

Where Romans Trod

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This circular route overlooks the valley of River Ancholme through mainly arable countryside and along the Roman, Ermine Street.



Highlights

Winterton

This small attractive town has a wealth of historic buildings surrounding the market place, which is overlooked by All Saints parish church.

Roxby

Roxby has stone houses and farm buildings gathered around the 14th century church of St Mary. In the garden between North and South Street lies the site of an important Roman dwelling, its mosaic floor occasionally exposed for viewing.

Brigg

Once one of the country's major centres for the curing of rabbit skins. During this century the majority of heathland has been put into cultivation, planted with trees or mined for ironstone.



Appleby

Appleby was once the country home of the Winn family, later Lords St Oswald. Rowland Winn, the pioneer of the Scunthorpe iron and steel industry, built the attractive 'New Frodingham' village and was the driving force behind the coming of the railway to the area.

Ermine Street

Constructed by soldiers in the mid-first century AD it was one of the finest stretches of Roman Road in the country.

River Ancholme

Known locally as the 'Carrs', an old term to describe low lying land liable to flooding. The drainage of the Ancholme Valley proved to be very difficult taking around 200 years to perfect.

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Rider Information

Winterton sits a few miles north of Scunthorpe and to the west of Barton Upon Humber. Consequently it is within easy reach of both towns via the A1077.

There are very few parking spaces in the High Street car Park. Other than that only street parking available.

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

Although there is a short section of Bridleway, there is a tarmac surface running along it, making it suitable for all types of bike. Care should be taken on the Bridleway as it is very popular with dog walkers, who of course have priority.

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 Starting point is Junction of Market Street, Low Street and King Street, turn onto Low Street and head west, follow the road around a left hand bend; the road now becomes Sowers Lane.
- 2 In front of you is a Bridleway. Continue onto the Bridleway, remembering that pedestrians and horses have priority over cyclists.
- 3 At the end of the Bridleway turn right onto North Street.
- 4 Take the third turning on your left into East Street. As you follow the road round a right bend, the road becomes South Street, and after a left hand bend the road becomes Brackenholme Road.
- 5 When you reach the 'Give Way' junction turn left for Low Risby/Appleby.
- 6 Follow the road for about a mile and a half, and at the junction, turn left onto the B1207.
- 7 After a mile there is a fork in the road, take the left fork and stay on the B1207.
- 8 Stay on this road, which takes you back into Winterton, turning left into King Street to the start point.

Refreshments

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