

# Northern Holderness Cycle Map

Five cycle routes in and around Northern Holderness



## Welcome to Northern Holderness!

Northern Holderness is an area of rich agricultural land in a rural area of East Yorkshire with small towns, pretty villages and dramatic coastlines. The city of Hull lies to the South-West corner and the town of Bridlington borders to the North-East. The area is great for cyclists with flat and quiet country lanes, which are ideal for less confident riders and practised cyclists alike. The area benefits from the Hornsea Rail Trail an off-road recreational route for walkers, cyclists and horse riders which was formerly part of the Hull to Hornsea railway line.

We hope that the cycle routes featured in this leaflet will inspire you to get out and explore Northern Holderness and surrounding area by bike, whether you are a local resident or a visitor. Dusting off your bike and getting into the saddle can help you get fit, burn away body fat, reduce the chances of heart disease as well as helping you discover places and scenery that are impossible to access by car.

### Hornsea Town

Hornsea is a classic British seaside resort with sandy beaches, a quaint promenade, a towering Victorian

folly and Yorkshire's largest freshwater lake. The town boasts plenty of interesting local history and has a colourful history of smuggling, a trade which was aided and abetted by the entire town, even the local church, whose vault was used to stash contraband.

The award-winning Hornsea Folk Museum is full of interactive displays and the largest collection of Hornsea Pottery in the world. Opposite the museum stands Bettison's Folly, a Grade Two listed building, built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Hornsea has various facilities to cater for cyclists including lots of local cafés, pubs, fish and chip restaurants and ice cream kiosks for tired cyclists to re-fuel after a ride. Hornsea's Floral Hall acts as a local community hub holding concerts, plays, dances, a cinema and has a popular café.

There are various cycle parking facilities in the town and cycle shops which sell, repair and hire bikes. There are also several mobile bike repairers in the East Riding. Please look online for up to date details.

## The Rides

Each of the routes on this map has been graded by difficulty and we have aimed to include rides which cater for all abilities. Most of the routes run along quiet roads but great care is needed on some routes as they cross busy roads and junctions. Please read the ride text before deciding which route is best for you. Ordnance Survey Explorer Maps 292, 293 and 295 cover these routes in detail if you would like further information.

If you enjoyed these rides you might be interested in similar leisure cycle route maps for other areas in the East Riding. The maps are also available to download onto your smart phone or other compatible devices Garmin, MemoryMap or SatMap devices. To view these maps visit [www.eastriding.gov.uk](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk) or for free copies email [transport.policy@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:transport.policy@eastriding.gov.uk) or call (01482) 393969.

We would also love to hear from you if you have any comments or suggestions about the routes featured in this map.

For those cyclists who want to try something more challenging the Trans Pennine Trail is a signed route for walkers, cyclists and horse riders of 215 miles (346km) between Southport and Hornsea. The National Byway, Britain's heritage cycling route is another signed route which uses existing, rural lanes through this area. For full details see [www.transpenninetrail.org.uk](http://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk) or [www.thenationalbyway.org](http://www.thenationalbyway.org)

More information on other longer distance cycle routes that run through and within the East Riding can be found at [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

## Good Cycling Code

In order for you to have fun and be safe on these rides, please consider these tips before taking to your bike:

- Be seen – consider wearing bright, reflective clothing and use lights at night or in poor visibility.
- Cycle helmets are recommended.
- Some of the paths on sections of the routes are shared use with pedestrians and horse riders. On these sections ride to the left of the path and respect other users.
- Ride positively and be aware of motorised vehicles – keep to the left to assist them in passing you safely.
- Go prepared. Take some water and a snack with you and make sure that your bike is in a good state of repair.
- Follow the Highway Code at all times.



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## Ride 1 – STEADY

This circular ride can be started in Seaton village and passes through the villages of Bewholme, Dunnington and Nunkeeling. The route is suitable for all abilities including children.

