

Beverley Cycle Map

Seven cycle routes in and around Beverley



Welcome to Beverley!

Beverley is a lively, historic market town in the heart of East Yorkshire. Voted one of the best places to live in the UK, Beverley is also one of Yorkshire's best kept secrets. Famous for its 13th Century Minster, the town is home to a busy market, a thriving music scene, excellent flat racing and a medieval skyline that remains refreshingly unspoilt. Beverley is surrounded by quaint villages and enchanting scenery which makes it an ideal location for cycling.

Beverley hosted the start of Stage 1 of the Tour De Yorkshire in 2016 and 2018 following featuring in the inaugural Tour de Yorkshire in 2015. The event now extends to four days and incorporates a women's 2 day race as well as the men's race.

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 benefit the environment as well as allowing you reach places and scenery that are impossible to access by car.

Facilities in the Town

Beverley 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 throughout the town, public toilets, and lots of local cafes, pubs and restaurants for tired cyclists to re-fuel after a ride!

There are a number of 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 East Riding. Please look online for details.



The Rides

Each route 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, tracks or designated cycle paths 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 293 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 visit www.eastriding.gov.uk or for free copies email transport.policy@eastriding.gov.uk or telephone (01482) 393969.

There are a number of longer distance cycle routes that run through and within the East Riding. More information on these can be found at VHEY at www.visithullandeastyorkshire.com or Sustrans at www.sustrans.org.uk

Ride 1 – STEADY/CHALLENGING

This beautiful route uses a dedicated cycle path and quiet local roads, taking in some fantastic scenery at the foot of the Yorkshire Wolds. A short cut at Etton can be used for those who want a shorter ride.

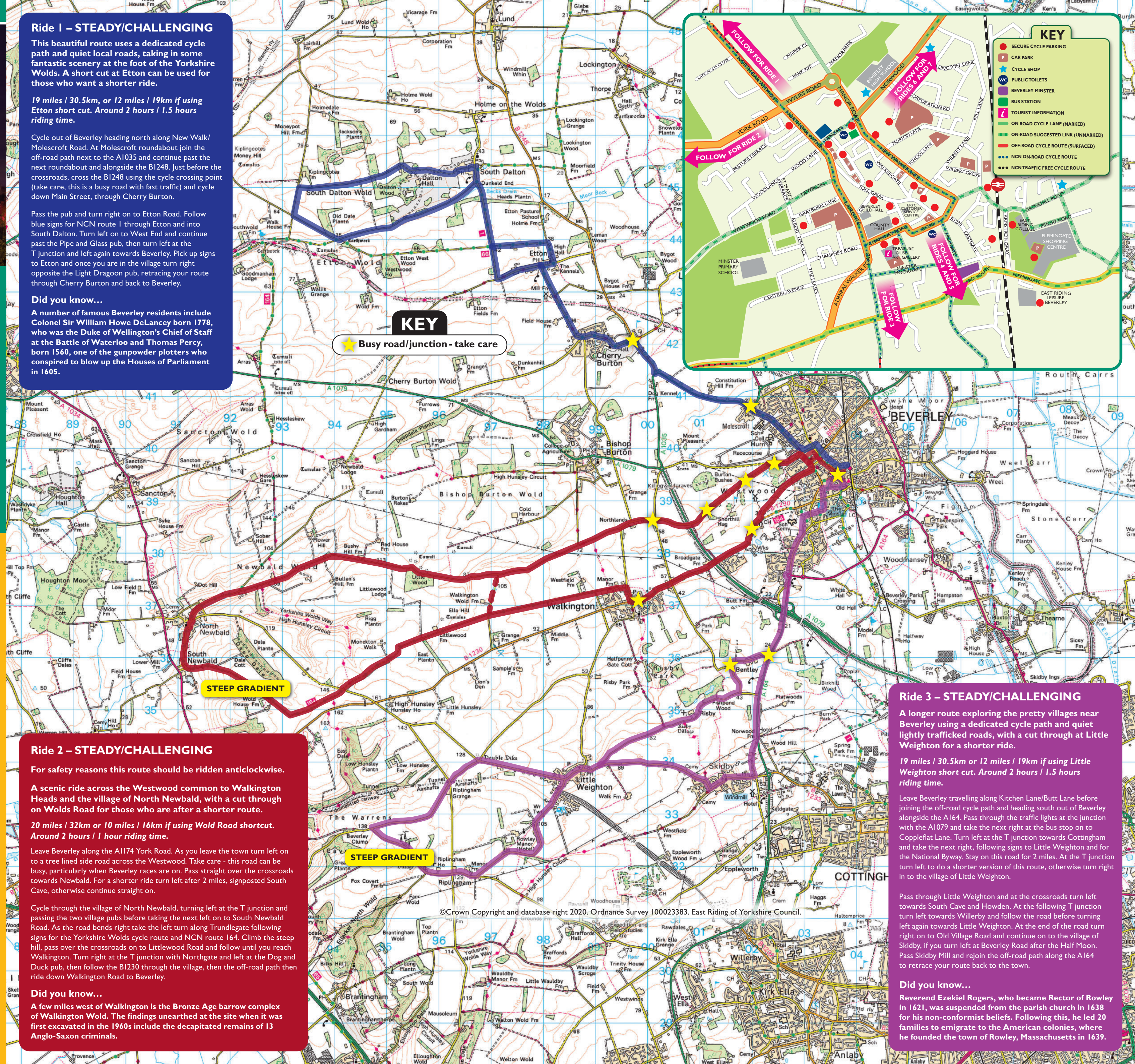
19 miles / 30.5km, or 12 miles / 19km if using Etton short cut. Around 2 hours / 1.5 hours riding time.

