

# Conquer the Wolds

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A circular ride through fine open countryside with superb views over the Ancholme Valley and the rolling farmlands of the high wolds. The area has many secluded roads to explore with several attractive villages within easy reach. The long-distance Viking Way footpath runs north to south through the centre of this route.



## Highlights

### Baysgarth House Museum

Baysgarth House is the ancestral home of the prominent Nelthorpe family. Set in 30 acres of parkland, this Grade II listed building is a beautiful example of Georgian architecture and the perfect setting for a family day out. With a variety of exhibitions held throughout the year, the museum displays reflect the local significance of the house.



### Waters' Edge Country Park, Barton

Explore 110 acres of country park and nature reserve, discover how green you are with interactive displays or just chill out by the ponds and feed the ducks. Little ones will love the reading corner and giant games and can burn off energy in the outdoor areas.

Explore the gift shop which stocks a variety of locally crafted gifts and enjoy a coffee, whilst taking in the spectacular views over the Humber Estuary at Honey Pot Café, both located within the visitor centre.



The pretty villages along the western slope of the Wolds are locally known as 'the Low Villages'. Your route follows Middlegate Lane, an ancient road along the crest of the Wold slope above Horkstow, Saxby, Bonby and Worlaby. Most of the top land is now arable but grassland survives on the steeper slopes. From here, there are extensive views of Read's Island in the River Humber and over the distant woodlands around Broughton and Scunthorpe. The woodlands above Saxby attract many birds including buzzards.

At the top of Elsham Hill, you'll skirt the remains of a major wartime airfield. Once the home of Lancaster bombers, the old base is now an industrial estate. After you pass under the A15, the village of Melton Ross soon appears. The de Ross family living here were locked in a feud with the Tyrwhitt's of Kettleby. James I erected gallows (which still stand on the A18) as a warning that if the bloodshed did not come to an end, these would secure the fate of the next person to take a life.

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## Rider Information

Road surface is constructed of tarmac and is in a reasonable state of repair. However, watch out for small potholes that pepper the roads.

Please take care at the junction when crossing the B1206. This route is suitable for all bike types.

## The grades for cycle rides

Ride easy, ride steady, ride well and ride strong have been developed by British Cycling to help cyclists to decide whether a particular route is appropriate for their ability.

## Directions

**Barton Upon Humber sits on the A15, just south of the Humber Bridge. It is within easy reach of Scunthorpe, via A1077; Hull, via A15; and Grimsby, via M180 and A15.**

**Free parking at Baysgarth Park, which is the starting point for this route.**

- 1 Starting and finishing at Baysgarth Park, Barton Upon Humber, turn left out of the entrance of the park and head south on Brigg Road.
- 2 At around 0.3 of a mile, turn right onto Horkstow Road and stay on it for around 3 miles.
- 3 As you pass some farm buildings on your right, you will start to descend. Do not get carried away as you will be turning left onto Middlegate Lane.
- 4 Continue to ride along Middlegate Lane for around 7.6 miles. There are numerous stopping points to take in the breathtaking views of the marshlands on your right.

5 At the end of Middlegate Lane is a 'Give Way' junction. Turn sharp left for Burnham.

6 Continue on the road over the A180, and two crossroads, giving way to traffic that has priority.

7 After negotiating the second crossroad, you come onto Burnham Lane, stay on this road as it twists through the village of Burnham.

8 At about 2.4 miles there is a 'Give Way' junction, with Caistor Road. Continue round to the left at this junction and follow the road into Barton Upon Humber.

9 When you can see Baysgarth Park to your left, turn into Preston Road, follow it to the end and turn left again back to the starting point.

## Refreshments

★ **The Singing Kettle Café**  
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07510 658706

★ **Partners Tea Room**  
[www.facebook.com/77ahighstreet/](http://www.facebook.com/77ahighstreet/)  
07517 938992

★ **The Secret Garden Tea Rooms at Elsham Hall**  
[www.facebook.com/secretgardenelsham/](https://www.facebook.com/secretgardenelsham/)  
01652 682763

★ **Bonby Post Office**  
Café has shut but they have some food and refreshments that can be bought from the shop.

