

Pocklington Cycle Map

Six cycle routes in and around Pocklington



Welcome to Pocklington!

Pocklington is a picturesque historic market town surrounded by stunning scenery and quaint country villages, nestled at the base of the Yorkshire Wolds in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

We hope that the cycle routes featured in this leaflet will inspire you to get out and explore your local landscape by bike, whether you are a local resident or a visitor to the area. Dusting off your bike and getting into the saddle can help you get fit, save money and help the environment as well as helping you reach places and scenery that are impossible to access by car.

Facilities in the Town

Pocklington has an active cycling community and attracts many visiting cyclists from other local towns and from further afield. The town is well set up to cater for cyclists with extensive secure cycle parking facilities, toilets, and numerous pubs, cafés and restaurants for tired cyclists to re-fuel after a ride!

There is a cycle shop in the town which sell bikes and accessories and can also carry out repairs and maintenance on your bike. There are also several mobile bike repairers in the East Riding. Please look online for up to date details. Local facilities are all shown on the town centre map on the right.

The Rides

Each of the six 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 or tracks 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 Map 294 covers all 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 smartphone or other compatible devices: Garmin, MemoryMap or SatMap devices. To view these maps please visit www.eastriding.gov.uk or for free copies email transport.policy@eastriding.gov.uk or telephone (01482) 393969.

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



Ride 1 – EASY

A short ride on flat terrain.

4.5 miles/7.25km, or 30 minutes riding time.

Leave town following Route 66 signs towards Stamford Bridge. Turn right at zebra crossing onto Garths End towards Driffield and Bridlington, then take the left at the roundabout heading towards Millington.

Go straight on at the sign for Meltonby and left at the sharp bend (you will see a large farm in front of you). Turn left at end of lane and right at the next junction back into Pocklington.

Did you know...

Ousethorpe was the home of Richard Langley who was executed by Elizabeth I in 1586 for hiding Catholic priests. 350 years later he was beatified by the Catholic church.

Ride 2 – STEADY

A flat ride with some off-road sections and quiet roads. One busy road crossing.

12.5 miles/20km, or 1.5 hours riding time.

Leave town along West Green past the school and take the first left on to Canal Lane after leaving the 30mph limit. At the end of the lane cross the main road into the canal head picnic site and past the Wellington Oak pub. Take great care crossing – this is a very busy road with fast traffic. Continue through the gate at the end of the picnic site onto the canal towpath. The towpath is a pleasant ride but is bumpy in places and may be muddy after rain.

