

Driffield Cycle Map

Five cycle routes in and around Driffield



Welcome to Driffield!

Driffield is a charming market town situated to the east of the Yorkshire Wolds approximately 12 miles inland from the North Sea coast. The town is often known as 'the Capital of the Wolds', and is surrounded by pretty villages and stunning scenery which make it perfect for cycling.

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.

Driffield is the perfect base for both local and visiting cyclists to start exploring the area.

Driffield has many facilities to cater for cyclists including secure cycle parking in the town centre, public toilets and numerous local cafes, restaurants and pubs for tired cyclists to re-fuel after a ride!

There are cycle shops 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 five 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. All the rides are designed to be cycled clockwise from Driffield. Ordnance Survey Explorer Maps 294 (South-West of Driffield), 295 (East of Driffield) and 300 (North-West of Driffield) cover 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 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 or for free copies email transport.policy@eastriding.gov.uk or telephone (01482) 393969.

Longer Routes

Where possible, we have tried to use sections of existing national cycle routes in these rides. National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 1, which forms part of some of the routes on this map, runs through Hull, Beverley and Driffield and on to Bridlington. NCN routes are signed using red numbers on a blue background.

The National Byway runs to the north of Driffield and includes a 42 mile Driffield loop ride. The loop starts by following NCN route 1 south out of Driffield towards Skerne before picking up the distinctive brown byway loop signs.

Other regional and national long distance cycle routes run through Driffield, 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 can be found at www.sustrans.org.uk

You can visit Hull and East Yorkshire website at www.visithullandeastyorkshire.com to download more local day rides around the Yorkshire Wolds.



Ride 3 – CHALLENGING

Some long climbs, which are worth it for the beautiful views from the top of the Wolds. An excellent day ride for confident family groups. 32 miles / 52km, or 4 hours riding time.

Leave Driffield along NCN route 1 travelling south along Skerne Road. After approximately 3.5 miles, turn right at the crossroads towards Hutton. When you reach the village continue past the phone box and turn right towards Southburn. Pass over the junction with the A164 and at the T junction turn right, following signs to Kirkburn. Take great care when crossing the A164 as this is a busy road with fast traffic.

Cross over the A614 and bear left, continuing through the village and following signs to Tibthorpe and on towards Huggate. When you reach a T junction turn right towards Wetwang and turn right onto the A166 into Wetwang village. Take care when making this manoeuvre – the A166 is a busy well used road.

Go past the Black Swan pub and turn left at the pond. At the end of this road turn right following signs to Sledmere. When you reach Sledmere turn left at the Triton Inn onto Croome Road. Turn right at the crossroads towards Driffield and stay on here for around 8 miles until you reach the town.

Did you know...

Mick 'Woody' Woodmansey, drummer with David Bowie's 70's band, 'the Spiders from Mars', was born in Victoria Road, Driffield.



Ride 2 – EASY/STEADY

A scenic ride along mainly flat quiet roads with one busy road crossing. 18 miles / 29km, or 2.5 hours riding time.

Leave Driffield along NCN route 1 towards Skerne. Stay on this road for around 4 miles until you reach a T junction. Turn left here towards Watton and continue to follow the signs for the village. When you reach the T junction at the end of Church Lane, turn right towards Driffield. Turn right onto the A164 and immediately left onto Main Street in Watton. The A164 is a busy road with high traffic volumes. Take extra care when riding this section of the route, and you may prefer to dismount and push your bike for this short section.

Stay on Main Street for around 1.5 miles following signs for Hutton Cranswick and take a right turn following signs for NCN route 1 towards Driffield. At the T junction next to Manor Farm Shop, turn right onto the shared use cycle path next to the main road and at the crossing point take the next left onto Hobman Lane. At the next T junction in the centre of Hutton Cranswick turn right towards the Sports Centre and continue past the railway station. Take the next left towards Skerne and follow Skerne Road back to Driffield.

Did you know...

Watton is home to the former Watton Abbey founded in 1157 by Eustace Fitzjohn. Unusually, it was a mixed Gilbertine community of both nuns and monks but the sexes lived in total isolation from each other and even prayed in separate chapels. Today all that remains are the prior's house, the barn and the mounds of the demolished buildings near the church.



Ride 1 – EASY

A short ride on flat terrain suitable for family groups. 8 miles / 13km, or 1 hour riding time.

Leave Driffield travelling east along NCN route 1 using the off-road shared path. Approximately half a mile out of Driffield turn right onto Markman Lane. Take care crossing Bridlington Road as traffic speeds can be high.

Continue along Markman Lane into the village of Nafferton. At the T junction next to the church, turn right and pass over the railway level crossing. Continue through Wansford and when you reach the roundabout with the B1249 turn left towards North Frodingham. After 150 metres turn right at the crossroads towards Skerne and follow signs back to Driffield.

