

'Tails' of the Riverbank

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This circular route crosses the North Lincolnshire boundary several times south of Brigg. The route lies within the Ancholme Valley, taking in attractive small villages, riverside scenery, the Roman road Ermine Street, and several interesting historic sites.



Highlights

Brigg

Brigg is a bustling market town, which has held an annual Horse Fair on 5th August since 1215. This traditional trading event is organised by the travelling community, and you can expect to see lots of caravans, horses and ponies. World famous tenor, Gervase Elwes, lived there, starting the Brigg Music Festival in 1900. Apart from its weekly market, Brigg holds a Farmer's market every 4th Sunday of the month.



Scawby

Scawby has many old stone built houses, farms and estate cottages. The Nelthorpe family, who live in the Hall, has owned the surrounding land for many hundreds of years. Scawby Grove stands to the south-west of the village, built in 1884 for Scunthorpe Ironmaster Joseph Cliff. Nearby Twigmoor Woods have a superb show of rhododendrons.

Hibalstow

An attractive growing village. To the north-east of the church is a combined windmill and watermill built in 1802. Hibalstow Bridge is a handsome structure, spanning the slow flowing 'New River'. The Ancholme, one of the most prolific fishing waters in Eastern England, attracts many breeding birds including great crested grebes, reed and sedge warblers and reed buntings.



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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. **There is a section of this route that in wet conditions is not suitable for road specific bicycles. This section features after crossing the bridge over the River Ancholme and travelling along Starham Road.** Starham Road is best described as a Bridleway.

Suitable for gravel, mountain and hybrid bicycles.

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.

Parking

Parking is not an issue in Brigg. The most convenient is the Angel Car Park, which is free for the first 2 hours, and £2.00 for anything over that time. You can see the Public Office building from the car park, and there is a little ginnel (cut-through), that takes you to the starting point.

Directions

- 1 Starting at the Information Centre, The Buttcross. Head West on Brook Street and ride over the bridge.
- 2 Turn left onto the A18. (Proceed with care as this can be a busy section of road).
- 3 Take the second exit at the roundabout and continue on the A18.

- 4 At the second roundabout take the first exit onto the B1206, Scawby Road.
- 5 In about 0.8 of a mile turn right and follow the signs for Scawby.
- 6 In Scawby, at the T-junction, turn left and continue to Hibaldstow.
- 7 After rounding a right hand bend in Hibaldstow, turn left onto Church Street, which leads onto Ings Lane.
- 8 Follow Ings Lane to the end, and at the T-junction, turn right onto Cross Carr Road.
- 9 At the next junction, turn left onto South Carr Lane. Continue to the end of the road where you come to a bridge. Although there are barriers on the bridge, they do not prevent cyclists crossing it, but do so with care as there are gaps between the wooden planks.
- 10 Cross the bridge and turn right. Although this section is referred to as Starham Road, it is better described as being a Bridleway and not suitable for road specific bikes. At the end of the track the road turns left, back onto a tarmac surface, albeit an ill maintained surface.
- 11 At the farm buildings follow the road around to the right onto Carr Road. Stay on Carr Road to North Kelsey.
- 12 As you come into North Kelsey the road bends to the left and becomes West Street. Take the first right turn onto Middle Street, passing the Butchers Arms on your right.
- 13 Ride to the end of the road and turn left onto the High Street. Follow this road out of the village on the B1434, Brigg Road.
- 14 Riding through Howsham village you are greeted with a sweeping left hand bend, followed by a right hand bend. After this second bend turn left onto the B1434, Cadney Road.

- 15 Follow the road round to the right in Cadney, and stay on the road all the way into Brigg.
- 16 At the traffic lights on Elwes Street, turn left towards the start point.

Refreshments

- 📍 **Greenfield Tearoom** | www.facebook.com/greenfieldtearoom | 07779 777509
- 📍 **Café Courtyard** | www.grandadsshedbrigg.co.uk/the-cafe-courtyard | 01652 657900
- 📍 **The Steel Rooms** | www.thesteelrooms.com | 01652 657256 | info@thesteelrooms.com
- 📍 **Shipleys Curiosities** | www.shipleyscuriosities.co.uk | 01652 408188 | amanda-gould@hotmail.co.uk
- 📍 **College Yard** | www.facebook.com/College-yard-Brigg-1885285561570753/
- 📍 **Grandads Shed/The Loft** | www.grandadsshedbrigg.co.uk/the-loft-restaurant | 01652 650416
- 📍 **Blyton Ice Cream** | www.blytonicecream.co.uk/brigg-ice-cream-parlour/ | 01652 655 961 | brigg@blytonicecream.co.uk
- 📍 **The Wheatsheaf Hotel** | www.thewheatsheafbrigg.co.uk | 01652 659595 | thewheatsheafbrigg@outlook.com
- 📍 **The Black Bull** | www.facebook.com/TheBlackBullBrigg | blackbull.brigg@stonegategroup.co.uk
- 📍 **The Butchers Arms** | www.butchersnorthkelsey.com | 01652 678002 | info@butchersnorthkelsey.com

