

# CYCLE 1 South West Cycle Route

*Starting and finishing at Wirral Country Park, this route follows the predominantly off road Wirral Way to Parkgate where you can enjoy views across the Gayton Sands Reserve to North Wales.*

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

**Distance:** 7.5 miles

- 1 With the car park behind you, head off to the left down the Wirral Way towards Heswall. This section of the route continues for approximately 2 miles, off road and is relatively flat for easy cycling. After which, the Wirral Way trail comes to a brief end and it joins a residential road, Davenport Road.
- 2 Continue along Davenport Road, past Bromley Close and Station Road to where the road bends around to the right at Riverbank Road. At this bend, you will see a wooden signpost that directs you back onto the off road section of the Wirral Way again.
- 3 The route continues along the Wirral Way and through Heswall Golf Course for a little over a mile where you will come to the junction with Boathouse Lane. Boathouse Lane can be busy so extra care should be taken here.
- 4 Make a right turn onto Boathouse Lane and follow the road down towards The Parade. Again, The Parade can be very busy with traffic, particularly on sunny days so do take care. The parade has many eating establishments along it and is a good place to rest and enjoy the view.
- 5 Continuing along The Parade, you will pass Mostyn House School and shortly after, the road bends around to the left. Follow it around the bend and continue up Station

Road for about 0.3 miles where you will see a sign on your left that leads you back onto the Wirral Way.

- 6 Make a left turn off Station Road onto the Wirral Way and head back on yourself towards Heswall again. This section of the Wirral Way is often plagued by potholes so be aware you may be in for a bumpy ride! If you want to avoid this, you can of course head back along The Parade to Boathouse Lane and rejoin the Wirral Way where you left it earlier.

- 7 After about half a mile you will come to the junction with Boathouse Lane. Cross the road and continue straight on along the Wirral Way for the 3 miles (approximately) back to Thurston.

