

Big Skies Bike Rides

Useful information to help you on your way



Use the following information in conjunction with any of the printable A4 cycle ride maps for exploring the Yorkshire Wolds, a crescent of rolling chalk hills full of quiet charm, long views... and big skies.

Most of these circular rides start from Wolds edge towns and villages (good for buying things to eat before you set off) and five of them can be reached by train. Sections of the National Cycle Network (including the Way of the Roses and Yorkshire Wolds cycle routes) are used.

Following the routes

Each route is highlighted on its own Ordnance Survey map with arrows showing which way round to go and added directions at numbered points to help with navigation. The keys to maps and route descriptions explain the symbols shown on the maps and the abbreviations used. The general rule is to keep to the road you are on unless otherwise directed. Please note all distances are approximate and refreshment stops opening times vary.

* 1:50,000 scale = 1¼ inches to 1 mile or 2cm to 1km

Route grading

Each route is graded *Easy*, *Moderate* or *Hard* based on average height gain per kilometre.

Travelling by train

The rides from *Beverley* (1), *Driffield* (9), *Bridlington* (8) and *Hunmanby* (7) can all be reached by trains running on Northern Rail's *Yorkshire Coast Line*. Bikes travel free of charge and reservations for the two bike spaces are not required (*no restrictions on folding bikes*) – conductors will be as helpful as passenger numbers allow. www.yccrp.co.uk

More information at www.yorkshirecoastline.co.uk

First TransPennine Express trains will get you to the ride from *Malton* (5). Again bikes go free but reservations for the two bike spaces are recommended. www.tpexpress.co.uk

For all train travel and up to date information about bikes on trains call National Rail on 08457 48 49 50 or go to www.nationalrail.co.uk

Cycle shops and hire

There are cycle shops in Beverley, Bridlington, Driffield, Malton and Pocklington. Look in the Big Skies Ride info on each of the ride maps for more details, including cycle hire in Bridlington and Malton. Tourist Information Centres will also have details.

Your views

Let us know what you think about these cycle rides. Talk to TIC staff and /or send an e-mail to info@vhey.co.uk

Guided rides

Free Sky Rides (and women only Breeze Rides) take place across the East Riding of Yorkshire each summer. The CTC groups for Ryedale and East Yorkshire also organise rides on which visitors are welcome. Find out more at www.goskyride.com/east-riding and www.ctc.org.uk/local-groups

Cycling safely

Cycling should be fun but it should also be safe. Simple safety rules, first aid advice and more help are available from www.direct.gov.uk/en/travelandtransport/highwaycode

Tourist Information

There are Tourist Information Centres in Beverley (01482 391672), Bridlington (01482 391634) and at the Humber Bridge North Bank Viewing Area (01482 640852), or try www.visithullandeastyorkshire.com

Way of the Roses

The Way of the Roses coast2coast route connects York with the Wolds and the Yorkshire Wolds cycle route connects all the main towns in the area. More information about these and other National Cycle Network routes and rides at www.sustrans.org.uk

Key to route descriptions

R	=	right
L	=	left
SA	=	straight ahead/across
T-jct	=	T junction
X-roads	=	crossroads
m	=	metres
km	=	kilometre (0.6 mile)
Scale*	=	20mm = 1km (0.6 mile)

Key to maps

	Cycle route
	Route through town
	Route instruction
	Primary route
	Main road
	Secondary road
	Minor road
	Take special care at this point/section
	Gradient: 14-20% (arrow points downhill)



Cycling in the Wolds