

In Search of the Lost Don

📍 4 stages | 📏 6 mi (9.5 km) | 🚲 Ride Steady

A circular route, passing through ideal cycling country. This area, drained by the Dutch in the 17th century, has a rich and varied history and a great diversity of flora and fauna.



Highlights

Waterton Hall

The Hall is located on the site of the deserted medieval village of Waterton. It has one of the most substantial threshing barns in the area; the date stones testify to the prosperity of agriculture in the 18th century. The village stood on the riverbank until the main channel moved to the east. Waterton also has a horse wheel still with most of its machinery intact.

Luddington

Luddington is a typical local village with most of the properties clustered around the main street. The one-time abundance of public houses catered for the high number of farm workers once employed on the land. To the north of the village are the remains on a brick-built windmill.

Keady Lock

The tidal entrance to Stainforth and Keady Canal opened in 1802. Keady has grown over the years, influenced by the building of the first power station in 1948-1952. The King George V Bridge at Keady, built 1912-1916 by Sir James Ball is the only crossing of the Trent to the Ise of Axholme.

Rider Information

There is no car parking available near the starting point.

Mere Dyke is not signposted, but sits on the junction with Mere Dyke Road and Northfield Lane (B1392), and Shore Road. This junction sits east of Luddington and north of Amcott. It is best accessed from the A18, which runs between Scunthorpe and Hatfield. From Scunthorpe, take the first right after crossing the River Trent. From Hatfield, before negotiating the sharp right hand bend before the bridge, take the left hand fork onto the B1392.

Road surface is constructed of tarmac and is in a reasonable state of repair. These are quiet country roads and are not that well maintained. Take care as there are numerous potholes to catch out the unsuspecting.

Suitable for all types of bike.

The grades for cycle rides

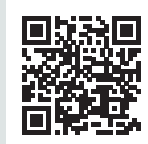
Ride easy, ride steady, ride well and ride strong have been developed by British Cycling to help cyclists to decide whether a particular route is appropriate for their ability.

Directions

- 1 Start/Finish: Meredyke.
- 1 Set off by heading in a northerly direction up Shore Lane, which after a mile and a half turns sharp left.
- 1 Head into Garthorpe, turn left at the T-junction onto High Street.
- 1 After a left hand bend, turn a sharp right onto Luddington Road/Garthorpe Road, and pass through Fockerby. Continue on Luddington Road for 1.8 miles, and then turn left onto Luddington High Street. Follow the road round a sweeping left hand bend. The road now becomes Mere Dyke Road. Stay on this road until you reach the finish.

Refreshments

- ★ **Sadie's Tea Room** 15 min drive (7.3 mi) from Fockerby | www.facebook.com | Sadiestearoom@msn.com
- ★ **Orgullo Wine Bar and Coffee House** 14 min drive (7.3 mi) from Fockerby | www.orgullo-wine-bar-and-coffee-house.business.site
- ★ **Red Lion Crowle** 14 min drive (7.2 mi) from Fockerby | www.theredlioncrowle.co.uk | 01724 711611 | info@theredlioncrowle.co.uk



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