

Terrain

The terrain is mostly free from steep hills, though there is a climb past Willwick Hill Plantation when approaching Alkborough from Whitton. Winterton and West Halton hills are short but very steep, though these are only included as options.



General Notes

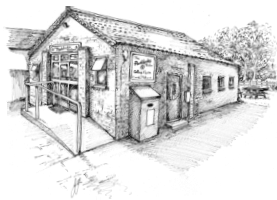
In northerly winds, particularly in winter, the best direction for the rides is clockwise. This avoids a long stretch of headwind from Thealby Bridges to the Whitton triangle.

Much of the rides are alongside hawthorn hedges. These offer good windbreaks, especially during the summer. However beware at times of hedge cutting since any debris gives a high risk of punctures. There is often loose gravel at junctions. This can be hazardous at the end of downhill (hence fast) sections, so extra care is needed.



There is a pub in West Halton: The Butcher's Arms, and a post office. There are shops, including a tea shop and two pubs in Burton upon Stather. The Sheffield Arms is at one end of the high street and the Ferry House is down the hill in Burton Stather. This is a pleasant spot in the summer to sit on the river bank, but it is a stiff climb back up the hill!

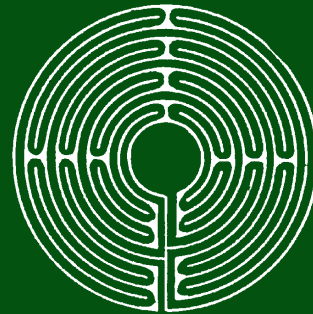
When following Route A, a diversion to cycle round the village of Whitton is a worthwhile option.



At the end of your circular ride there is The Paddocks tea shop on Back Street in Alkborough, which is very comfortable and reasonably priced, but check the opening times/days.

Also on Back Street is the Coronation Club which welcomes visitors who need to quench their thirst. Again, check opening times. Don't forget to visit Julian's Bower in Alkborough: a turf maze with an excellent view over the Isle of Axholme.

The options may seem a little complicated but reference to the route diagram should help. None of the routes are 'off-road.'



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Cycle Rides North Lincolnshire



SHORT CYCLE RIDES



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The Routes

Route A - 5 miles

Through West Halton.

Leave Alkborough by West Halton Lane. At the T-junction when entering West Halton, turn left and head north towards Whitton. Almost immediately at the next T-junction, carry straight on towards Whitton, or turn right to ride around West Halton.

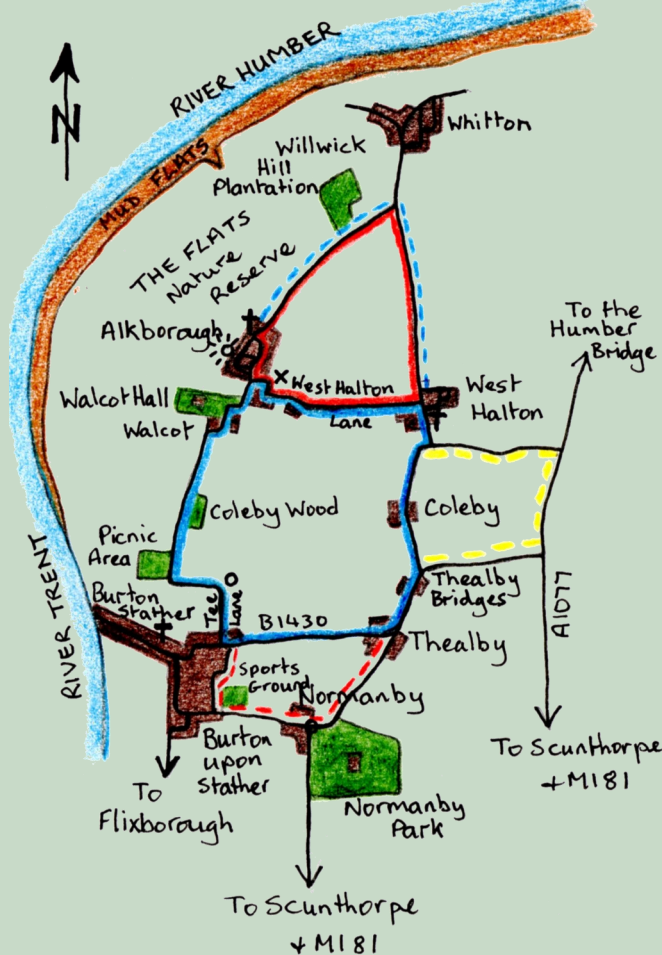
After a little over a mile at the next T-junction, turn left at the grass triangle and climb the hill past Willwick's Hill Plantation on your right. It is approximately two miles back to Alkborough.

