Goole

Cycle Map

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Six cycle routes in and around Goole

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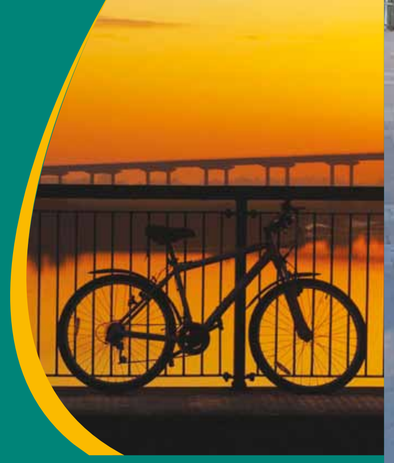

Welcome to Goole!

Goole is a fascinating town located where the River Ouse meets the Aire and the Don in the East Riding of Yorkshire. It is the furthest inland port in Britain, and is one of the few towns in the country that is able to trace it's origins to the exact date the town was finished, in 1926, as marked by the Clock Tower in the town centre.

Goole is surrounded by flat attractive scenery which makes it perfect for cycling. We hope the rides featured on this map will encourage local residents and visitors to the area to dust off their bikes and get back in the saddle to explore their local landscape on two wheels. Cycling is a great way to help you get fit, save money and help the environment as well as helping you reach places and scenery that are impossible to access by car.

The Rides

Each of the six routes on this map has been graded by difficulty and we have aimed to include rides which cater for all abilities. Most of the routes run along quiet roads or tracks but great care is needed on some routes as they cross busy roads and junctions. Please read the ride text before deciding which route is best for you. Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 291 covers all these routes in detail if you would like further information.

If you enjoyed these rides you might be interested in similar leisure cycle route maps for Pocklington, Driffield and South Holderness. For free copies of these please email transport.policy@eastriding.gov.uk or call (01482) 391747. We would also love to hear from you if you have any comments or suggestions about the routes featured in this map.

There are a number of longer distance cycle routes that run through and within the East Riding. More information on these can be found at www.vhey.com or at www.sustrans.org.uk

Facilities in the Town

Goole has an active cycling community and is well set up to cater for cyclists with secure cycle parking in the town centre, public toilets and numerous local cafes, restaurants and pubs for tired cyclists to re-fuel after a ride!

There are also two local bike shops in Goole, both of which sell cycles and accessories. For further information, contact:

- John Donoghue Cycles on Pasture Road - (01405) 801410 or see www.johndonoghuecycles-goole.co.uk. This shop also has a maintenance department and can carry out repairs or alterations to your bike.
- Wilco Motosave on Boothferry Road - (01405 765000) or see www.wilcodirect.co.uk

Local facilities are all shown on the town centre map, right.

Ride 1 – EASY

A short ride on traffic free paths, ideal for family groups

3.3 miles/5km, or 40 minutes riding time

From the Shaftesbury Avenue entrance to West Park, next to the car park, turn right and follow the path around the park in a figure of eight circuit. Use the direction arrows shown on this route map to help you complete the ride. Part of the western end of the route runs along a grass track which is not suitable for road bikes.

The park also contains a children's play area including zip wire, basketball courts, BMX track, football pitches and bowling greens.

Did you know…

West Park was laid out in the shape of a crown and was funded by money from the Unemployed Grants Committee. Most of the work was done by unemployed men of the town, the number of which had risen dramatically after the Goole Steam Shipping Company cut its fleet from 25 to 14 vessels. The work took nine months to complete and the park was formally opened on 13 September 1923.

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KEY

★ Busy junction or main road with fast traffic – take care

Ride 2 – EASY

A short flat ride running next to the River Ouse, perfect for less experienced cyclists or groups with children

3.5 miles/6km, or 40 minutes riding time

Start from Jetty Close in Hook and join the off road track that runs next to the River Ouse. Sections of this riverside track can get muddy in bad weather and this route is therefore not suitable for road bikes. Cycle along the river bank heading west, stopping when you reach the motorway bridge. Retrace your route until you reach the starting point.

Did you know…

The village of Hook developed when Viking raiders settled here while heading for York. The name Hook generates from the 12th century 'huc' which meant river bend, in this case the sharp curve in the River Ouse where Hook is located.

Ride 3 – STEADY

A scenic ride from Goole to Howden with some great views of the surrounding countryside

7 miles/11km, or 1 hour 15 minutes riding time

Leave Goole along the A614 Airmyn Road using the shared use off road cycle path. Pass over the motorway bridge and the river and as you approach Howden turn left immediately after the garage on to a one way road. At the end of the road turn left onto Boothgate and then right at the T junction. Follow this road and turn left at the junction with the Council offices, heading towards the minster. Continue round to the right and turn left at the flower shop down Vicar Lane.

Turn left onto the main road and continue until you reach the one way road leading off from Boothgate (cyclists are permitted in both directions). Follow the cycle path along this road back to the A614 and onwards to Goole.

Did you know…

Legend has it that at the funeral of John of Howden in 1275 the dead man raised his arms from his open coffin during his requiem mass to greet the host. As such, he has become regarded as a saint, though the Catholic Church has never made this official. Because of this and several other events that were regarded as miracles, Howden became a centre for pilgrims in the 14th and 15th centuries.

