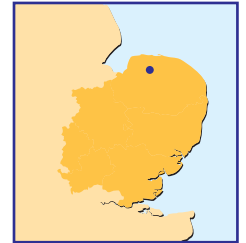


CYCLING DISCOVERY MAP



Starting point: *Fakenham, Norfolk*

Distance: *29 miles/47 km (or with short cut 21 miles/34 km)*

Type of route: *Day ride - moderate, circular; on roads, cycle paths and tracks*

NELSON'S NORFOLK

This cycle ride starts from the market town of Fakenham. From here the route heads north into an area of rich rolling countryside, with pretty flint villages and spectacular views of the coast. Here, one of England's greatest heroes, Lord Horatio Nelson was born. Make a pilgrimage to his father's church, and to the famous shrine of 'Our Lady' in the religious centre of Little Walsingham. Along this route you can discover the 14th C. Slipper Chapel, take a ride on a narrow gauge railway and explore Holkham Hall, one of Britain's most majestic stately homes.



Holkham Hall

Essential information

Starting point:	Fakenham - Market Place, beside war memorial.
Alternative starting point:	Little Walsingham - Common Place (beside pump house). Start from 'direction no. 13'.
Car parking:	Fakenham - Queens Road (charge made); Bridge Street (charge made). Little Walsingham - Coker's Hill (charge made).
Nearest railway station:	King's Lynn (21 miles south west of Fakenham).
Type of route:	Day ride - moderate, circular; on roads, cycle paths and tracks.
Summary of route:	Fakenham - Sculthorpe - North Barsham - Slipper Chapel - Little Walsingham - Great Walsingham - Wighton - Holkham Hall - Burnham Thorpe - Burnham Market - North Creake - East Barsham - Fakenham.
Distance:	29 miles/47 km.
Short cut:	From Blunt's Corner, south along unclassified road to Haggard's Lodge, 1¾ miles (3 km). Total route with short cut, 21 miles (34 km).
Terrain:	Gently rolling. Moderate climb between Burnham Market and North Creake. Lowest point - 23 feet (7 metres) at Burnham Thorpe. Highest point - 223 feet (68 metres) between Wighton and Holkham Hall.
Cycle hire:	Wells-next-the-Sea (2 miles north of route at Wighton) - Huff and Puff Cycle Hire, Beach Road Car Park (next to Pinewoods Holiday Park) (07879) 032241; Wighton - On Yer Bike, The Laurels, Nutwood Farm (01328) 820719.
Cycle repair:	Burnham Market - Uttings, Market Place (01328) 738353. Fakenham - Cycles Direct, 72 Holt Road (01328) 851261. Sculthorpe - Engledow's Cycle Centre, Creake Road (01328) 864785.
Ordnance Survey map area:	Landranger 132 - North West Norfolk.
National Cycle Network links:	Route 1 and Route 30. This ride follows the NCN between Fakenham and Wighton, then again later between New Holkham and Burnham Market.

Key to Symbols & Abbreviations

	Cycle Parking
	Places of Interest
	Refreshments
	Children Welcome
	Picnic Site
	Shop
	Toilets
	Tourist Information
	Caution/Take care
	Left Turn
	Right Turn
	T-junction
	Straight Across/Ahead
	Cross roads
	Sign-posted
	Not Sign-posted



Lord Nelson

Points of Interest (listed as you would find them along the route)

Please note: within this map there is only room to list basic details regarding opening times. In this respect, if you are planning to visit any of the places of interest on this route, we advise you to telephone in advance to confirm exact opening days and times. Refreshment establishments listed on this map are just a small selection of those available. For further information, please contact the nearest Tourist Information Centre.

