MUDDY BOOTS

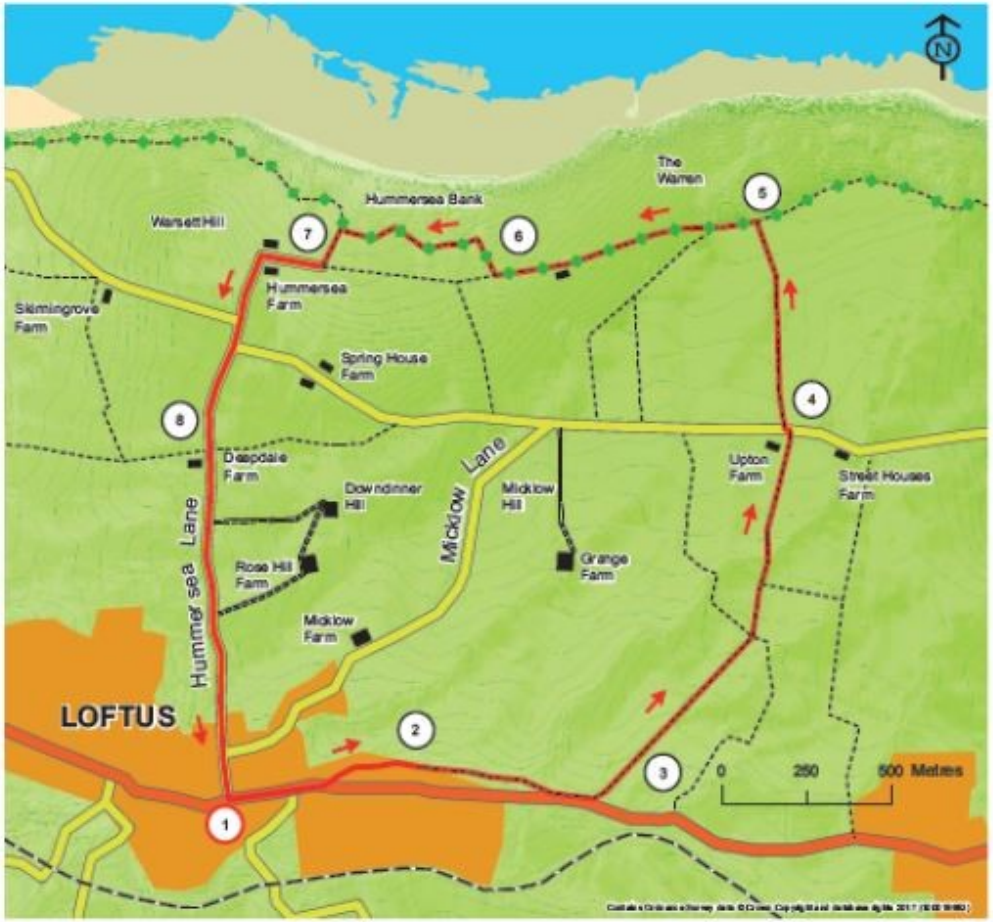
Featured walk

SAXON PRINCESS CIRCULAR

Distance: 4 miles

Grade: A moderate walk with a gradual ascent and two short steep sections, with several stiles, taking approximately two hours to complete.

Suitability: Suitable for anyone with a moderate level of fitness.



Highlights: This route takes in some of the borough's most ancient history and is a great way of learning more about the Anglo-Saxon settlements discovered by archaeologists in the countryside surrounding Loftus.

Walkers will follow in the steps of workers who used the Cleveland Way to travel for work for centuries and see how the area's alum industry transformed the towering cliffs.

Route: Starting at the Co-op on Loftus High Street 1, turn left and walk down the road past St Cuthbert's Church and onto East Crescent 2.

Walk down East Crescent until it becomes Micklow Terrace and follow the path through the woods until you rejoin the A174. Walk just past Classic Foulsyke Farm (on your left) and turn immediately left at the sign and head through the gate 3.

The track, which climbs steadily uphill, will lead you through farmers' fields and a small copse of trees until you reach Upton Farm and Upton Cottages. Cross the road 4 and carry on heading north until you reach the cliffs and join the Cleveland Way 5.

Follow the Cleveland Way for a short distance, going through North Warren Cottage, and then turn right where it is signposted 6. The track will take you down to the cliff edge and carry on for a time. At the crossroads, turn left and go down the bush lined path to reach a track 7.

Turn right at the track and you should walk past Hummersea Farm as the track curves to the left. Keep following the track for a while, passing the row of terraced houses on the left 8 and the allotments (which should be on your right), and you will find yourself back in Loftus High Street.