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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

CROOM MABEL

Queen of the Pram Pushers, Mabel walked the lanes from almost childhood, born in Little Drifffield, orphaned and with wit and a wily sense of survival, made her own way in life joining the raggedy yet noble band of men and women who roamed the green lanes around her home. She was a familiar sight at the Wolds farms and villages collecting discarded clothes from the farmers' wives, and piling them precariously high as she made her way to the rag merchant in Drifffield. A pretty, dark eyed girl who found love with one or two Rangers over the years, whose babies would join the perilously piled clothes on the pram until they could walk beside her and her constant canine companion, her little dog.

Not all the donated clothes made it to the rag merchant, indeed, Mabel's powers of persuasion when procuring these items was legendary and it was not uncommon to see her proudly parading the lanes adorned in her latest acquisition. On one occasion a local landowner's wife at Elmswell came across Mabel outside her neat little tent, preparing her evening meal on a pot over the camp fire, splendid in a gold lame evening dress, she quipped 'ah I see you have dressed for dinner Mabel!'

She was famed for her exclusive makeshift tent that she called home, always cosy with a campfire outside to keep her warm and a paraffin stove, and she always made ready for her bed and wore an array of beautiful nighties, obviously 'donated' by the local ladies of the Wolds. Many a farmers wife kept a chair by the fire in the kitchen for Mabel and even in her later years whilst residing in Wold Haven in Pocklington, the Matron would retell stories that as the weather warmed up so Mabel would take her leave and make her way up Warter Hill back to the Wolds for the summer...

Start Point



Drifffield Market Place

1

From the Market Place set off west along Mill Street, continuing straight ahead on Kings Mill Road until reaching the first entrance into Drifffield 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.

2

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 into Little Drifffield and at the pond turn right onto Horsefair Lane.

At this point you leave the main Wold Rangers Way and follow the Croom Mable Trod



4

Follow Horsefair Lane until you reach the A166. Cross the A166 (taking great care), keep on the track to Cross Trods at Manor Farm.



5

Turn right onto Drifffield Sellowgate and follow the footpath back towards Drifffield. Walk over the bypass and turn left when you reach Lowndes Park. Where the road forks, bear right and after keep and watch for the right turn on to a public footpath between the houses. Follow the path until it emerges on North Street.



6

Cross the road at the Zebra Crossing and enter North End Park. Walk straight through the park keeping Drifffield Beck on your left and cross the footbridge on to Laundry Lane and turn right. At the end of Laundry Lane turn right on to Bridge Street with the Parish Church ahead of you. Turn Left onto Middle Street North and follow the street back towards your starting point on Marketplace using the Zebra Crossing to cross over the road near Cranwell Street.

Finish Point

