
**Route length:**
With return route one: 32 km (20 miles).
Return route two: 33 ½ km (21 miles).

**Route description:** Circular, on quiet roads, disused railway lines, on and off road cycle paths. Uses sections of the NCN routes 64 and 93.

**Starting point:** Brayford Pool, Lincoln. Grid Ref: SK 972 712.

**Parking:** Pay & Display car parks Lincoln.

**Public transport:** Why not get to the start of the route by train.
For train times call 08457 484940 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk.
The nearest train station is Lincoln.

**Tourist Information Centre:**
21 The Cornhill, Lincoln. 01522 873256.

**Public toilets:** Lucy Tower Street, Lincoln. High Street, Lincoln.
Whisby Nature Park, Thorpe on the Hill.

North Hykeham.

**Pubs:** Selection in Lincoln. Pyewipe Inn. The Plough, Skellingthorpe.

**Cycle shops:** F&J Cycles, Hungate, Lincoln. Tel: 01522 545311.
Arrow Cycles, 312 Newark Road, North Hykeham. Tel: 01522 694564.
Lincoln Cycling Centre, 176 Newark Road, Lincoln. Tel: 01522 525559.
Halfords, Tritton Road, Lincoln. Tel: 01522 513186.

**Ordnance survey maps:** Landranger 121 Lincoln.
Explorer 271 Newark on Trent and 272 Lincoln.

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Escape the city on two wheels with this cycle route. From the centre of Lincoln you will quickly be out into the surrounding countryside. Enjoy a ride alongside a canal, along an old railway line, now a cycle path, through a wooded landscape to a nature reserve which was once a quarry.

**Directions**

- **Pub/Refreshments**
- **Shops**
- **Places to look out for**
- **Take care**
- **Toilets**

1. Follow the National Cycle Network (NCN) 64 away from Brayford Pool, along Brayford Wharf North, out of the city (signed Whisby and Newark).

2. Continue along the edge of the Foss Dyke to the Pyewipe Inn.

3. Cross the car park and follow the access road under the A46 and then turn left to a bridge over the Foss Dyke (cycle path is narrow here).

4. Follow the old railway line for 4 miles (6½ km) to the edge of Harby village. Turn left off the old railway line.

5. Turn right along Station Road to follow NCN 64 to Whisby.

6. In Harby turn left (signed Eagle) past the pub.

7. Turn left along Church Road.

8. At the roundabout at Eagle Moor turn right (signed Eagle).

9. In Eagle turn left (signed Thorpe on the Hill) past sand and gravel extraction on your left.

10. At Thorpe on the Hill crossroads continue straight on (signed Lincoln).

11. After approximately 1km (½ mile) turn left into Whisby Nature Park.

12. You have two options for the return ride to Lincoln:

   ONE: Using an off road and then on road cycle path beside the A46 and Newark Road, and an off road cycle path close to the river Witham.

   TWO: Using country lanes and then part of the outward ride along the old railway line.

13. Return route ONE:

   Having visited the Nature Park turn left, then right to Thorpe on the Hill.

   At the Trijunction turn right and then left (signed Haddington and NCN 93 Lincoln).

   Cross over the A46, turn left following NCN 93 Lincoln. At the A46 turn right and follow the cycle track towards Lincoln alongside the A46.

   At the roundabout follow the path side cycle track (signed NCN 93 Lincoln).

14. At Whisby crossroads continue straight on (signed Doddington).

15. At the crossroads turn right (signed Skellingthorpe).

16. Follow this off road cycle track for 3 km (2 miles) to a bridge and junction with Firth Road (just after Anchor Quay).

17. Turn left and at the roundabout turn right. Just before the traffic lights and junction with Tritton Road turn left along the cycle path. Turn right to cross Tritton Road using the controlled crossing (at the entrance to the retail park) to reach the cycle track on the opposite side of the road.

18. Turn right and follow the cycle path straight on and over the Foss Dyke.

19. At the traffic lights at the junction of Brayford Way and Carholme Road turn left and then immediately left along Holmes Road.

20. Turn left to go under the road and return to Brayford Pool.

21. Return route TWO:

   Having visited the Nature Park turn left, then right to Thorpe on the Hill.

   At the T-junction in Thorpe on the Hill turn right. (signed Whisby).

   At the crossroads continue straight on (signed Whisby).

   Take care at the level crossing.
The letters used here correspond to those shown on the map and in the directions.

❄️ Foss Dyke
This 11 mile canal is thought to have been constructed by the Romans and links Lincoln to the river Trent at Torksey.

❄️ Skellingthorpe Heritage Centre
Housed in a former weigh-bridge office this is the place to find out more about RAF Skellingthorpe and the 50 and 61 Squadrons who were based there.

❄️ Skellingthorpe Old Wood
There has been woodland on this site since the 1600s making it an ancient semi-natural woodland. It is now owned and managed by the Woodland Trust. After the first World War areas of the wood were given to ex soldiers as part of the Hornes for Heroes initiative.

❄️ Whisby Nature Park
Cycling is not permitted around the park so please explore the area on foot following one of the waymarked walks.

There are 300 acres of lakes, marsh, scrub, grassland and woodland – a great place to explore and watch wildlife.

The lakes are the result of former sand and gravel extraction and a good example of how former quarry sites can be restored for the benefit of both wildlife and people.

❄️ Natural World Centre
The centre has a lot to offer so take time to visit the exhibition, browse around the shop, or enjoy some local produce in the café.

❄️ River Witham
The river rises south of Grantham, passes through Lincoln before draining into The Wash at Boston. This section is an oasis for wildlife within the busy city, look out for swans, mallards moorhens and geese.

❄️ Oaks
Cycling along this section you will notice the well wooded landscape but also take time to admire the impressive oak trees growing in the hedgerows. The oak is the king of British trees and is home to more species of insect than any other tree variety. Oak timber is strong and durable and has been used throughout history in both the construction of buildings and boats.

Be a responsible cyclist

- Always follow the highway code.
- Always follow the countryside code.
- Be courteous to other users and vehicles.
- Use a bell to let people know you are there.
- Be seen – where high visibility clothing and use lights in poor visibility.
- Wear a helmet.
- Keep your bike roadworthy.
- Please do not cycle around the nature reserves – take time to enjoy them on foot.

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