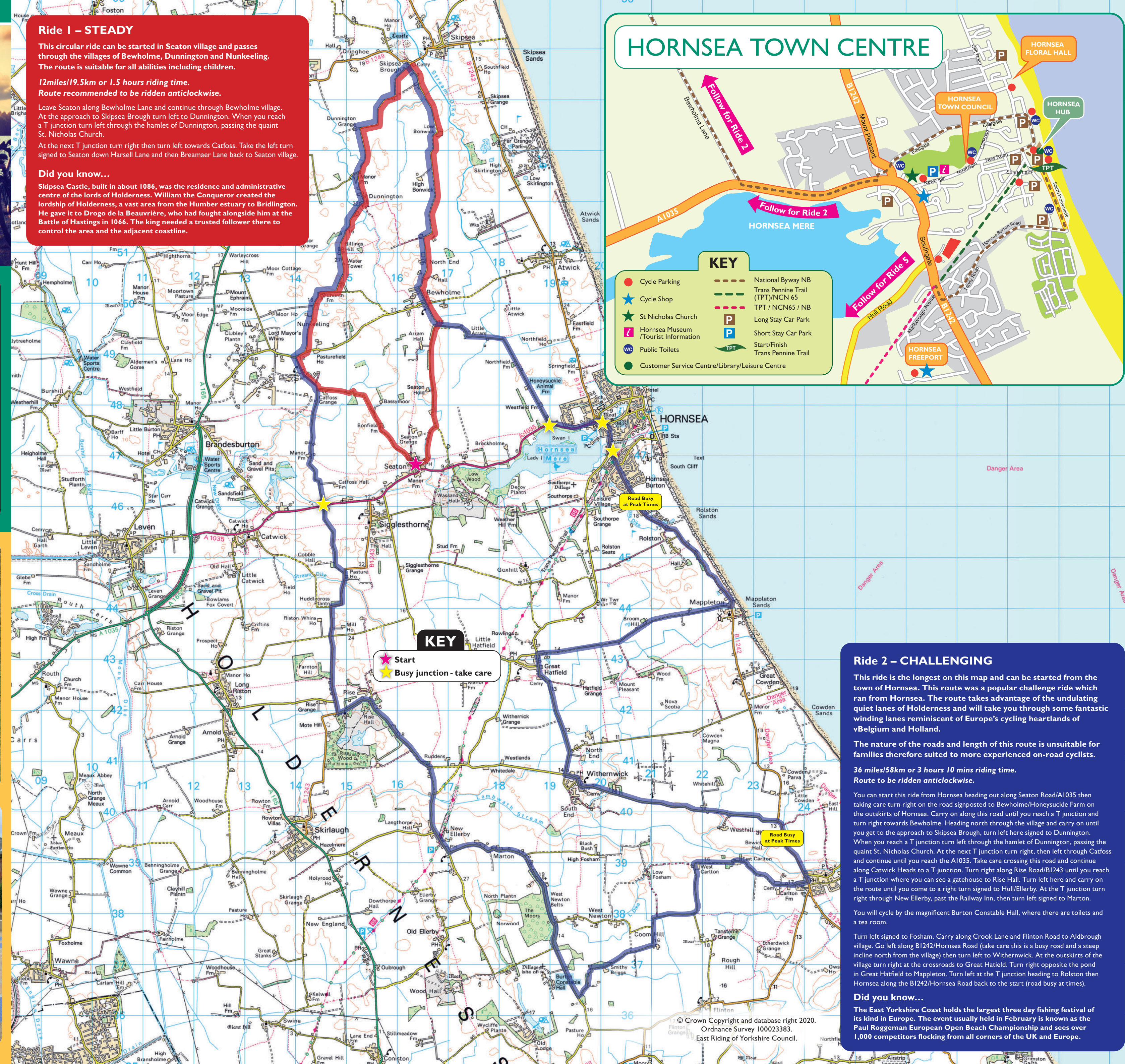
12miles/19.5km or 1.5 hours riding time.  
Route recommended to be ridden anticlockwise.

