

Lincoln County Court



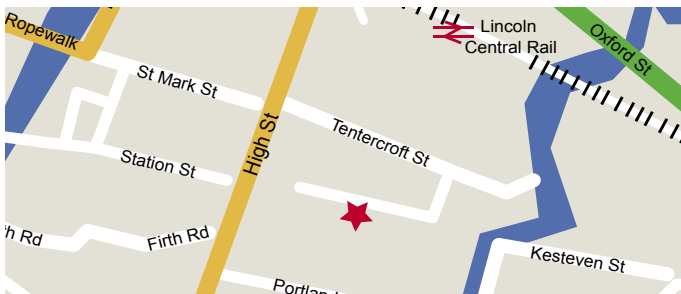
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 Linked courts: Boston County Court, Grantham County Court,
 Skegness County Court and Nottingham County Court.

Getting to the Court

By car

Take the A1 to Winthorpe and then take the A46 Eastbound. From the Carholme roundabout on the A46, follow signs for Lincoln Centre on the A57. Follow this road, passing a grandstand on your right, until you reach a main junction with traffic lights. Turn left at the lights, following signs to the city centre, and then turn immediately right at the next traffic lights. At the 3rd set of lights on this road turn right down Wigford Way. Follow this road over the river and bear sharp left. At the traffic lights, just before the station, turn right, which will take you on to the High Street. Go over the railway crossing and the court is along the High Street, behind the Magistrates' Court on the left. The easiest car park to use is the 2nd left after the Magistrates' Court, Chaplin Street, a 24-hour pay-and-display car park.

Car park: min fee 2 hrs at £2.20. £5 for over 5 hrs. Or call 0870 066 2501 & quote location 7855 to pay by phone



By Train/bus

From London either change at Peterborough or Newark North Gate for Lincoln, total journey times approx 2 hours. Exit the station by the taxis (plenty available) and turn left. Pass St-Mary-Le-Wigford church on your left and turn left at the traffic lights onto the high street. Walk over the railway crossing and the court is down the high street, behind the Magistrates' Court.

National Express East Coast & East Midlands trains

5 min walk in total; Trolley friendly

Highway taxis: 07828 921394

Understanding the Court

Days Open Mon–Fri

Opening/Sitting Times Building opens 09.00–17.00, court office open 10.00–16.00. Court sits from 10.00.

Listings DJs hear cases within set times but also multiple listings for small claims. CJs operate rolling lists so cases will roll over to the next day if not completed. Telephone hearings, conferences and video conferences available. The Crown Court is sometimes used for County Court matters and Boston County Court is also

used if a case comes from that area, as well as Grantham and Skegness and sometimes Nottingham.

Using the Court

Arriving Security searches and detectors in operation. Sign in at the ushers' desk on the 1st floor. Lists displayed on the 1st floor. Lift available.

Waiting Secure advocates' room and toilets on the 1st floor. Only a vending machine for drinks on 1st floor or canteen in next-door Magistrates' Court.

Preparing The Court office is on the ground floor. Charge for photocopying/faxes of £5 for first 10 pages and 50p per page thereafter unless photocopying ordered by Judge or draft order. Seven interview rooms all on the 1st floor, plus a library.

Performing There are three DJ rooms, one currently on the ground floor, soon to be moved to the 1st floor with the others. There are two CJ courtrooms on the 1st floor accessed over a bridge from the main court building. Robing only usually at committals or High Court hearings, but do check.

Escaping the Court

Eating

No time? The Round House outside the Magistrates' Court sells sandwiches, jacket potatoes, drinks etc.

More time? Turn right up the High Street and continue over the railway crossing and the main road until the High Street becomes pedestrianised. There are plenty of places to eat in this area. Lincoln Cathedral quarter also has a number of good restaurants such as the Castlegate restaurant: 01522 541 000.

Gourmet option There are several Michelin-starred restaurants in Lincolnshire. Harry's Place in Grantham has only 10 seats and so is the smallest one. Open Tues–Sat for lunch and dinner: 01476 561780. The Olive Branch in Clipsham was voted Michelin Pub of the Year in 2008 and is open 7 days a week: 01780 410355; www.theolivebranchpub.com

Shopping

The nearest cashpoint to the court is outside the Magistrates' Court or in the St Mark's shopping area opposite the Magistrates' Court, past Debenhams. There is the Waterside Shopping Centre on the High Street, or if you have lots of time head up to the Bailgate shopping area and Steep Hill in the Cathedral Quarter for more specialist and boutique shops.

Attractions

As well as Lincoln Castle and Cathedral, and surrounding historic streets, there is also the Medieval Bishop's Palace and vineyard to visit, and the waterfront area.

Accommodation

The Holiday Inn in the marina area (Brayford Waterfront) is within walking distance of the court: 0871 423 4931. Near the Crown Court in the Cathedral/Castle area is the 5-star Bailhouse Hotel and Mews and its sister hotel, the Charlotte House Hotel and Bar. Bailhouse Hotel: 01522 541000; www.bailhouse.co.uk.