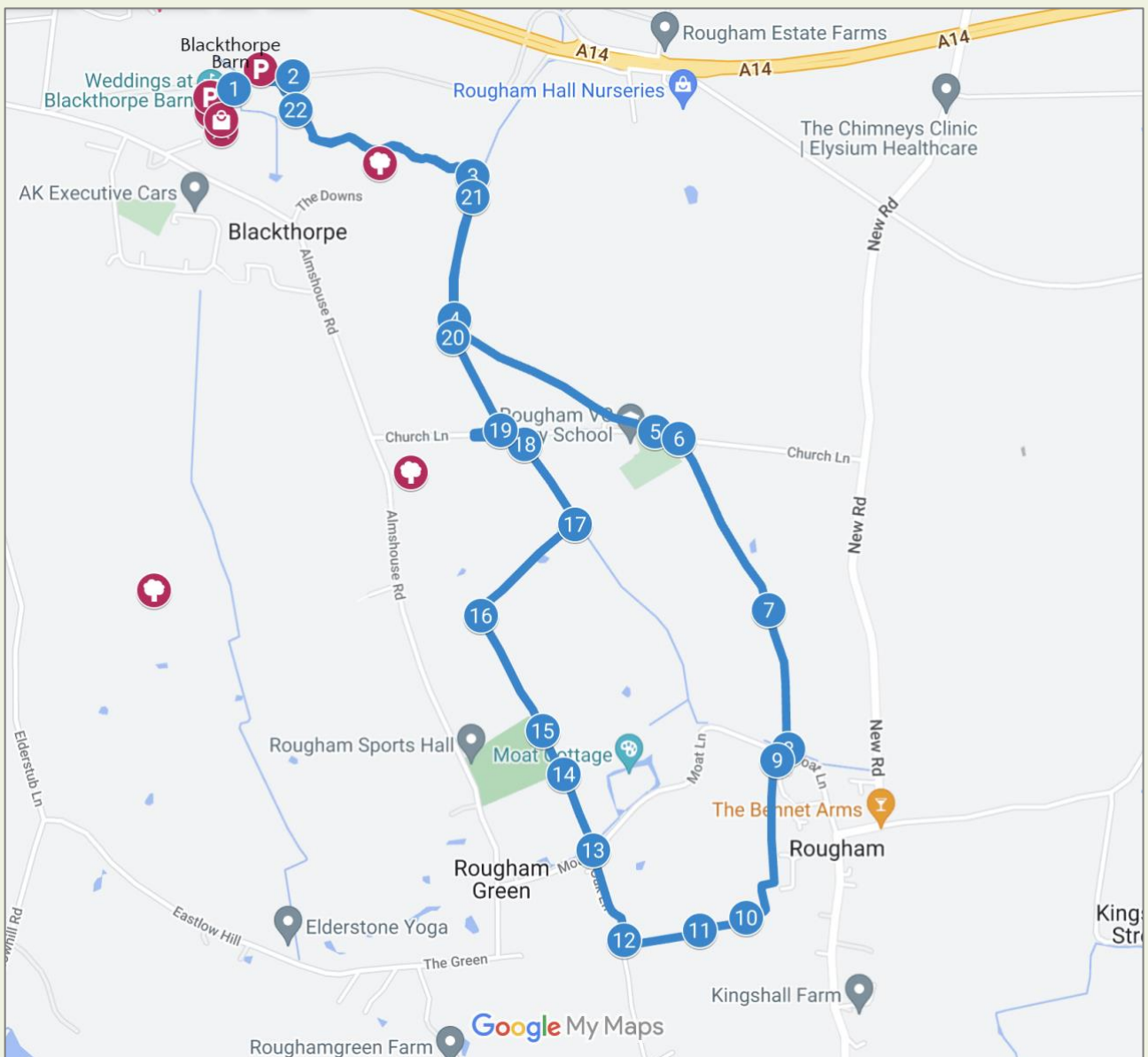




## Moat Meadows Walk

- Time taken: 1.5 hours
- Distance: 3.5 miles
- Difficulty: Hard, including stiles and meadows that may contain cattle

### Map



## Waypoints

This walk takes you through woodland, past Rougham Church up to Kingshall Street, swinging round to the right, taking in part of Oak Lane and crossing Moat Lane to return to Blackthorpe Barn via a meadow with stiles.