Leave Seaton along Bewholme Lane and continue through Bewholme village. At the approach to Skipssea Brough turn left to Dunnington. When you reach a T junction turn left through the hamlet of Dunnington, passing the quaint St. Nicholas Church.

At the next T junction turn right then turn left towards Catfoss. Take the left turn signed to Seaton down Harself Lane and then Breamaer Lane back to Seaton village.

### Did you know...

Skipssea Castle, built in about 1086, was the residence and administrative centre of the lords of Holderness. William the Conqueror created the lordship of Holderness, a vast area from the Humber estuary to Bridlington. He gave it to Drogo de la Beauvrière, who had fought alongside him at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. The king needed a trusted follower there to control the area and the adjacent coastline.



## HORNSEA TOWN CENTRE

**KEY**

● Cycle Parking	--- National Byway NB
★ Cycle Shop	--- Trans Pennine Trail (TPT)/NCN 65
★ St Nicholas Church	--- TPT / NCN65 / NB
📄 Hornsea Museum /Tourist Information	P Long Stay Car Park
WC Public Toilets	P Short Stay Car Park
● Customer Service Centre/Library/Leisure Centre	TPT Start/Finish
	--- Trans Pennine Trail

## Ride 2 – CHALLENGING

This ride is the longest on this map and can be started from the town of Hornsea. This route was a popular challenge ride which ran from Hornsea. The route takes advantage of the undulating quiet lanes of Holderness and will take you through some fantastic winding lanes reminiscent of Europe's cycling heartlands of vBelgium and Holland.

The nature of the roads and length of this route is unsuitable for families therefore suited to more experienced on-road cyclists.

36 miles/58km or 3 hours 10 mins riding time.  
Route to be ridden anticlockwise.

You can start this ride from Hornsea heading out along Seaton Road/A1035 then taking care turn right on the road signposted to Bewholme/Honeysuckle Farm on the outskirts of Hornsea. Carry on along this road until you reach a T junction and turn right towards Bewholme. Heading north through the village and carry on until you get to the approach to Skipssea Brough, turn left here signed to Dunnington. When you reach a T junction turn left through the hamlet of Dunnington, passing the quaint St. Nicholas Church. At the next T junction turn right, then left through Catfoss and continue until you reach the A1035. Take care crossing this road and continue along Catwick Heads to a T junction. Turn right along Rise Road/B1243 until you reach a T junction where you can see a gatehouse to Rise Hall. Turn left here and carry on the route until you come to a right turn signed to Hull/Ellerby. At the T junction turn right through New Ellerby, past the Railway Inn, then turn left signed to Marton.

You will cycle by the magnificent Burton Constable Hall, where there are toilets and a tea room.

Turn left signed to Fosham. Carry along Crook Lane and Flinton Road to Aldbrough village. Go left along B1242/Hornsea Road (take care this is a busy road and a steep incline north from the village) then turn left to Witherwick. At the outskirts of the village turn right at the crossroads to Great Hatfield. Turn right opposite the pond in Great Hatfield to Mappleton. Turn left at the T junction heading to Rolston then Hornsea along the B1242/Hornsea Road back to the start (road busy at times).

### Did you know...

The East Yorkshire Coast holds the largest three day fishing festival of its kind in Europe. The event usually held in February is known as the Paul Roggeman European Open Beach Championship and sees over 1,000 competitors flocking from all corners of the UK and Europe.