Route B - 8 Miles

Via Walcot, Burton upon Stather, Thealby, Coleby, West Halton.

Leave Alkborough on the Walcot Road. The road climbs gently through Walcot and reaches its highest point of 67m around the electricity pylons. From here there is an excellent view over the Isle of Axholme and Trent and Ouse valleys towards the Pennines and over the Vale of York towards the Yorkshire Wolds and North York Moors.

Continue past Coleby Wood on the left and Burton picnic site on the right and on to Burton upon Stather. At the T-junction in Burton upon Stather, at the end of Tee Lane, turn left onto the B1430 (signposted Thealby and Winterton) and follow the road downhill to Thealby. At the T-junction in Thealby, by the large grass triangle, turn left and proceed down Thealby Lane to a T-junction known as Thealby Bridges (the origin of the name is not obvious as there is no landmark bridge). Turn left and head through Coleby to the next T-junction. Turn left to West Halton. Carry straight on at the T-junction by the church. Just after the Village Hall on the right, turn left at the T-junction and return to Alkborough.



- Roads
- x Windmill
- o Water Tower
- ☀ Julian's Bower (Turf Maze)
- + Church
- 🏠 Village
- Route A
- Route B
- - - Option 1
- - - Option 2
- - - Option 3

Option 1, 10 miles

Follow Route B to West Halton. Instead of turning left to Alkborough, join Route A and return to Alkborough past Willwick's Hill Plantation.

Option 2, 11 miles

Follow Route B to the end of Tee Lane in Burton upon Stather. Turn left and almost immediately at the next T-junction turn right and follow Wiltshire Avenue. Pass the sports ground on the left and at the T-junction turn left and proceed downhill through an avenue of trees to Normanby. At the end of Normanby village there is a mini roundabout.

Straight ahead there is an entrance to Normanby Hall Country Park. Between October and March, entry may be gained at this point via a small side gate on the left. The park is perfect for picnics or a visit to the Hall. There is also a cafe, riding stables, museum and craft shop which also sells produce from the Victorian walled garden. Cycling in the park is not encouraged and priority should be given to pedestrians, particularly children and horse riders.

Turn left at the mini-roundabout. Pass the main entrance to Normanby Hall Country Park on the right (where entrance can be gained most of the year, though there is an entrance fee during the summer). Follow the road to Thealby. At the T-junction by the large grass triangle, carry straight on to rejoin Route B. Follow Route B to West Halton and turn first left to return to Alkborough.

Option 3, 12 miles (includes steep ascent and descent and 1 mile along the busy A1077).

Follow Route B to the T-junction at Thealby Bridges. Carry straight on and climb the short but steep hill up to the T-junction with the A1077. Turn left. Please use caution here since this is a busy main road.

After approximately one mile, turn left at the T-junction signposted to West Halton. Descend the steep hill, passing the entrance on the left to the Waste Management Site. Continue to the T-junction and turn right to West Halton. Pass the church and the village hall on the right. At the next T-junction carry straight on and follow Route A to return to Alkborough.

Additional Options