Did you know...

All Saints church dominates the centre of Nafferton village and overlooks the Mere. The earliest feature is the Norman chancel arch and there are several features dating from the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries. Can you find the Norman French inscription on the south face of the tower?

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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.
- Cycle helmets are recommended.
- 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.



Burton Agnes Hall

Built between 1598 and 1610 by Sir Henry Griffith, Burton Agnes Hall is an Elizabethan stately home that has stayed within the same family for more than 400 years. Fifteen generations have filled the Hall with treasures, from magnificent carvings to French impressionist paintings, contemporary furniture, tapestries and other modern artwork in recent years. You can also visit the beautiful award winning gardens including a walled garden containing over 4,000 different plant species, the national collection of campanulas, a woodland walk, and the maze and giant games for children and adults alike. The house also has a café, gift shop and toilets making it an ideal stopping point when cycling routes 4 and 5.

Burton Agnes Hall is open between February and October. For more information visit www.burtonagnes.com or telephone (01262) 490324.



Sledmere House

Sledmere House is an imposing Grade I listed Georgian manor house built in 1751 by Sir Christopher Sykes, 2nd Baronet. A disastrous fire gutted the property in 1911 but the house was painstakingly renovated to its former glory and now contains many fine examples of Chippendale, Sheraton and Hepplewhite furniture, a fine art collection, magnificent plasterwork by Joseph Rose junior and a stunning Turkish Room. This is complemented by the Capability Brown inspired landscape gardens, a café, gift shop and toilets. The house also has secure cycle parking facilities. Route 3 passes by Sledmere House, making it the perfect rest stop for a look around and a well earned cuppa!

Sledmere House is open between April and September. The house is closed every Saturday and Monday except Bank Holidays. For more information, see www.sledmerehouse.com or telephone (01377) 236637.

Driffeld Navigation

The Driffeld Navigation is an 11 mile waterway which extends south-eastwards from the town at Riverhead, to Struncheon Hill/Hempholme Lock, where the Navigation meets the tidal River Hull, and then down to Aike Beck. The northerly part of the Navigation is a canal, with the southerly section part of the River Hull. The Navigation is well used by anglers and local boaters although movement for larger vessels is restricted by the road bridge at Wansford. There is a longer term aspiration to re-open the section of the Navigation between Wansford and the Riverhead in Driffeld to allow boats to use the full length of the route. A footpath runs along some sections of the Navigation although this is not continuous.

The navigation is fed by Driffeld Water Forlorns, an extensively modified chalk stream that runs through the centre of Driffeld and meets the navigation at Riverhead, and a system of springs under the canal bed. A number of other streams and drains feed into the waterway below Riverhead, including Meadow Stream and Nafferton Drain.

Ride 4 – STEADY

A ride using mainly quiet roads with some beautiful scenery. Some busy sections of road and one busy crossing point.

19.5 miles / 31.5km, or 2.5 hours riding time.

Leave Driffeld along NCN route 1 towards Nafferton and turn left at the crossroads with North Street towards the roundabout with the A614. At the roundabout take the second exit onto Wold Road. The A614 is an extremely busy road used by many lorries so take great care when riding this section of the route.