- A Fakenham** - thriving market town set on the River Wensum. The large market place has handsome 18/19th C. buildings, interesting courtyards and tiny lanes. Market - Thurs. 🗺️
 🗺️ Market Place.
 🏛️ **Church of St. Peter and St. Paul** (Church Lanes) - probably on a Saxon site, the patronage of this partly 15th C. church has rested with Trinity College in Cambridge since 1547.
Fakenham Racecourse (Dereham Road) - one of the finest National Hunt courses in the country. Regular meetings throughout year. (01328) 862388. ✂️ 🏠
Museum of Gas and Local History (Hempton Road) - complete small-town gasworks with local history displays and historic gas appliances. Open all year (Thurs only). Admission free. (01328) 863150.
Pensthorpe Nature Reserve and Gardens (1 mile south east of the town along A1067) - fine collection of rare and native water birds, alongside migratory visitors. Nature trails, bird hides and the Millennium Garden. Open all year. Admission charge. (01328) 851465. ✂️ 🏠
 ✂️ Wide selection throughout town.
 🗺️ Queens Road; Bridge Street.

- B Sculthorpe** - scattered village. The tower of the mostly Victorian church stands in the middle of its nave.
 ✂️ **Horse and Groom** (01328) 856744. 🗺️

- C North Barsham** - tiny hamlet, consisting of a few farmsteads.

- D Slipper Chapel** - 14th C. built alongside pilgrim route to Walsingham. Removing their shoes, they would walk the last mile barefoot. Re-named (1934) as the Roman Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady. (01328) 820217.

- E Little Walsingham** - famous pilgrimage centre. In 1061, Richeldis de Faverches (wife of the Lord of the Manor) had a vision of the Virgin Mary, who commanded her to build an exact replica of the building where the Archangel Gabriel told Mary she was to bear the son of God. It became the most famous shrine in Europe. But during the reformation (1539) it was destroyed. Timber buildings, Georgian facades and 16th C. pump-house. 🗺️

- 🏛️ **The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham** (Knight Street) - replica (built 1931) of the Holy House of Nazareth. Contains image of Our Lady of Walsingham, carved in 1922. (01328) 820255.
Shirehall Museum and Abbey Gardens (Common Place) - 18th C. courthouse and museum. Ruins of Augustinian abbey (c.1153), set amongst gardens and woodland. Open Apr-Oct. Admission charge. (01328) 820510. 🏠
Wells and Walsingham Light Railway (Egmere Road) - longest 10 1/4 inch narrow gauge steam railway in the world. Open Apr-Oct. Admission charge. (01328) 711630. ✂️
 ✂️ Wide selection throughout town.
 🗺️ High Street.

- F Great Walsingham** - attractive village set around a green, with a ford across the river.

- 🏛️ **St. Peter's Church** - 14th C. in decorated style. Set of 15th C. carved benches.

- G Wighton** - small village with flint cottages and a pond.
 ✂️ **Carpenters Arms** (01328) 820752. 🗺️

- H Holkham Hall** - 18th C. Palladian-style mansion set in 3,000 acre deer park, home of the Earls of Leicester. Bygones Museum. Circular cycle route. Hall open end Apr-Sept. Grounds all year. Admission charge for hall. Free entry to grounds. (01328) 710227. ✂️ 🏠

- I Burnham Thorpe** - set around a wide open green, overlooked by brick and flint Georgian buildings, this is the birthplace of one of England's greatest heroes.
Lord Horatio Nelson (1758-1805) - a plaque marks the site of the Parsonage House (demolished 1803) where Nelson was born on Sept 29th 1758. Son of the local rector, he was educated in Norfolk, before joining HMS Raisonnable in 1771. Sixteen years later he returned to Burnham to live with his wife. In 1793 war broke out with the French, and Nelson started his twelve year rise to fame with the defeats of Napoleon on the Nile, at Copenhagen and Trafalgar, where he was mortally wounded aboard HMS Victory. At the Lord Nelson pub (originally called The Plough), Nelson entertained his neighbours. Inside are pictures and memorabilia.
 🏛️ **All Saints' Church** - 13th C. (restored in 19th C. in Nelson's honour). Lectern made of HMS Victory timbers. Marble bust of Nelson above his father's tomb. Naval flags and exhibition.
 ✂️ **The Lord Nelson** (01328) 738241. 🗺️