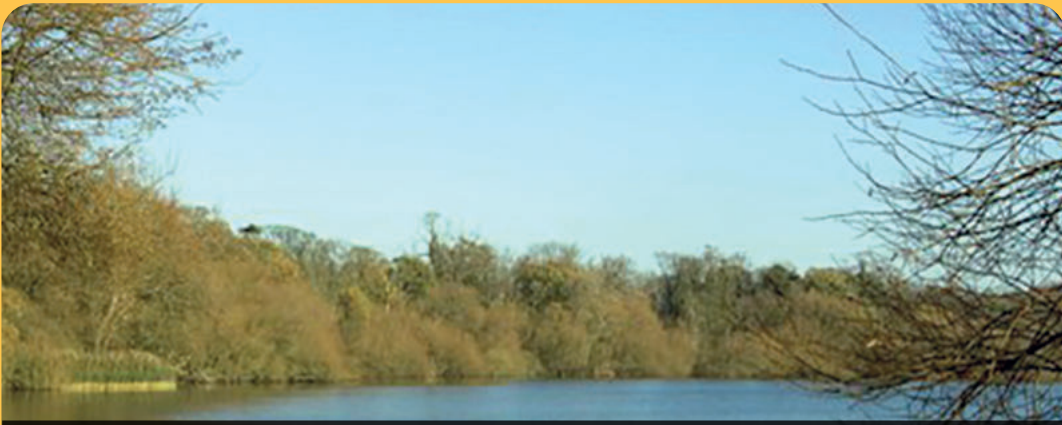


Burton Constable Hall and Gardens

Burton Constable is a spectacular Grade I Elizabethan mansion set in 300 acres of glorious ‘Capability Brown’ parkland. Home to the Constable family for 700 years, this country-house museum is crammed with fine furniture, paintings, sculpture, decorative art and paraphernalia, including a remarkable 18th century ‘cabinet of curiosities’ filled with weird and wonderful objects from around the globe. Visitors can also explore the restored stables and discover the Burton Constable Whale Skeleton, said to have inspired the novel ‘Moby Dick’. Enjoy lakeside walks and wildlife trails, or simply relax in this beautiful setting. For details of opening times, admission charges and a full event listing visit [www.burtonconstable.com](http://www.burtonconstable.com) or ring (01964) 562400.

There is a covered cycle shed located in the main visitor car park or you can choose to bring your bicycle into the grounds. Large groups of cyclists are welcome to chain their bicycles along the fence outside the Stables Tea Room and there is no entrance fee to the Tea Room and Gift Shop.

Photo © Burton Constable Foundation



Hornsea Mere

Hornsea Mere is the largest freshwater lake in Yorkshire and the last remaining post-glacial meltwater lake in the area. It is two miles long and 0.75 miles at its widest point and 12 feet at its deepest. It is a site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Protection Area for birds.

It is popular with different varieties of wildlife such as butterflies and grass snakes in the warmer months and birds such as pink footed geese and whooper swans in winter. Rowing boats are available for hire and fishing permits can be purchased on site. There is also a café, gift shop and 18 hole putting green all with a unique view. Hornsea Mere is owned by Wassand Hall, situated to the west of the mere, and was purchased by the Hall's estate for £50 in the 16th century.

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Hornsea Museum

Hornsea Museum has lots to see including a Victorian farmhouse and garden, workshops, blacksmith's shop, 18th century barn, a working model railway and a Victorian schoolroom in Swallow Cottage. There are militaria exhibits and childhood toy displays.

The museum also includes over 2,000 pieces of pottery charting the history of the Hornsea Pottery company which closed in April 2000.