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01652 409062

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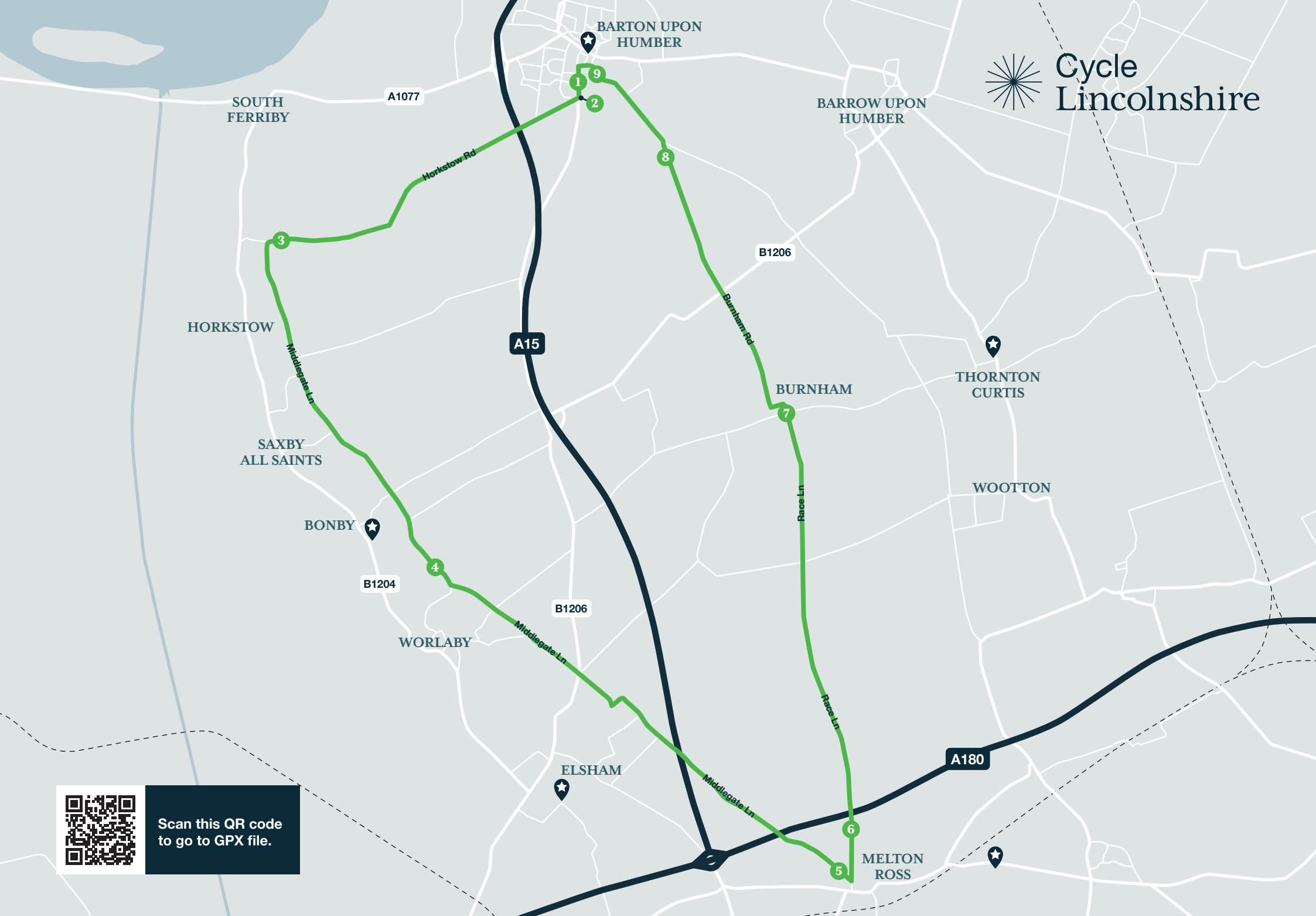
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