

The Haxey Strip

📍 12 stages | 📏 13 mi (20 km) | 🚲 Ride Well

This circular route takes you through open arable farming countryside with fine views, quaint small villages and historic sites.



Highlights

Epworth

Along this route keep an eye out for the strip farming which was once prolific in the Isle of Axholme. A relic of medieval farming, the narrow strips covered almost all the cultivated ground. Each owner had several strips around the parish, giving everyone a variety of soils. Up to the 1970s much of the system survived but now most are joined into wider areas more suitable for modern machinery.

Epworth Turbarry

A Lincolnshire Trust nature reserve. Here, landowner John de Mowbray, through the Mowbray Deed gave commoners the right to cut peat for fuel.

Graizelound

A small village where several surviving narrow farming strips can be seen, most used for market garden crops.

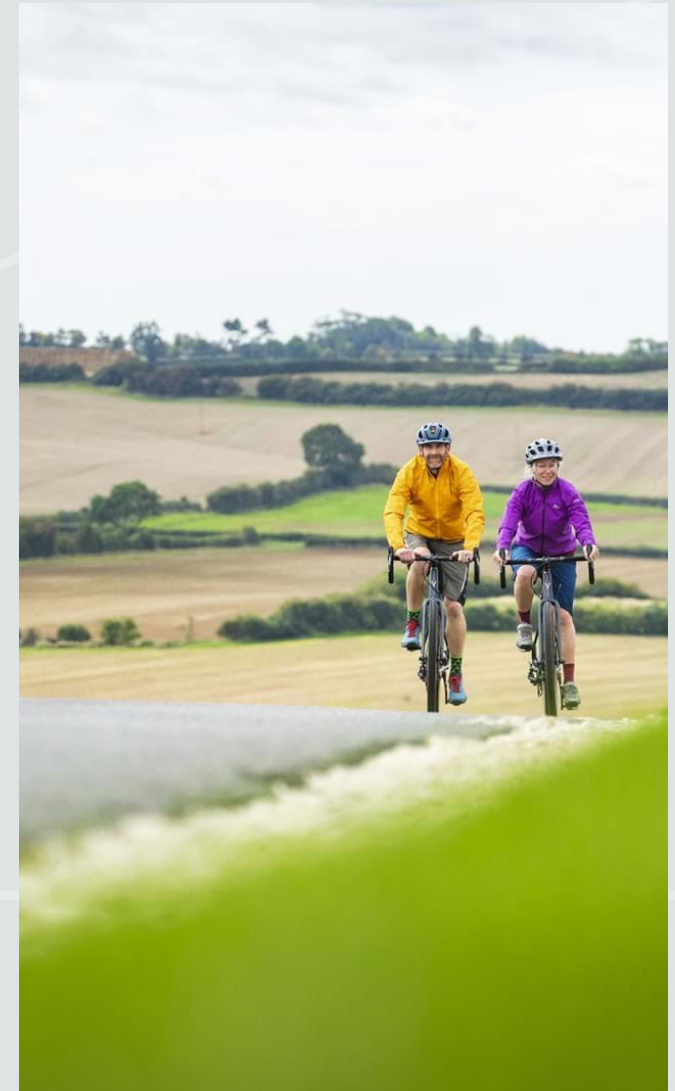
Rider Information

Road surface is constructed of tarmac and is in a reasonable state of repair. However, watch out for small potholes that pepper the roads. (Notice that there is a stretch of road, just after turning off Idle Bank, onto Cove Road, that the road has a significant dip, which will only deteriorate and requires repairing).

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.



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Directions

Epworth is a small town situated South West of Scunthorpe; North West of Gainsborough; and East of Doncaster.

- 1 Start/Finish: Junction High Street and Church Street Epworth
- 2 Head North West on the High Street for half a mile. Then turn left onto Battle Green.
- 3 Follow the road onto Studcross, and then take your second left onto Carrside, which takes you out of town.
- 4 The road comes to a T-junction, turn right onto Wroot Road. Follow it to the end and then turn left onto Idle Lane.
- 5 After about 2 miles, turn left onto Cove Road, for Westwoodside. The road leads into Commonsides after a sharp right-hand bend.
- 6 At the T-junction, turn right onto the B1396.
- 7 At the roundabout, take the first exit onto Akeferry Road, to Graizelound.
- 8 At the crossroads with the A161, go straight on, making sure you give way to priority traffic.
- 9 Follow the road all the way to Owston Ferry.
- 10 You will come to a T-junction, where you turn left and then immediately right onto Epworth Road. Stay on this road all the way to Epworth.
- 11 At the T-junction, turn left onto Rectory Street, and then take the 4th right onto Albion Hill.
- 12 Take the 3rd right onto Church Street and follow to start/finish.

Refreshments

- ★ **Mowbrays**
www.facebook.com/mowbrayscafe
01427 754945
mowbrayshaxey@gmail.com
- ★ **Lemon Tree Tea Rooms** – a little off route but great opening times, plenty of space and good car park
www.facebook.com/HolmesandGardens.
LemonTreeTeaRoom
01427 872282
holmesandgardens1@hotmail.co.uk
- ★ **The Cosy Cake Shop**
www.facebook.com/TheCosyCakeShop
01427 873228
- ★ **Mojo Coffee Lounge**
www.facebook.com/Mojo-Coffee-Lounge-
Epworth-226169690860159
07858 420471
- ★ **Hatty's Tea Room**
info@hattystearoom.co.uk
01427 875507
- ★ **Albion Bakery & Café**
www.facebook.com/AlbionBakery
01427 872529
- ★ **The Crooked Billet**
www.the-crooked-billet-owston-ferry.business.site
07546 855899
- ★ **The Epworth Tap** – Evenings/Restaurant
www.theepworthtap.co.uk/
01427 873 333
info@theepworthtap.co.uk

- ★ **Red Lion Steakhouse** – Evenings Monday to Friday
www.redlioneppworth.co.uk
01427 872 208
redlioneppworth@btinternet.com
- ★ **White Bear Pub**
www.thewhitebearpub.co.uk
01427 872 544
info@thewhitebearpub.co.uk
- ★ **The Old School Inn** – Evenings/Restaurant
www.theoldschoolinneapolis.co.uk
01427 875835
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- ★ **Koko Leaf** - Evenings
www.facebook.com/KokoLeafEpworth
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