- J Burnham Market** - the largest of the 'Burnham' villages, its green surrounded by 18th C. buildings. Antique, book and craft shops. Bolton House was the home of Nelson's sister. 🗺️
 🏛️ **All Saint's Church** (1/4 mile north of village along B1355) - late 12th C. Nelson's father was rector from 1755.
St. Mary's Church - 13th C. Nelson's daughter was married here in 1822.
 ✂️ **The Hoste Arms** (01328) 738777. 🗺️
The Lord Nelson (01328) 738321. 🗺️
Village Tea Room (01328) 730300. 🗺️

- K North Creake** - traditional Norfolk village set beside the River Burn. Flint houses and cottages overlook the pond with its ducks. 🗺️
 🏛️ **Creake Abbey** (1 mile north of village along B1355) - 13th C. remains. Abandoned in 1504, when all the monks died of the plague in one week. English Heritage. Open all year. Admission free. (01223) 582700.
St. Mary's Church - 15th C. with hammerbeam roof, wall paintings and large brass of Sir William Calthorpe.
 ✂️ **The Jolly Farmers** (01328) 738185. 🗺️

- L Just off the route** - South Creake (1 mile south of North Creake along B1355). Picturesque village, with the River Burn running alongside the main street and green. Attractive flint cottages and ford.
 🏛️ **St. Mary's Church** - 13-14th C. with hammerbeam (angel) roof, 15th C. rood screen and pulpit.
South Creake Maize Maze (Compton Hall) - themed-based maize maze. Panning for gold and crazy golf. Open mid Jul-early Sept. Admission charge. (01328) 823224. ✂️ 🏠
 ✂️ **The Ostrich Inn** (01328) 823320. 🗺️

- M East Barsham** - noted for its red brick/terracotta hall (built 1520). Detached gatehouse shows royal arms. Henry VIII stayed here whilst visiting Walsingham in 1511. *Not open to the public.*
 ✂️ **White Horse Inn** (01328) 820645. 🗺️



ROUTE DIRECTIONS

STARTING POINT: Fakenham (Market Place, beside war memorial).

A Fakenham - thriving market town. 🚲 🏠 ✂️ 🗺️ 🚽

1 With the war memorial behind you, turn L along the Market Place. After a short distance, as the road bears sharply R around a corner, continue SA onto Hall Staithe. This little road goes downhill. ⚠️

2 At the bottom of the hill (with the car park to your R), continue SA along the cycle/pedestrian path. This takes you alongside the River Wensum. When you reach the road (Goggs Mill Road), turn R (NS).

3 At the X-roads, turn L onto Sculthorpe Road, SP 'Sculthorpe Eastgate'.

4 Dismount from your cycle and carefully cross over the A1065. On the other side, continue SA along the little lane. ⚠️

5 At the T-j with the A148, follow the cycle path to the safe point to cross the road (use island). On the other side, bear R along the cycle path, then immediately L, SP 'Creake Road'. ⚠️

B Sculthorpe - scattered village. ✂️

6 At the X-roads with the B1355, go SA, SP 'Barsham 2'

7 At the T-j with the B1105, go SA onto the track for just over 1/4 mile (NS). There are lovely views across to East Barsham Hall. ⚠️

8 When you reach the road, turn L, SP 'NCR 1'.

9 Turn L, SP 'NCR 1'.

10 Turn R, SP 'Walsingham 2'.

C North Barsham - collection of farmsteads.