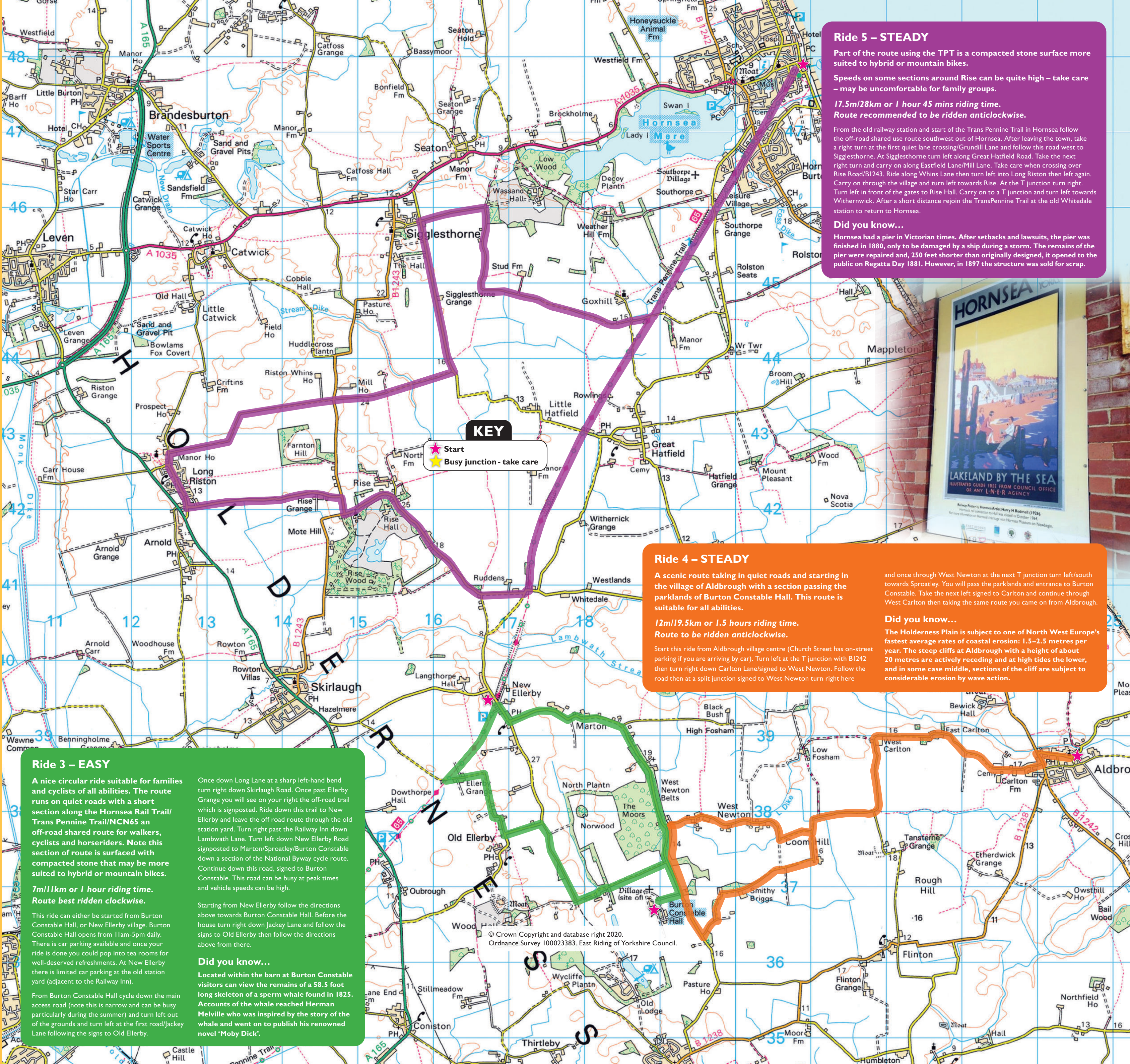
The accredited museum is staffed almost entirely by volunteers, has local tourist information and a shop which is open throughout much of the year.

For details of events, opening times and admission charges go to [www.hornseamuseum.com](http://www.hornseamuseum.com)

Honeysuckle Farm

Honeysuckle Farm is a visitor animal petting farm near Hornsea and is also a working farm. The farm offers a number of attractions for the family. As well as all the animals to see, there are horse and cart rides, milking demonstrations, nature walks, outdoor play areas and two barns where children can play on straw bales. There is also a café, shop and homemade ice cream made with fresh milk from the farm's Jersey cows.

For opening times visit [www.honeysucklefarm.co.uk](http://www.honeysucklefarm.co.uk) or ring (01964) 533873.



Ride 3 – EASY

A nice circular ride suitable for families and cyclists of all abilities. The route runs on quiet roads with a short section along the Hornsea Rail Trail/ Trans Pennine Trail/NCN65 an off-road shared route for walkers, cyclists and horseriders. Note this section of route is surfaced with compacted stone that may be more suited to hybrid or mountain bikes.