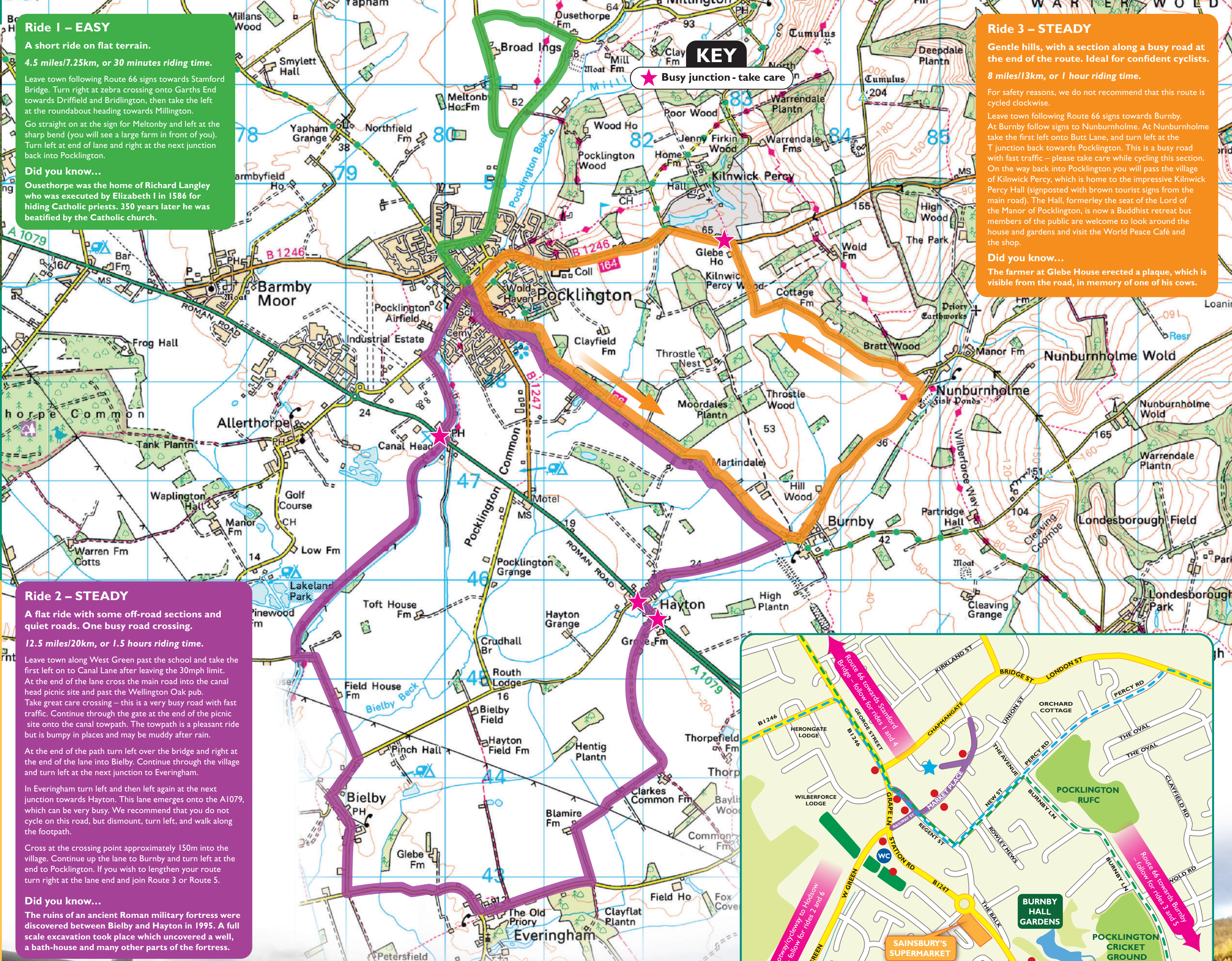
At the end of the path turn left over the bridge and right at the end of the lane into Bielby. Continue through the village and turn left at the next junction to Everingham.

In Everingham turn left and then left again at the next junction towards Hayton. This lane emerges onto the A1079, which can be very busy. We recommend that you do not cycle on this road, but dismount, turn left, and walk along the footpath.

Cross at the crossing point approximately 150m into the village. Continue up the lane to Burnby and turn left at the end to Pocklington. If you wish to lengthen your route turn right at the lane end and join Route 3 or Route 5.

Did you know...

The ruins of an ancient Roman military fortress were discovered between Bielby and Hayton in 1995. A full scale excavation took place which uncovered a well, a bath-house and many other parts of the fortress.



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Ride 3 – STEADY

Gentle hills, with a section along a busy road at the end of the route. Ideal for confident cyclists.

8 miles/13km, or 1 hour riding time.

For safety reasons, we do not recommend that this route is cycled clockwise.

Leave town following Route 66 signs towards Burnby. At Burnby follow signs to Nunburnholme. At Nunburnholme take the first left onto Butt Lane, and turn left at the T junction back towards Pocklington. This is a busy road with fast traffic – please take care while cycling this section. On the way back into Pocklington you will pass the village of Kilnwick Percy, which is home to the impressive Kilnwick Percy Hall (signposted with brown tourist signs from the main road). The Hall, formerly the seat of the Lord of the Manor of Pocklington, is now a Buddhist retreat but members of the public are welcome to look around the house and gardens and visit the World Peace Café and the shop.

Did you know...

The farmer at Glebe House erected a plaque, which is visible from the road, in memory of one of his cows.



Longer Routes

Where possible, we have tried to use sections of existing national cycle routes in these rides. National Cycle Network (NCN) Routes 66 and 164, which form part of some of the routes on this map, both run through Pocklington. NCN routes are signed using red numbers on a blue background.



Other local and national cycle routes run through and around Pocklington including the Yorkshire Wolds Cycle Route and the Way of the Roses, a coast to coast route between Morecambe in the west and Bridlington in the east. Further information on these longer routes can be found at www.sustrans.org.uk



Burnby Hall Gardens and Museum

These wonderful gardens right in the centre of Pocklington are home to the biggest collection of hardy water lilies in Europe. The two lakes that contain the lilies are set in eight acres of beautiful gardens.

