

# CYCLE 1 North West Cycle Route

*Starting and finishing at Wirral Country Park, this cycle ride can be shortened to suit families or completed by more confident cyclists. It takes in spectacular views of the North Wirral coast with traffic free and on-road routes with some junctions to cross that can, at times, be busy.*

**Start:** Wirral Way - at Wirral Country Park, Station Road, Thurstaston

**Distance:** 15 miles (Complete Route)

5 miles (Wirral Country Park - Ashton Park and back)

- ① With the car park behind you, head off to the right down the Wirral Way towards West Kirby. You will pass under Station Bridge and Links Bridge and will continue through the Caldys Golf Course and under Simons Bridge.
- ② After you have passed the golf course the route will drop down a small hill to the junction with Shore Rd/Croft Drive. Cars frequently use this residential road so do ensure you stop at the bottom and check for vehicles before continuing straight over. Keep to the left, on the bridleway, if you want to avoid the car park and continue straight along the Wirral Way to Cubbin's Green.
- ③ Cubbin's Green provides a convenient place to stop should tired legs need a rest. It has spectacular views, on a clear day, of Hilbre Island and of the North Wales coastline. Cycling is not permitted so please dismount if you enter Cubbin's Green.
- ④ Continue along the Wirral Way where you will pass Ashton Park with its duck pond and children's play area. Cycling is not permitted in the Park itself so please dismount should you wish to enter. Return back along the same path if doing the five mile route. If not, continue to the end of the Wirral Way, where you will reach West Kirby centre.
- ⑤ On exiting the Wirral Way continue straight on to the junction with Grange Rd. Using the toucan crossing, follow

the cycle path right and bear left onto Orrysdale Road. Continue straight along Orrysdale Rd where you will pass the Concourse leisure centre car park and the Fire Station.

- ⑥ You will come to the junction with Bridge Rd where you should continue straight over along Orrysdale Rd, past West Kirby Primary School, where the road becomes Anglesey Rd.
- ⑦ Ahead you will see a playing field with a small car park, just before the road turns sharply to the right. Ride into the car park, and keep left where you will see a shared use path that runs alongside Hoylake Municipal Golf Course to Hoylake Station.
- ⑧ On exiting the path (and if the barriers are up and it is safe to do so) make a left turn onto Carr Lane and cross the railway line. Continue up Station Rd to the Kings Gap roundabout and go straight ahead. The road will continue, past a pub on the left, towards the coast where the road will veer to the right and onto North Parade (which is one-way at this point). Continue along North Parade where you will enjoy views out along the North Coastline. Just past the model boating lake, the road becomes two-way traffic again at Meols Parade.
- ⑨ Continue along Meols Parade and follow as it turns to the right, up a slight slope onto Bennetts Lane. Continue to junction with Park Rd.
- ⑩ Turn left onto Park Rd and follow it until you come to a 'fork' in the road. Follow the road around to the right onto Carr Lane where you will come to a level crossing.
- ⑪ Take extra care when using the crossing. It is advised that you the telephone a few feet before the crossing to check with Network Rail that it is ok to cross the railway line. Once across, continue along Carr Lane, around to the right and past the houses on your left. Make a left turn into Carr House Lane.
- ⑫ Continue along Carr House Lane as far as the junction and make a right turn onto Millhouse Lane. Continue up to the traffic lights and go straight over onto Saughall Rd.

- ⑬ Follow Saughall Rd to the junction with West Kirby Rd and turn left when you see the pub on your right.
- ⑭ Make a left turn onto Saughall Massie Rd following the cycle path past the pelican crossing and make a right turn into Girtrell Rd. If you are not confident about making this right, dismount and use the pelican crossing, walking your bike to Girtrell Rd.
- ⑮ Follow Girtrell Rd until the road veers off to the left but don't head off that way. Continue straight across and over the brook onto Wood Lane.
- ⑯ Once on Wood Lane, take a left turn, following the cycle route 56 signs onto Courtsway West and follow the road until you reach the junction with Greasby Rd.
- ⑰ Just to the left is a toucan crossing, cross Greasby Rd there onto the Jubilee Route that will merge on to Arrowe Brook Rd.
- ⑱ You will see Arrowe Brook Lane just to the right of you, continue along there (using toucan to your left if required) until you reach the roundabout with Mill Lane, Hillbark Road and Mill Hill Rd.
- ⑲ Make a left turn onto Mill Hill Road and an almost immediate right onto Sandy Lane North and follow this to the junction with Thurstaston Rd. Sandy Lane is a bridleway and can be bumpy and muddy after periods of rain. It may not therefore be suitable for some road bikes. ⑲a An alternative route would be to continue down Mill Hill Rd, making a right turn into Hill View Rd and left onto Sandy Lane North rejoining the main route.
- ⑳ Make a right turn onto Thurstaston Rd and follow it to the roundabout with Telegraph Rd and Station Road opposite to you - which can be very busy at times.
- ㉑ Go straight over onto Station Rd, making a right turn and then following the road around to the left where it straightens out and will take you on an easing downwards slope back to the Wirral Country Park car park.