

Big skies bike rides

Some useful information



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 accessed by train. Sections of the National Cycle Network (numbered blue signs) and The National Byway (brown signs) 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're on unless otherwise directed. Please note all distances are approximate and refreshment stops opening times vary.

*1:50,000 scale = 1 1/4 inches to 1 mile or 2cm to 1km

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

Route grading

Route grades are expressed by route length and degree of difficulty, calculated as average height gain per kilometre plus taking any particularly steep gradients into account.

The Yorkshire Coast Line

This Northern Rail service between Hull and Scarborough gets you to the *North Newbald and Back*, *Burton Agnes & Kilham*, *Bempton Cliffs & Rudston* and *Great Wold Valley* rides. Bikes travel free of charge and reservations for the two bike spaces per train are not required (there are no restrictions on the number of folding bikes) – generally conductors try to be as helpful as passenger numbers allow.

First TransPennine Express operate trains to Malton station for the *Thixendale* ride. Again bikes go free but reservations are recommended for the two bikes spaces per train.

Contact National Rail Enquiries for all rail travel information:

www.nationalrail.co.uk

T: 08457 48 49 50

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

Cycle shops and hire

There are cycle shops in Beverley, Bridlington, Driffield, and Malton/Norton-on-Derwent. Contact the Tourist Information Centres below for details.

Tourist Information Centres

Beverley TIC

34 Butcher Row, HU17 0AB

T: 01482 391672

E: info@vhey.co.uk

Bridlington TIC

25 Prince Street, YO15 2NP

T: 01262 673474

E: info@vhey.co.uk

Malton TIC

Market Place, YO17 7LP

T: 01653 600048

E: maltontic@btconnect.com

Cycling safety

Cycling should be fun, but it should also be safe. Simple safety rules, first aid on the road and more helpful information can be found at

www.directgov.uk/travelandtransport/thehighwaycode

The Rides

