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GINGER JOE
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WOLD RANGERS
WAY

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Dedicated to the Wold Rangers and the memory of Angela Antrim, whose book 'The Yorkshire Wold Rangers' so inspired the trustees and extracts of which feature in our leaflet.

We hope the Wold Rangers Way will as Angela wished, 'keep their memory green'.



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THE WOLD RANGERS WAY STEP BY STEP

GINGER
JOE

Ginger Joe was one of the most famous Wold Rangers, for it was he who greeted the King and Queen of England upon their visit to Sledmere in 1925, a visit that lived on in the memories of many for the rest of their lives and so recounted from generation to generation.

A civilized, well educated, philosopher of life, Ginger Joe, described as an enigma, loved lively debate and discussion and would converse as an equal with lords and fellow Rangers alike, his life as a Wold Ranger had been by choice, embracing the freedom of the green lanes and ancient walkways. His air of authority, piercing blue eyes, hawklike nose and flaming ginger beard made a formidable sight as he roamed from farm to farm, accompanied always by his dog. A hard worker he was made welcome at every farm he visited, and was an equally enthusiastic customer of the The Triton Inn in Sledmere!

It was a day very well remembered that Ginger Joe, dog at heel, bundle on back and clanking billy can strode between the clambering villagers awaiting the arrival of King George V and Queen Mary and took his usual seat on the lower step of the Sledmere Waggoners Memorial. Refusing to budge, the local constabulary were unable to persuade him to move before suddenly the crowds parted and the Royal duo arrived before Ginger Joe himself, who purveyed them with a defiant glint in his eye... no movement did he make nor cap did he doff. The hapless vicar was forced to conduct the service of commemoration as the King of the Wolds green lanes and the King and Queen of England stared each other out!

Ginger Joe lived out his days in a small loose box on Sledmere House Farm accompanied by his beloved dog and his hen, he tethered with a string on her leg, who laid him his daily egg.

Start Point



Driffield Market Place

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From the Market Place set off west along Mill Street, continuing straight ahead on Kings Mill Road until reaching the first entrance into Driffield Millennium Green on your right. Enter the park and follow the path keeping right, passing a bench on your right before bearing right between the two more benches and follow the path.

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Keep on this path through the canopy of trees to a kissing gate at the A614 road. Turn right, walking along the pavement and on reaching the roundabout, turn left, crossing towards a metal gate into York Road. This is a very busy road so please take care and use the roundabout pedestrian crossing points.

3

Continue along York Road straight through Little Driffield past the pond on your left and where the road bends right, go straight ahead between the trees and hedge onto a broad grass track. This soon reaches the road. Remain on the footpath until you reach the broad grass verge (do not cross the road). Walk on the broad grass verge for approximately 0.2 mile and turn left onto the service road and passing Elmswell Hall Farm. Follow this rough road, walking between two stone pillars onto the 'green lane' until it reaches a junction with Garton Balk green lane.

At this point you leave the main Wold Rangers Way and follow the Ginger Joe Trod

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At the junction of Garton Balk green lane, turn right and follow the track until it reaches the A166 road. Take great care crossing the road back onto the green land at the other side.

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Follow the green lane as it rises gently providing great views of Garton and the surrounding Wolds. Continue until you come to a turning to the right (to Elmswell Wold Farm) but go straight on until you drop down the chalk track.

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When you reach the road at Elmswell Slack, turn right.

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Walk on the road until you reach the junction and turn left to walk on the road (or wide grass verge) uphill to Cottam Warren Farm.

8

On reaching Cottam Warren Farm walk straight ahead onto the green lane and through the gate at the top of the hill. Go through the gate and then turn right following the footpath around the field until you reach the old airfield.

Return to the main Wold Rangers Way and follow the signs

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Turn right (east) and follow the track which continues as York Road towards Kilham Westfield Farm. Turn right at the direction post.

10

Head south east for 1.5 miles, initially on a minor road and then green lane, passing Westfield Farm and Danes' Graves Plantation to reach Garton Balk. Turn right and follow the bridleway until it meets a broad unsurfaced road near Clitheroe Farm. Turn left.

11

This is Long Lane, aptly named, being approximately 2.5 miles in length and the route back to Driffield. It has a changing surface, in part road, green lane and bridleway. Heading south follow it, taking care crossing the Kilham road and especially A614 Bridlington Road. The track follows a pleasant wooded area and emerges between houses at the junction with Scarborough Road in Driffield.

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On Scarborough Road, turn left and where the road forks, keep right with the high brick wall of Highfield House on your right. On North Street, cross the road and walk through Remembrance Gardens turning right over the footbridge into Northfield Park. Walk through the park (with the stream on your left) and bear left over a footbridge. Turn right onto Laundry Lane and pass the old water pump on your right. Turn right onto Bridge Street and at the Church, turn left onto Middle Street North for the final 500 yards to Driffield Market Place.

Finish Point

