

CYCLE 1 North East

Starting and finishing at the Seacombe Ferry Terminal, this cycle ride takes you around the historic coastline of Seacombe and New Brighton with views of the famous Liverpool sky-line and across Liverpool Bay.

Most of the route is off road, however the latter parts rely on some roads (that can be busy at times) to get back to Seacombe Ferry so less experienced riders may prefer to avoid these by sticking to a linear coastal route, either to New Brighton or to Wallasey golf course and then turning around and following the route back again.

Start: Seacombe Ferry Terminal, Victoria Place, Seacombe

Distance: 10.8 miles (Complete route)

4.7 miles (Seacombe - New Brighton - Seacombe)

① From the car park of the Terminal, head towards the promenade and walk your bike through the cut through on your left and past the terminal entrance. You will see a sign for Route 56 just beyond the entrance and this is where you can mount your bike. Continue straight ahead, following the coastline out towards New Brighton along the Promenade. To your right is the River Mersey with views across to Liverpool. You may even get a glimpse of the famous Mersey Ferry that operates daily between Seacombe, Woodside and Liverpool.

② After approx. 800m (0.5 miles) you will pass Wallasey Town Hall on your left that is easily identified by the grand steps up to its entrance. Continue straight along the promenade for approx. 370m (0.2 miles) to the mini roundabout where you should head to the right and continue to follow the promenade.

③ The cycle route continues along the promenade towards New Brighton for approx. 1.7km (1.0 mile) where you will pass Vale Park.

④ Continue along the promenade for a further 900m (0.6

miles) where you will reach New Brighton and Fort Perch Rock. There is plenty to do and see in New Brighton, here is another worthy location.

⑤ For those of you wishing to do the shorter ride, you simply turn around and head back the way you came.

⑥ If you wish to continue the ride follow the NCN 56 signs along Marine Promenade, past the marine lake and back onto the Promenade that runs parallel to Kings Parade. After approx. 970m (0.61 miles) you will pass the Clown roundabout on your left. Continue along the marked cycle path to the end of the Promenade (approx. 1500m, 0.93 miles) and follow it off to the left in order to pick up the coastal path.

⑦ Follow the NCN 56 signs along the coastal path for 1200m (0.7 miles) to the edge of the golf course and make a left turn where the route drops down onto the sea wall level again. Follow the route up past the Gun Site picnic area and onto Green Lane where you should, again, turn left, bringing you out onto Bayswater Road.

⑧ Follow NCN 56 signs, turning into Greenleas Road and follow for about 550m (0.3 miles) where you will reach the Junction with Leasowe Road.

⑨ At the traffic lights go straight across onto Cross Lane and head straight down onto the Bidston Moss Nature Reserve. Follow the tarmac path which will shortly lead to a drop down to the bridge.

⑩ After crossing the bridge. You will see B&Q ahead of you, follow the path around to the left, and make a left turn up on to an iron-gated bridge that crosses the railway track.

⑪ After crossing the railway track, you have the option of going left, down towards Mosslands School where the route continues, or you can go straight on into the other side of the Bidston Moss Nature Reserve where you can cycle around the circular track or take the 'off road' style tracks that go over the top of it.

⑫ Having cycled down towards Mosslands School the route will bring you out on Mosslands Drive where you should make a right turn to join the road. Follow it past Westbourne Road and take your next left onto Mossdene Road.

⑬ Mossdene Road is quite a steep climb up to the junction with Breck Road where you should make a right turn. Breck Road can be extremely busy at certain times so remember to take extra care during these times.

⑭ Once on Breck Road, continue along and take the next left onto Cliff Road, a little bit of a climb but it soon drops down where you should take the first right onto Station Road.

⑮ At the end of Station Road you will find yourself at Mill Lane which, again, can be busy at times. You will be going straight across this junction and a pelican crossing is available, if necessary.

⑯ Continue straight over the junction, using toucan crossing to the right if you so desire, and continue to the end of Love Lane.

⑰ At the top of Love Lane and the junction with Woodstock Road, you will see Park Primary School ahead of you. Continue straight over the road, taking care at busy times and continue to the end of Love Lane, through the entry and make a right turn into Central Park.

⑱ Follow the path between the football pitch and the bowling ground and around to the left. If you continue to follow the path it will bring you to an exit that is signposted to NCN 56. Follow the sign out of the park and across the toucan crossing onto Church Street.

⑲ At the end of Church Street go straight over at the traffic lights and back down onto the promenade, turning right back towards Seacombe. After 1170m (0.7 miles) you will be back at the ferry terminal building.