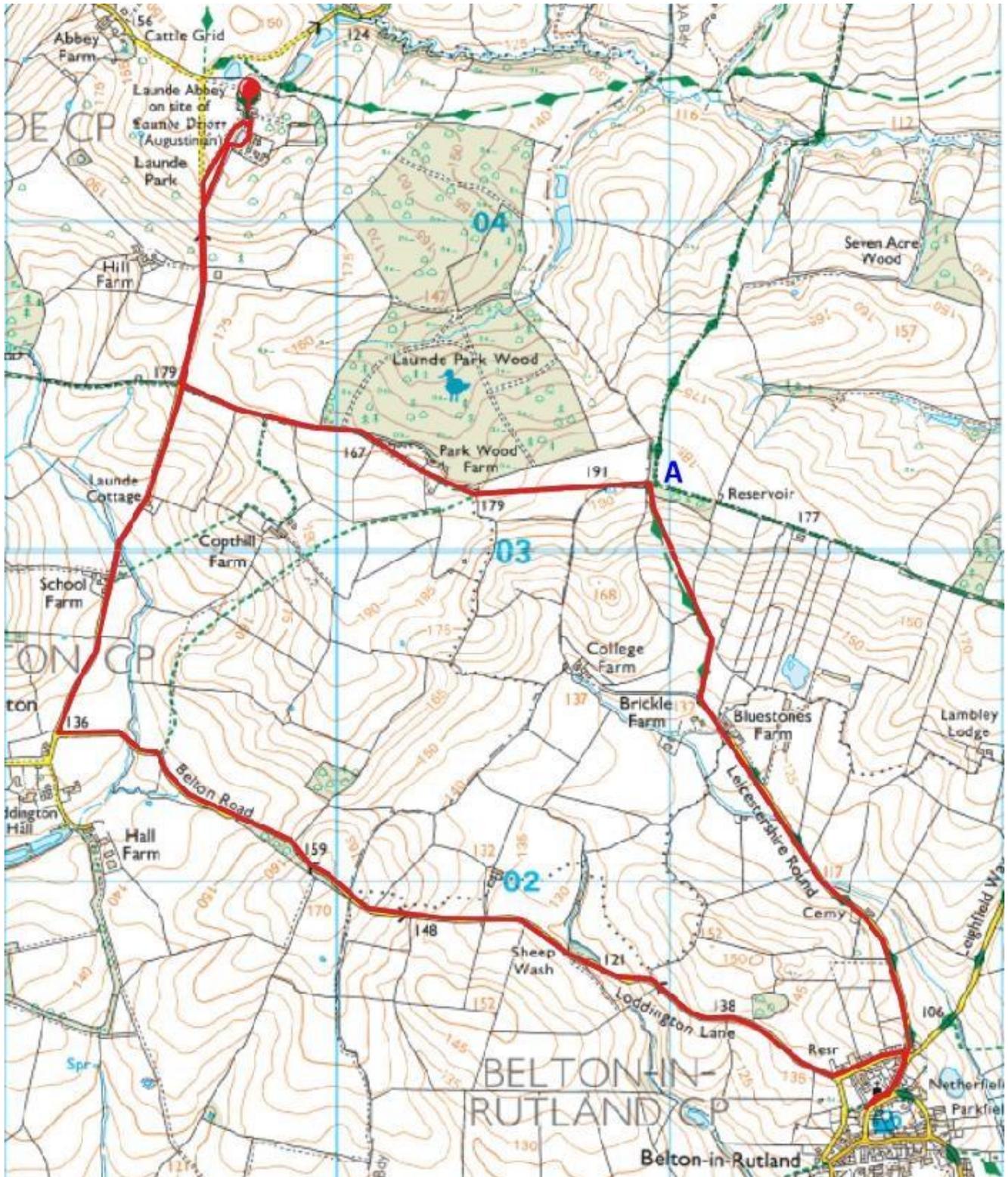


# Walk 4 Launde — Loddington — Belton — Launde

(Circular Miles – 6.1 miles - 3 hours)

(Most of this walk is on minor roads – beware of traffic)

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Leave Launde Abbey by either the car park entrance or exit and turn left. Walk up the hill alongside the road and cross the cattle grid at the top (gate to the left side) and descend the hill passing Launde Cottages on your left and on to the village of Loddington.

Do not enter the village but turn left along the unclassified road to Belton (2 miles). Do not be disappointed with the views along the first part this road, they do get better as you approach Belton and you will find two benches on the left hand side of the road strategically placed at superb viewpoints. Excellent places to enjoy a coffee if you are carrying a flask!

Belton-In-Rutland is about half way on your walk, turn left at the road junction and then left again at the bottom of the incline. If you have time, before you turn left onto College Farm Lane, you might like to detour and visit St Peter's Church, it is open daily and worth a few minutes of your time. To visit the church turn right onto Chapel Street. (the old Chapel is behind you on the corner of College Farm Lane. Church Street approaches St Peter's from the opposite direction). After visiting the church retrace your steps and carry straight on along College Farm Lane.

Pass the cemetery on your left, the egg producer and Bluestones Farm on your right on until you reach the private drive to College Farm. Turn right onto the Leicestershire Round bridleway. (As you pass Bluestones Farm you may encounter a number of 'free range' dogs. They may be noisy and excitable but are quite safe).

Follow the bridleway, initially fenced on both sides around a left hand bend and into an open field. Cross the field and as you exit through a narrow gateway you will reach the cross roads of two bridleways. (This turning point is Point A on this map and is also Point A on Launde Walk 3. If you wanted a longer walk you could add another 2 miles by turning right and following the remainder of Walk 3 back to Launde Abbey).

Turn left at point A and follow the hedgerow on your left hand until it veers away to the left continue to walk in a straight line and pass through a small gate in the corner of the field by Launde Park Wood.

The bridleway meets a footpath at this point, keep on the bridleway (right hand of the two paths). Pass through the two gates on either side of the gully and then pass Park Wood Farm on your right. The bridleway gives way to the farm access road which you should follow until it meets the Loddington – Launde unclassified road. Turn right and follow the road slightly uphill then over the cattle grid and back down to Launde Abbey. (You can extend the walk by crossing straight over the Loddington to Launde road and joining Walk 5.)

After this walk you will have earned not only a nice cup of tea but you might like to treat yourself to a large piece of cake as a reward!