The gardens also house the Stewart Museum, a fascinating insight into the life of the Stewart family who developed the gardens in the early 1900s.

The gardens include a tea shop, children's playground, toilets and plenty of outdoor seating, making it ideal for a visit at the end of a cycle ride!

Burnby Hall is open between April and October. For more information, visit www.burnbyhallgardens.com or telephone (01759) 307125.



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:

- Go prepared. Take some water and a snack with you, and make sure that your bike is in a good state of repair.
- Use lights at night and consider wearing reflective clothing, particularly in bad weather.
- Some of the paths on sections of the routes are shared use with pedestrians. 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.
- Follow the Highway Code at all times.
- Cycle helmets are recommended, particularly for children.



Pocklington Canal

This idyllic rural waterway is nine and a half miles long and has nine locks, with 3 fully restored. It is one of the Canal & River Trust (CRT) top canals for wildlife in the country. The Pocklington Canal Amenity Society (PCAS) formed in 1969 with the vision of restoring the derelict Pocklington Canal for use by boats and an amenity for all to enjoy. This local volunteer led charity continue to drive the restoration of the Pocklington Canal in partnership with the CRT.

The canal side features a mix of interpretation signs and panels 'Telling the tale of the Pocklington Canal' to provide visitors with a before and after view of the canal.

Access and parking is free at Canal Head and there is a small information centre which offwwers information about the canal. Visit www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org or canalrivertrust.org.uk for details.



Ride 4 – STEADY

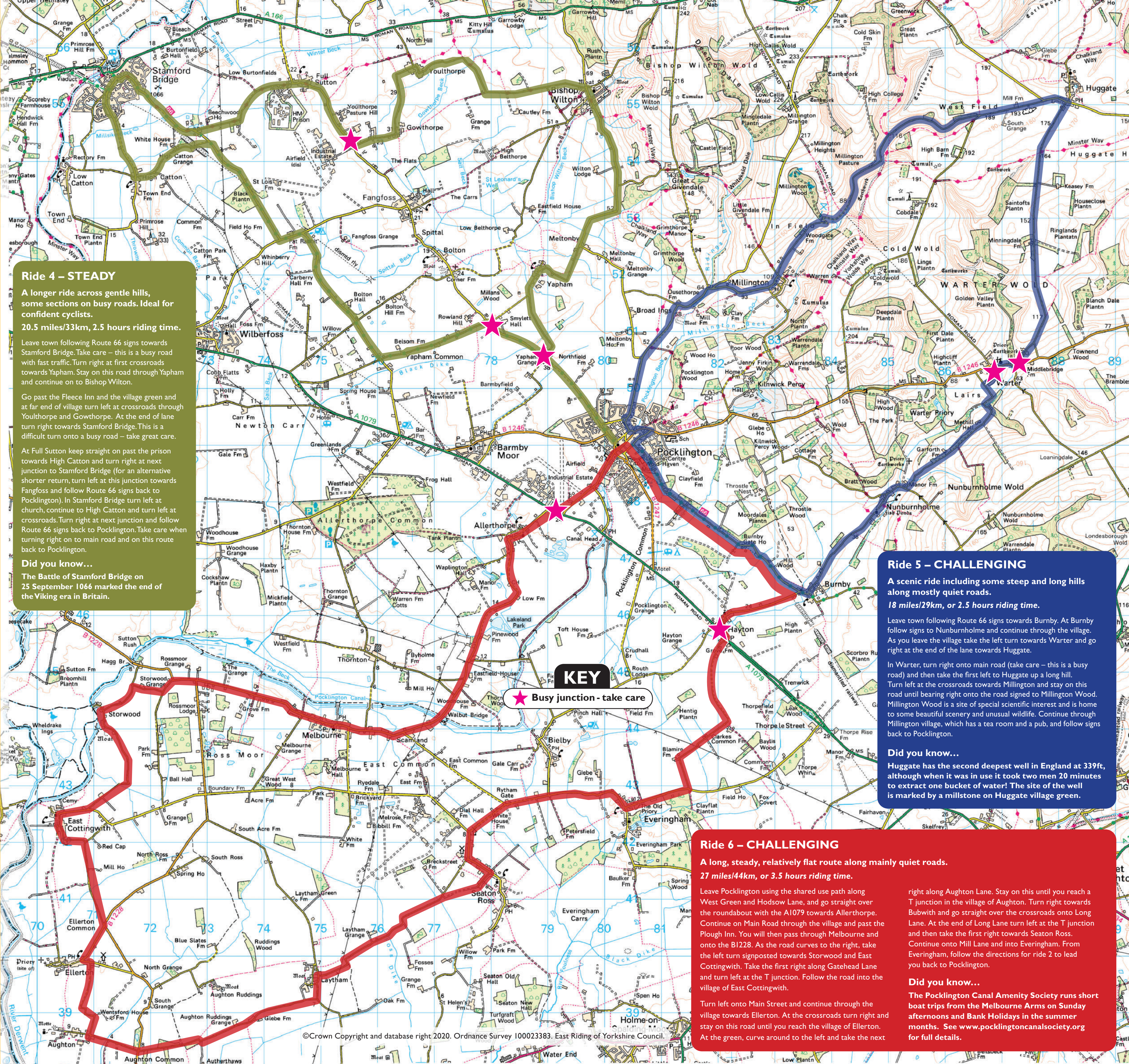
A longer ride across gentle hills, some sections on busy roads. Ideal for confident cyclists. 20.5 miles/33km, 2.5 hours riding time.