11 Turn R, SP 'Walsingham, Slipper Chapel, R.C. Shrine'.

D Slipper Chapel - Roman Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady. 🏠

12 Turn L, SP 'Walsingham, The Shrine O.L.W.'.

E Little Walsingham - famous pilgrimage centre. 🏠 ✂️ 🗺️ 🚽

13 Follow the road past the Common Place, and along the one-way Bridewell Street. Then at the T-j, turn R onto Guild Street, SP 'Wighton, Wells'. After 100 yards, at the next T-j, turn L onto Wells Road, SP 'Wighton 2, Wells 4'. ⚠️

14 Turn R onto St. Peter's Road (NS).

F Great Walsingham - attractive village with ford. 🏠

15 At the T-j beside the war memorial, turn R (NS). Take care at the ford (use bridge).

16 Turn L into Scarborough Road, SP 'Binham 3'. Then take the next turning on the L, SP 'NCR 1'.

17 Turn L, SP 'Wells, NCR 1, K Lynn 36'.

G Wighton - flint cottages and pond. ✂️

18 Bear R and head towards the church.

19 At the T-j, turn R, SP 'Wells 3'. Then take the next turning on the L, onto Crabbe Road, SP 'Creake 5 1/2, Burnham 7'.

20 At the X-roads with the B1105, go SA (NS).



All Saints' Church, Burnham Thorpe

21 At the X-roads, go SA, SP 'Burnhams'. On your L is the impressive Triumphal Arch.

H Holkham Hall - 18th C. Palladian-style mansion. 🏠

I Burnham Thorpe - birthplace of Nelson. 🏠 ✂️

22 Turn R, SP 'Burnham Market 1'.

J Burnham Market - green with 18th C. buildings. 🏠 ✂️ 🗺️

23 Turn L onto the B1355 (NS). Alternatively, to visit the village centre, turn R.

24 Take the 2nd R (past garage) onto Beacon Hill Road (NS). Follow the road up the hill. ⚠️

25 At the X-roads, turn L, SP 'N. Creake, Fakenham'. To your L are spectacular views of the North Norfolk Coast.

K North Creake - flint houses and duck pond. 🏠 ✂️ 🗺️

26 Turn R onto the B1355 (NS), crossing over the River Burn. Less than 1/4 mile later (just past the Old School), turn L onto Roadhills (NS). Take care as this is a hidden turning. ⚠️

L Just off the route - South Creake (continue SA along the B1355 for 1 mile). Picturesque village beside river. 🏠 ✂️

27 At the T-j, turn L towards the wooded area (NS).

28 Turn R, SP 'Fakenham'.

29 At the X-roads (beside Haggard's Lodge), go SA, SP 'Waterden'.

30 Turn L, SP 'Barshams 1 1/2, Walsingham 4 1/2'. Along this road is the scattered hamlet of Waterden, and to your L is the simple All Saints' Church with its Norman doorways.