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Good Cycling Code

In order for you to have fun and be safe on these rides, please consider these tips before taking to your bike:

- Go prepared. Take some water and a snack with you, and make sure that your bike is in a good state of repair.
- Use lights at night and consider wearing reflective clothing, particularly in bad weather.
- Ride positively and be aware of motorised vehicles – keep to the left to assist them in passing you safely.
- Follow the Highway Code at all times.
- Cycle helmets are recommended.

Waterways Museum

The Yorkshire Waterways Museum is located to the south of Goole at the side of the Dutch River. The museum contains a number of galleries and exhibitions outlining the maritime history of Goole and the development of the canal network as well as an exhibition barge and lots of other boats on the river to explore. There is also a café and toilet facilities making it perfect for a well earned cuppa after finishing your ride. Alternatively you could complete ride 3 on this map and continue through Goole town centre to visit the museum.

The museum is open from 9am-4pm on weekdays and 10am-4pm at weekends and admission is free. Boat trips around Goole Docks run at weekends, bank holidays and school holidays, departing at quarter past the hour. Tickets cost £4 for adults and £3 for children under 12.

For more information visit: www.waterwaysmuseum.org.uk or call (01405) 768730.

RSPB Blacktoft Sands Reserve

Blacktoft Sands RSPB reserve is located on the south bank of the River Ouse, just east of Ousefleet. The tidal reedbed that makes up the reserve is the largest in England and you might be able to spot some of the 270 species of birds that visit the reserve. One of the most breathtaking sights in summer is pairs of marsh harriers, which pass food from one to the other in mid-air during their acrobatic courtship display.

The reserve also has toilets, a snack bar, and a picnic area and is open daily (except Christmas Day) from 9am-9pm (or dusk if earlier), making it the perfect stop off point when cycling ride 6 on this map. The reception hide is open daily from 9am-4pm until October, and at weekends from November to February. RSPB members visit for free and charges for non members are £3 for adults and £1 for under 16s. For more information visit www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/b/blacktoftsands or call (01405) 704665.

Ride 4 – STEADY

A flat route starting from Howden through quiet picturesque villages and alongside the River Ouse

8.5 miles/14km, or 1 hour 15 minutes riding time

If you want to make this ride more challenging you can start from Goole and use the off road cycle path alongside the A614 before picking up this ride from the centre of Howden. Alternatively there are off street car parks on Hailgate and at Bishops Manor House in Howden town centre.

Leave Howden along Hailgate and pick up signs for NCN route 65 towards the M62. Continue over the roundabout with the A614 taking extra care at this busy junction – you may prefer to dismount and push your bike for this short section. Continue along NCN route 65 over the motorway and turn left towards Laxton and Kilpin. Follow signs until you reach the outskirts of Laxton village and turn right down New Lane towards Saltmarshe.

At the end of the road turn right onto Main Street and turn right again at the next T junction. Follow the road along the banks of the river and follow NCN route 65 signs back to the centre of Howden.

Did you know…

In the early 19th century Howden became famous throughout Europe for its horse fair, held every September. The fair was quoted in The Sporting Magazine in 1807 as being the "largest fair for horses in the Kingdom". The fair attracted all the principal horse dealers from across the UK and it is estimated that up to 4,000 horses were displayed for sale every day with over £200,000 raised through sales.

Ride 5 – STEADY

A ride from the village of Swinefleet along quiet roads and country tracks

10 miles/16km, or 1.5 hours riding time

You can start this ride from the villages of Swinefleet, or Reedness, both of which have good local pubs with ample free parking for patrons.

Leave Swinefleet heading east along the High Street, following signs for Blacktoft Sands nature reserve and passing the Half Moon Inn. Take the next road right towards Eastoft and continue over the A161. Use the map as a guide and travel along Crossmoor Bank and Quay Lane until you reach the main road before turning right and arriving back in Swinefleet.

Did you know…

A peat works used to operate at Swinefleet and the peat was transported to the main Axholme railway line by a rail spur linking to the peat works. In July 1895 The Goole Times newspaper reported on a visit to the line by the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union. It commented that the visitors had been transported to the works on flat wagons, with their legs dangling over the sides and although the train reached their destination fairly quickly, several were somewhat shaken by the experience.

Ride 6 – CHALLENGING

A longer ride for confident cyclists taking in some of the pretty villages and scenery around Goole

25 miles/40km, or 3.5 hours riding time

This route has two cut through points that make the route shorter. These are shown by the dashed lines on the map.

Follow ride 5 east out of Swinefleet and past the Half Moon pub, and continue along this road following signs for Blacktoft Sands RSBP reserve. Continue through Whitgift and Ousefleet, past the entrance to Blacktoft Sands and carry on through the villages of Adlingfleet and Garthorpe.

About 2 miles after you have left Garthorpe, turn right onto the B1392 towards Luddington. Turn right into Luddington at the Lincolnshire Arms pub and continue along Garthorpe Road until you reach Fockerby.

Continue through the village and turn left onto West End. Take the first right and then immediately left and follow this road as it becomes narrower and eventually turns into a bridleway. Use the map as a guide to navigate through the fields, joining the main road at Ousefleet before travelling back to Swinefleet.

Did you know…

The Church of Mary Magdalene at Whitgift has a clock with an unusual feature. Instead of a 12 (XII in Roman numerals) it has a 13 (XIII). The reason for this varies, but local rumour suggests that it may be due to the church being adjacent to a pub (now closed) at which the painter imbibed before completing the job.

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