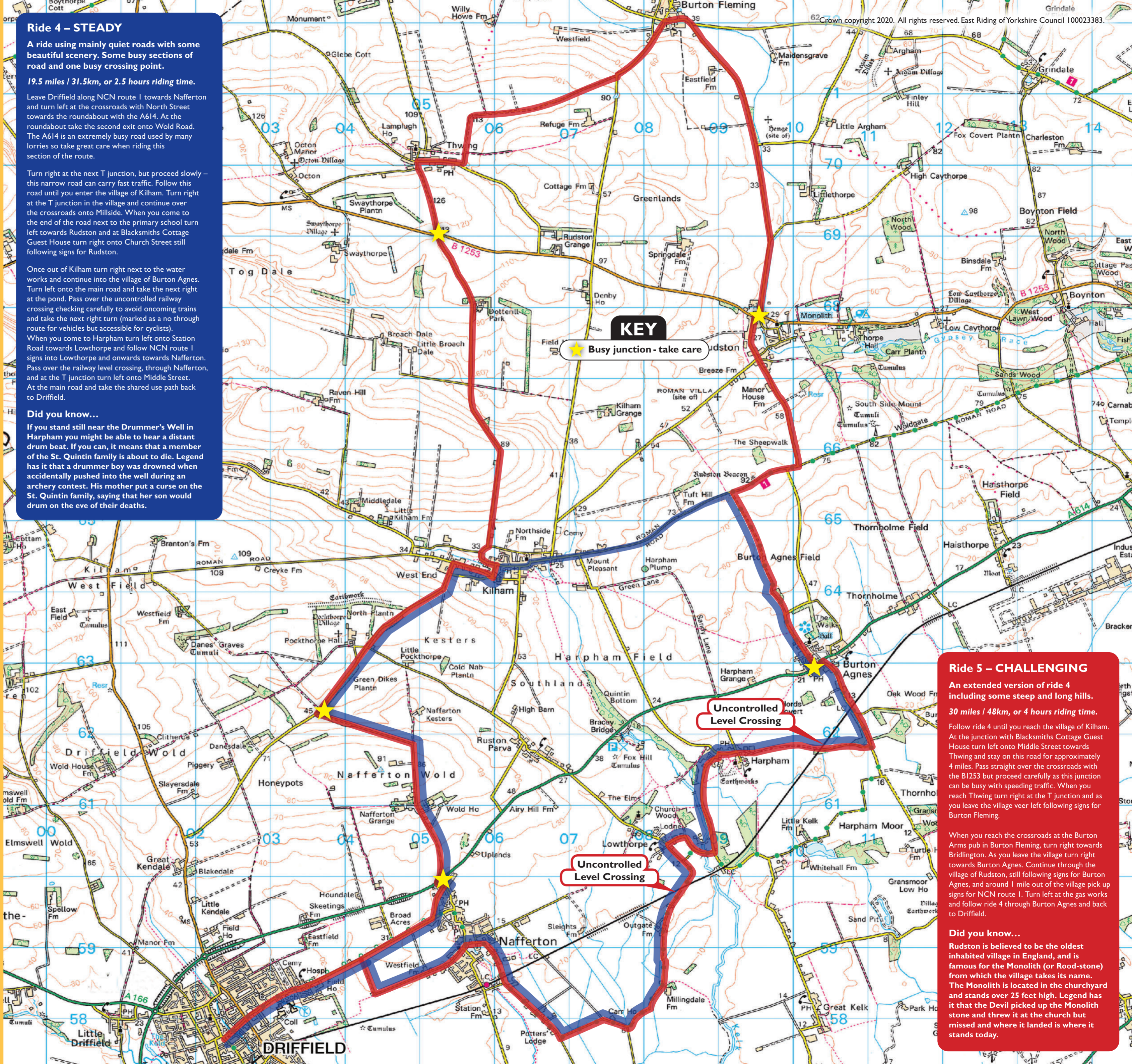
Turn right at the next T junction, but proceed slowly – this narrow road can carry fast traffic. Follow this road until you enter the village of Kilham. Turn right at the T junction in the village and continue over the crossroads onto Millside. When you come to the end of the road next to the primary school turn left towards Rudston and at Blacksmiths Cottage Guest House turn right onto Church Street still following signs for Rudston.

Once out of Kilham turn right next to the water works and continue into the village of Burton Agnes. Turn left onto the main road and take the next right at the pond. Pass over the uncontrolled railway crossing checking carefully to avoid oncoming trains and take the next right turn (marked as a no through route for vehicles but accessible for cyclists).

When you come to Harpham turn left onto Station Road towards Lowthorpe and follow NCN route 1 signs into Lowthorpe and onwards towards Nafferton. Pass over the railway level crossing, through Nafferton, and at the T junction turn left onto Middle Street. At the main road and take the shared use path back to Driffeld.

Did you know...

If you stand still near the Drummer's Well in Harpham you might be able to hear a distant drum beat. If you can, it means that a member of the St. Quintin family is about to die. Legend has it that a drummer boy was drowned when accidentally pushed into the well during an archery contest. His mother put a curse on the St. Quintin family, saying that her son would drum on the eve of their deaths.



Ride 5 – CHALLENGING

An extended version of ride 4 including some steep and long hills.

30 miles / 48km, or 4 hours riding time.

Follow ride 4 until you reach the village of Kilham. At the junction with Blacksmiths Cottage Guest House turn left onto Middle Street towards Thwing and stay on this road for approximately 4 miles. Pass straight over the crossroads with the B1253 but proceed carefully as this junction can be busy with speeding traffic. When you reach Thwing turn right at the T junction and as you leave the village veer left following signs for Burton Fleming.

When you reach the crossroads at the Burton Arms pub in Burton Fleming, turn right towards Bridlington. As you leave the village turn right towards Burton Agnes. Continue through the village of Rudston, still following signs for Burton Agnes, and around 1 mile out of the village pick up signs for NCN route 1. Turn left at the gas works and follow ride 4 through Burton Agnes and back to Driffeld.

Did you know...

Rudston is believed to be the oldest inhabited village in England, and is famous for the Monolith (or Rood-stone) from which the village takes its name. The Monolith is located in the churchyard and stands over 25 feet high. Legend has it that the Devil picked up the Monolith stone and threw it at the church but missed and where it landed is where it stands today.