1. From Blackthorpe Barn turn right and pass through the carparks along the concrete road until you reach a wood on your right.



2. A path leads into the wood shortly after you reach its boundary. Follow this path bearing left at a fork and then turning left after 50 metres. Follow through the wood to the far end.



3. At this point turn right at a T junction. Follow this path out of the wood with a hedge on your left. Follow this path until it meets a path from the right.





4. At this point follow round to the left heading for Rougham Church which appears dramatically in front of you. At the far end of this path cross the school and church carpark. Cross the public road with care.



5. On the far side, turn left and walk along the pavement passing the splendid sight of Rougham Church on your right side. Shortly afterwards, you pass the magnificent lychgate with carvings and seats within. You might like to take a short pause here. The structure was built in 1901 in memory of the previous rector Morton Shaw.



- When you are ready to continue, turn right out of the lychgate, walk along the pavement for a few metres before following the footpath along the edge of the field as it peels away from the public road to the right. This footpath has a tarmac surface but tree roots below the surface make it uneven in parts so take care as you walk.



- This path leads you to Kingshall Street which gradually appears ahead of you as you leave the church behind. At the far end of the path, you will see a convenient poop bin on your left which might come in handy.



8. You are now about to cross one of the busier roads in Rougham so take care. Cross the road and turn right for a few metres before you see a gap in the hedge on your left with a clear path leading through. Take this path.



9. Continue straight on, with some houses set back on your left and the field on your right. This pathway follows the edge of the field. Ignore various turns to the left. At the far end follow it round to the right and it continues to skirt the edge of the field.





10. Shortly after this you will see a small turning to the left which brings you immediately onto an official footpath where you turn right.



11. This path crosses through the hedge line so that the hedge ends up on your right side. Follow this path to the edge of the field where it emerges onto Oak Lane. Turn right here.



12. This lane has a gravelled surface and is a public right of way, but with the occasional car going to and from the few houses on the lane. Watch out for these. At the far end cross straight over Moat Lane, which is a public road and bus route so take care.



13. On the far side you will see a stile in the hedge. This has a dog flap on the right side. Cross this by putting your dog through the flap first and then taking hold of the lead from above the fence. Whilst holding your dog, climb the stile yourself. On the far side you are in an old meadow which from time to time will have cattle. It is essential that you keep your dog on a short lead as you cross the meadow.







14. On the far side is a similar stile, followed by a foot bridge. Cross these and continue straight on.



15. You pass the village playing field on your left. After a while a footpath leads off to the left. Ignore this and continue on your way.





16. After passing through a gap in the hedge ahead, the path turns right and you follow it slightly down hill with the hedge on your right. At the bottom of the hill, you will see Rougham Church appear before you with its magnificent west tower.



17. Instead of walking right up to the church, our path turns left at the field edge as you follow the ditch line with poplar trees and the church now on your right.



18. At the far side of the field the path reaches close to the public road. Here it swings round to the left for 100 metres before emerging on the road at a crossing point over the ditch. Turn right onto the public road where care should be taken.



19. Walk along the road for 100 metres before turning left. You will see a poop bin marking the spot. Follow the lane here as it heads north, away from the church and back towards the Blackthorpe Barn.



20. Cross straight over a footpath and continue onwards. You are now on the path where your walk began a while ago.



21. You will enter the wood and shortly afterwards find the path leading off to the left. This will take you through the wood to the far end where you turn right.



22. This path leads you to the edge of the wood. Turn left at an angle as the path approaches the Blackthorpe Barn carparks. Follow these through to the left and then follow the signs to the Roots Café where a welcome awaits you (and your dog).



The walk starts and ends at Blackthorpe Barn, where you can find plenty of free parking as well as Roots Café and the Garden Room shop.

Please remember that the gates to the avenue entrance are locked after the Café and Shop close.  
We hope you enjoy your walk!

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