

A GRAND DAY OUT - FEBRUARY

After the recent bad weather expectation was more of the same, but we were pleasantly surprised with wall to wall sunshine, light winds and warm. Usually we head for the hills when we start from Swainby but I chose to stay low and explore the area north of A172. There's was a good turnout of sixteen which included three new walkers to the Thursday Smelly Helly walking group.



The walk was circular on little used paths. I'd promised lots of mud but it had dried up slightly so it wasn't that bad - well it wasn't as bad as when Len and I did a recce!

I'd planned on a one stop strategy but due to the glorious weather we had two. The first at Lincoln farm near a small lake and Carlton.

The walk was 9 miles with only a small amount of ascent (320 feet) we were out for a leisurely 4 hours. After the walk we all retired to the comforts of the Rusty Bike cafe.



The leader of next month's walk (March 12) will be Keith Wilson and details can be found on the Smell Helly web site. Please remember the walk has been put back one week from the 5th of March to the 12th March.

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