7mi/11km or 1 hour riding time. Route best ridden clockwise.

This ride can either be started from Burton Constable Hall, or New Ellerby village. Burton Constable Hall opens from 11am-5pm daily. There is car parking available and once your ride is done you could pop into tea rooms for well-deserved refreshments. At New Ellerby there is limited car parking at the old station yard (adjacent to the Railway Inn).

From Burton Constable Hall cycle down the main access road (note this is narrow and can be busy particularly during the summer) and turn left out of the grounds and turn left at the first road/Jackey Lane following the signs to Old Ellerby.

Once down Long Lane at a sharp left-hand bend turn right down Skirlaugh Road. Once past Ellerby Grange you will see on your right the off-road trail which is signposted. Ride down this trail to New Ellerby and leave the off road route through the old station yard. Turn right past the Railway Inn down Lambwath Lane. Turn left down New Ellerby Road signposted to Marton/Sproatley/Burton Constable down a section of the National Byway cycle route. Continue down this road, signed to Burton Constable. This road can be busy at peak times and vehicle speeds can be high.

Starting from New Ellerby follow the directions above towards Burton Constable Hall. Before the house turn right down Jackey Lane and follow the signs to Old Ellerby then follow the directions above from there.

Did you know...

Located within the barn at Burton Constable visitors can view the remains of a 58.5 foot long skeleton of a sperm whale found in 1825. Accounts of the whale reached Herman Melville who was inspired by the story of the whale and went on to publish his renowned novel ‘Moby Dick’.

Ride 5 – STEADY

Part of the route using the TPT is a compacted stone surface more suited to hybrid or mountain bikes.

Speeds on some sections around Rise can be quite high – take care – may be uncomfortable for family groups.

17.5mi/28km or 1 hour 45 mins riding time. Route recommended to be ridden anticlockwise.

From the old railway station and start of the Trans Pennine Trail in Hornsea follow the off-road shared use route southwest out of Hornsea. After leaving the town, take a right turn at the first quiet lane crossing/Grundill Lane and follow this road west to Sigglesthorne. At Sigglesthorne turn left along Great Hatfield Road. Take the next right turn and carry on along Eastfield Lane/Mill Lane. Take care when crossing over Rise Road/B1243. Ride along Whins Lane then turn left into Long Riston then left again. Carry on through the village and turn left towards Rise. At the T junction turn right. Turn left in front of the gates to Rise Hall. Carry on to a T junction and turn left towards Witherwick. After a short distance rejoin the TransPennine Trail at the old Whitdale station to return to Hornsea.

Did you know...

Hornsea had a pier in Victorian times. After setbacks and lawsuits, the pier was finished in 1880, only to be damaged by a ship during a storm. The remains of the pier were repaired and, 250 feet shorter than originally designed, it opened to the public on Regatta Day 1881. However, in 1897 the structure was sold for scrap.



Ride 4 – STEADY

A scenic route taking in quiet roads and starting in the village of Aldbrough with a section passing the parklands of Burton Constable Hall. This route is suitable for all abilities.

12mi/19.5km or 1.5 hours riding time. Route to be ridden anticlockwise.

Start this ride from Aldbrough village centre (Church Street has on-street parking if you are arriving by car). Turn left at the T junction with B1242 then turn right down Carlton Lane/signed to West Newton. Follow the road then at a split junction signed to West Newton turn right here

and once through West Newton at the next T junction turn left/south towards Sproatley. You will pass the parklands and entrance to Burton Constable. Take the next left signed to Carlton and continue through West Carlton then taking the same route you came on from Aldbrough.

Did you know...

The Holderness Plain is subject to one of North West Europe's fastest average rates of coastal erosion: 1.5–2.5 metres per year. The steep cliffs at Aldbrough with a height of about 20 metres are actively receding and at high tides the lower, and in some case middle, sections of the cliff are subject to considerable erosion by wave action.