

Big Skies Bike Rides

Useful information to help you on your way



Use the following information in conjunction with any of the printable A4 cycle ride maps for exploring the Yorkshire Wolds, a crescent of rolling chalk hills full of quiet charm, long views... and big skies.

Most of these circular rides start from Wolds edge towns and villages (good for buying things to eat before you set off) and six of them can be accessed by train. Sections of the National Cycle Network (numbered blue signs) and The National Byway (brown signs) are used.

Following the routes

Each route is highlighted on its own Ordnance Survey map with arrows showing which way round to go and added directions at numbered points to help with navigation. The keys to maps and route descriptions explain the symbols shown on the maps and the abbreviations used. The general rule is to keep to the road you are on unless otherwise directed. Please note all distances are approximate and refreshment stops opening times vary.

*1:50,000 scale = 1¼ inches to 1 mile or 2cm to 1km

Route grading

Each route is graded *Easy*, *Moderate* or *Hard* based on average height gain per kilometre.

Key to route descriptions

R	=	right
L	=	left
SA	=	straight ahead/across
T-jct	=	T junction
X-roads	=	crossroads
m	=	metres
km	=	kilometre (0.6 mile)
Scale*	=	20mm = 1km (0.6 mile)

Key to maps

	Cycle route
	Route through town
	Route instruction
	Primary route
	Main road
	Secondary road
	Minor road
	Take special care at this point/section
	Gradient: 14-20% (arrow points downhill)

Travelling by train

The rides from *Beverley (1)*, *Hunmanby (6)*, *Bridlington (7)* and *Driffield (8)* can all be reached by trains running on Northern Rail's *Yorkshire Coast Line*. Bikes travel free of charge and reservations for the two bike spaces per train are not required (no restrictions on folding bikes) – conductors will be as helpful as passenger numbers allow.

More information at www.yorkshirecoastline.co.uk

The ride from *Hessle (10)* can also be reached by Northern Rail trains www.northernrail.org

First TransPennine Express trains will get you to the ride from *Malton (4)*. Again bikes go free but reservations for the two bikes spaces are recommended.

For all train travel and up to date information about bikes on trains call National Rail on **08457 48 49 50** or go to www.nationalrail.co.uk

Cycle shops and hire

There are cycle shops in Beverley, Bridlington (cycle hire), Driffield, Malton (cycle hire) and near Pocklington (cycle hire). The Tourist Information Centres opposite will have details.

Cycling safely

Cycling should be fun but it should also be safe. Simple safety rules, first aid advice and more help are available from www.direct.gov.uk/en/travelandtransport/highwaycode

Your views

Let us know what you think about these cycle rides. Talk to TIC staff and /or send an e-mail to info@vhey.co.uk

Tourist Information Centres

Beverley TIC

34 Butcher Row, HU17 0AB

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Bridlington TIC

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Malton TIC

Market Place, YO17 7LP

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Rides 1-8 are also in the *Big Skies Bike Rides* guide available from the Tourist Information Centres above. Rides 9 & 10 are available at www.visithullandeastyorkshire.com from Summer 2011.