Leave town following Route 66 signs towards Stamford Bridge. Take care – this is a busy road with fast traffic. Turn right at first crossroads towards Youlthorpe and Gowthorpe. At the end of lane turn right towards Stamford Bridge. This is a difficult turn onto a busy road – take great care.

At Full Sutton keep straight on past the prison towards High Catton and turn right at next junction to Stamford Bridge (for an alternative shorter return, turn left at this junction towards Fangfoss and follow Route 66 signs back to Pocklington). In Stamford Bridge turn left at church, continue to High Catton and turn left at crossroads. Turn right at next junction and follow Route 66 signs back to Pocklington. Take care when turning right on to main road and on this route back to Pocklington.

Did you know...

The Battle of Stamford Bridge on 25 September 1066 marked the end of the Viking era in Britain.



Ride 5 – CHALLENGING

A scenic ride including some steep and long hills along mostly quiet roads. 18 miles/29km, or 2.5 hours riding time.

Leave town following Route 66 signs towards Burnby. At Burnby follow signs to Nunburnholme and continue through the village. As you leave the village take the left turn towards Warter and go right at the end of the lane towards Huggate.

In Warter, turn right onto main road (take care – this is a busy road) and then take the first left to Huggate up a long hill. Turn left at the crossroads towards Millington and stay on this road until bearing right onto the road signed to Millington Wood. Millington Wood is a site of special scientific interest and is home to some beautiful scenery and unusual wildlife. Continue through Millington village, which has a tea room and a pub, and follow signs back to Pocklington.

Did you know...

Huggate has the second deepest well in England at 339ft, although when it was in use it took two men 20 minutes to extract one bucket of water! The site of the well is marked by a millstone on Huggate village green.

Ride 6 – CHALLENGING

A long, steady, relatively flat route along mainly quiet roads. 27 miles/44km, or 3.5 hours riding time.

Leave Pocklington using the shared use path along West Green and Hodsow Lane, and go straight over the roundabout with the A1079 towards Allerthorpe. Continue on Main Road through the village and past the Plough Inn. You will then pass through Melbourne and onto the B1228. As the road curves to the right, take the left turn signposted towards Storwood and East Cottingham. Take the first right along Gatehead Lane and turn left at the T junction. Follow the road into the village of East Cottingham.

Turn left onto Main Street and continue through the village towards Ellerton. At the crossroads turn right and stay on this road until you reach the village of Ellerton. At the green, curve around to the left and take the next

right along Aughton Lane. Stay on this until you reach a T junction in the village of Aughton. Turn right towards Bubwith and go straight over the crossroads onto Long Lane. At the end of Long Lane turn left at the T junction and then take the first right towards Seaton Ross. Continue onto Mill Lane and into Everingham. From Everingham, follow the directions for ride 2 to lead you back to Pocklington.

Did you know...

The Pocklington Canal Amenity Society runs short boat trips from the Melbourne Arms on Sunday afternoons and Bank Holidays in the summer months. See www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org for full details.