31 At the X-roads with the B1105, go SA (NS).

32 Pass back through North Barsham, continuing SA, SP 'W. Barsham and Fakenham'.

33 Turn L, SP 'East Barsham 1'.

M East Barsham - red brick hall (built 1520). ✂️

34 Turn R, SP 'Fakenham 2'. ⚠️

35 At the X-roads with the B1105, turn L (NS). Then take the next turning on the R onto Trap Lane (NS). ⚠️

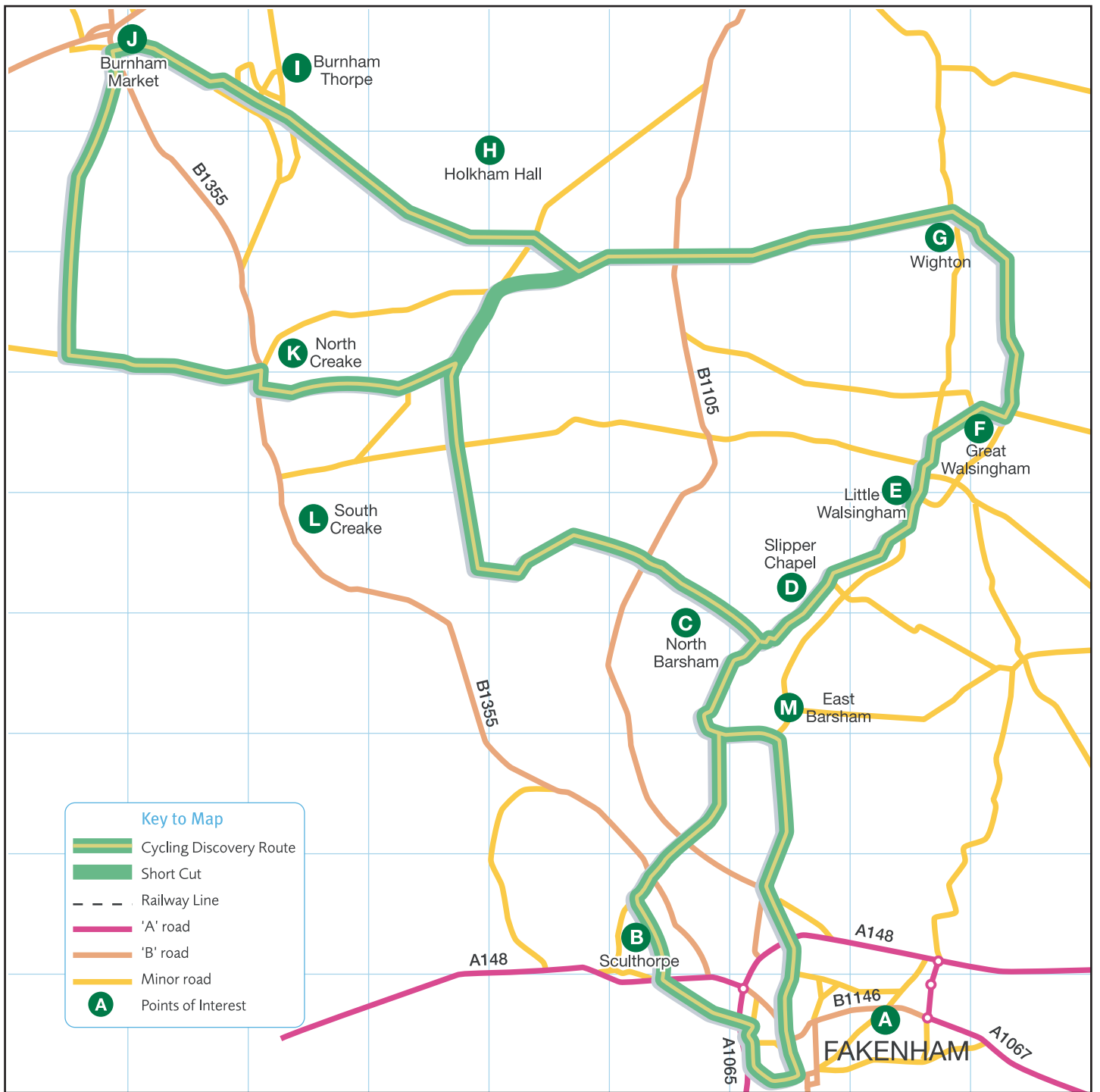
36 At the T-j with the A148, dismount from your cycle, and taking extra care, go SA to continue along Trap Lane opposite (NS). ⚠️

37 At the T-j with Field Lane, go SA (NS). On your R is Fakenham High School.

38 Just before the T-j with Wells Road, Field Lane becomes one-way. At this point you must dismount from your cycle and walk this small stretch. When you reach Wells Road, turn L. If you prefer you can continue to walk along the pavement to the L of this road.

39 Take the next turning on your R into Butchers Lane. After a short distance, you turn L into Nelson Road. Then at the T-j with Oak Street, turn R and follow this back to the Market Place.

Short cut (13/4 miles). Total route with short cut - 21 miles. As the road bears sharply R (Blunt's Corner), turn L, SP 'The Creakes'. After just over 1/2 mile, turn L, SP 'Quarles, South Creake 2', then immediately L again, SP 'Fakenham'. After just over 1/2 mile, turn L, SP 'Fakenham'. Remain on this road for 1/2 mile. Please now continue from 'direction no. 29'.



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