Cycle out of Beverley heading north along New Walk/ Molescroft Road. At Molescroft roundabout join the off-road path next to the A1035 and continue past the next roundabout and alongside the B1248. Just before the crossroads, cross the B1248 using the cycle crossing point (take care, this is a busy road with fast traffic) and cycle down Main Street, through Cherry Burton.

Pass the pub and turn right on to Etton Road. Follow blue signs for NCN route 1 through Etton and into South Dalton. Turn left on to West End and continue past the Pipe and Glass pub, then turn left at the T junction and left again towards Beverley. Pick up signs to Etton and once you are in the village turn right opposite the Light Dragon pub, retracing your route through Cherry Burton and back to Beverley.

Did you know...

A number of famous Beverley residents include Colonel Sir William Howe DeLancey born 1778, who was the Duke of Wellington's Chief of Staff at the Battle of Waterloo and Thomas Percy, born 1560, one of the gunpowder plotters who conspired to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605.



Ride 2 – STEADY/CHALLENGING

For safety reasons this route should be ridden anticlockwise.

A scenic ride across the Westwood common to Walkington Heads and the village of North Newbald, with a cut through on Wolds Road for those who are after a shorter route.

20 miles / 32km or 10 miles / 16km if using Wold Road shortcut. Around 2 hours / 1 hour riding time.

Leave Beverley along the A1174 York Road. As you leave the town turn left on to a tree lined side road across the Westwood. Take care - this road can be busy, particularly when Beverley races are on. Pass straight over the crossroads towards Newbald. For a shorter ride turn left after 2 miles, signposted South Cave, otherwise continue straight on.

Cycle through the village of North Newbald, turning left at the T junction and passing the two village pubs before taking the next left on to South Newbald Road. As the road bends right take the left turn along Trundlegate following signs for the Yorkshire Wolds cycle route and NCN route 164. Climb the steep hill, pass over the crossroads on to Littlewood Road and follow until you reach Walkington. Turn right at the T junction with Northgate and left at the Dog and Duck pub, then follow the B1230 through the village, then the off-road path then ride down Walkington Road to Beverley.

Did you know...

A few miles west of Walkington is the Bronze Age barrow complex of Walkington Wold. The findings unearthed at the site when it was first excavated in the 1960s include the decapitated remains of 13 Anglo-Saxon criminals.

Ride 3 – STEADY/CHALLENGING

A longer route exploring the pretty villages near Beverley using a dedicated cycle path and quiet lightly trafficked roads, with a cut through at Little Weighton for a shorter ride.

19 miles / 30.5km or 12 miles / 19km if using Little Weighton short cut. Around 2 hours / 1.5 hours riding time.

Leave Beverley travelling along Kitchen Lane/Butt Lane before joining the off-road cycle path and heading south out of Beverley alongside the A164. Pass through the traffic lights at the junction with the A1079 and take the next right at the bus stop on to Copleflat Lane. Turn left at the T junction towards Cottingham and take the next right, following signs to Little Weighton and for the National Byway. Stay on this road for 2 miles. At the T junction turn left to do a shorter version of this route, otherwise turn right in to the village of Little Weighton.

Pass through Little Weighton and at the crossroads turn left towards South Cave and Howden. At the following T junction turn left towards Willerby and follow the road before turning left again towards Little Weighton. At the end of the road turn right on to Old Village Road and continue on to the village of Skidby, if you turn left at Beverley Road after the Half Moon. Pass Skidby Mill and rejoin the off-road path along the A164 to retrace your route back to the town.

Did you know...

Reverend Ezekiel Rogers, who became Rector of Rowley in 1621, was suspended from the parish church in 1638 for his non-conformist beliefs. Following this, he led 20 families to emigrate to the American colonies, where he founded the town of Rowley, Massachusetts in 1639.

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.
- Cycle helmets are recommended.
- 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.



Beverley Minster

Beverley Minster is a spectacular Grade I listed church nestled in the heart of Beverley. The Minster is one of the largest parish churches in the country and is widely regarded as one of the finest examples of medieval gothic architecture in England.

In the eighth century, John, Bishop of York, founded a monastery on the site where Beverley Minster now stands. John was canonised in 1037 and the present church is built around his grave. Many pilgrims came to Beverley during the Middle Ages to see miracles that took place at his tomb. Beverley Minster took over 200 years to build, and is still a place of pilgrimage for visitors as well as being at the heart of worship in the local community.

The Minster welcomes tens of thousands of visitors a year and is usually open every day. For more information see www.beverleyminster.org.uk or telephone (01482) 868540.

Skidby Mill and Museum of East Riding Rural Life

Skidby Mill is a Grade II* listed four sailed tower windmill and is the last working mill in East Yorkshire. Built in 1821 by Norman and Smithson of Hull, it was owned and run by the Thompson family until 1962. The mill was then sold to Allied Mills, but the Thompson family managed to persuade the company to sell the mill to the Council for use as a museum.

Skidby Mill and Museum of East Riding Rural Life is open daily but closes for lunch between 12.30 and 1pm. There are plenty of facilities at the mill including toilets, a shop, picnic area, gardens and a café. For more information see www.museums.eastriding.gov.uk or telephone (01482) 848405.



Ride 5 – EASY

A great ride for family groups or newer riders using quiet roads and off-road paths to explore the landscape to the south of Beverley.

5.5 miles / 9km, or 40 minutes riding time.

As with ride 4, leave Beverley travelling south along Long Lane. Pass over the railway line and at the T junction turn left on to the off-road path along the A1174. After 1.5 miles veer left on to the B1230 and cycle along Becksides and Flemingate, passing over the railway level crossing before arriving back in the town centre. Take care along this last stretch as this is a busy section of road used by lots of cars.

Did you know...

After a serious fire in 1188, Beverley Minster was reconstructed but the project was overambitious and the newly heightened central tower collapsed in 1213 bringing down much of the surrounding church. Work began on rebuilding again in 1220, resulting in the church structure we see today.

Ride 4 – STEADY

A gentle ride heading south of Beverley to the villages of Cottingham and Dunswell, using quiet roads and off-road paths.

13 miles / 21km, or 1.5 hours riding time.

Leave Beverley travelling south along Long Lane. Just before the level crossing turn right, following signs for Beverley Parks and NCN route 1. As the road bends right, turn left on to the unsurfaced path and continue over the A1079. Take care - some of this section may become muddy in wet weather. Turn right at the T junction, past the power sub-station and in to the village of Cottingham. Turn left at the T junction on to Northgate and pass over the railway crossing before taking the next left on to Dunswell Road.

Pass under the A1079 and turn left at the T junction. Join the off-road cycle path and pass the two garden centres before taking a left on to Long Lane. Stay on Long Lane and follow this road back to Beverley.

Did you know...

With a parish population of over 17,000, Cottingham claims to be the largest village in England although there are several places competing for the title.

Ride 6 – CHALLENGING

A relatively flat ride using a long section of off-road surfaced path, passing through the pretty villages of Leven and Brandesburton before retracing the route back to Beverley.

20 miles / 32km, or 2 hours riding time.

Leave Beverley along the A1174 (Norwood) heading east towards Hornsea. This road can be busy so take care along this section of the route. Pass over the level crossing and join the off-road path just before Swinemoor Lane roundabout. Continue straight over the roundabout on to the A1035 and stay on the off-road path for around 4.5 miles before turning left at the roundabout towards Leven.

Pass through Leven and continue until you reach Brandesburton. As you enter the village turn left opposite the entrance to Dacre Lakeside Park and just before the road bends to the right turn left on to Mill Lane, next to the village shop (signposted North Frodingham). Follow signs to Burshill and Leven, arriving back in Leven and turning right at the junction next to the Hare and Hounds pub before retracing the route back to Beverley.

Did you know...

There was a proposal to build railway stations at Leven and Brandesburton as part of the North Holderness Light Railway between Beverley and North Frodingham. Despite appearing on tile maps at several North Eastern Railway stations, the line was never built.

Ride 7 – CHALLENGING

A longer route for experienced cyclists who want to explore the quiet roads and lanes between Beverley and the North Sea coast. This ride includes a section of the Trans Pennine Trail which is unsurfaced in places, and as a result this route is not suitable for road bikes.

33 miles / 53km, or 3.5 hours riding time.

Follow the instructions for the start of ride 6, using the off-road path along the A1035 before turning right towards Meaux and Wawne. Stay on this road and after 3 miles turn left, signposted Skirlaugh and Benningholme. Cycle for a further 2 miles before taking the left at the T junction towards Long Riston. Pass through the village of Arnold before taking the subway under the busy A165 and turning left on to Main Street.

Leave the village and turn right on to Whins Lane (signposted Sigglesthorne and Hatfield) and after 3 miles turn right at the T junction. As you enter Great Hatfield, turn right on to the off-road track signposted the Trans Pennine Trail. Follow this route for a long way – cross the A165, then take the first right and turn right again to join Skirlaugh Road. Follow National Byway signs back towards Benningholme and Beverley, retracing your route back to the A1035 and in to Beverley town centre.

Did you know...

Rise Hall is a Grade II* listed historic house which was rebuilt by Richard Bethall between 1815-20. It has been used as a stately home, a searchlight HQ during WWII and used as a convent boarding school for girls from 1946-1989 and home to an order of nuns.

