Wolds Villages

Grade: Moderate

Distance: 39km return

Terrain: Minor roads/cycle paths

Description: This route includes a few moderate climbs and gentle descents on quiet roads, you’ll visit a number of small villages and hamlets in the Great Wold valley, enjoying a range of farmland views along the way. Towards the end, you can enjoy a visit to Yorkshire’s only whisky distillery, where you can take a tour or just admire the process from the tea room’s viewing gallery. towhees ding and still retains its own station on the Yorire

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Refreshments: Pubs, shops & tea rooms in Hunmanby, pubs in Burton Fleming, pub in Thwing.

Start: Filey Town Centre

1. Filey to Hunmanby (approx 6km)

Turn right out of the BikeAbout shop and go left at the T junction. Follow the road round as it bears right and, after a short distance, turn left at the junction. You will immediately pass The Star Inn on your right and will come to another junction, where you should turn right (Mitford Street). Cycle past all the shop until you arrive at Church Street. Go round to your left, passing Cammish Outdoor shop on your left and you will immediately arrive a mini-roundabout, where you will see a fuel station on your left. Take the first exit and at the next roundabout (where you will see Tescos in front of you), take the second exit, following the A1039 out of Filey, passing the bus station, where the designated cycle route starts on the road and later takes you onto the path. At the roundabout, turn left alongside the busy A165 but, if you’re not a confident cyclist, stick to the path, which is designated cycle route all the way, though is not well signed at the start. Shortly after crossing the railway, turn right, following the sign to Hunmanby. After passing The Royal Oak pub on your left and the fuel station on the right, turn right towards Hunmanby. Continue along this road (Stonegate) as it goes uphill and reaches a junction. If you wish to see the village, turn left and you’ll find yourself on the main street.

1. Hunmanby to Burton Fleming (approx 6km)

If you don’t wish to explore Hunmanby, turn right at the junction and onto the mini roundabout. Take the 1st exit towards Malton and after few metres, turn left towards Burton Fleming. At the crossroads, turn right and, after a short distance, turn left towards Burton Fleming.

1. Burton Fleming to Octon via Thwing (approx 6.5km)

Continue to the cross roads, where you go straight ahead onto Thwing Road, following signs to the village of Thwing. In approximately 1km, turn right, following the brown by-way sign into Thwing. Bear right into the village. Turn left at the staggered cross roads and then right onto Octon Road. At the next T-junction, turn right travelling through Octon.

1. Octon to Foxholes (approx 4km)

Travel downhill to Octon Grange. Follow the road round via the sharp left-hand bend. At the cross roads, go straight ahead into Foxholes. At the B1249 T-junction, turn right (taking extra care as this road can be busy). After a short distance, turn left towards Ganton. As you pass the church on the sharp right-hand bend, continue straight ahead towards Ganton.

1. Foxholes to Fordon (approx 5km)

Ensure that you do not continue all the way to Ganton by turning right at Ganton Wold Farm, heading towards Fordon. At the cross roads (again with the busy B1249), go straight ahead. Continue straight ahead and enjoy the descent into a grassy valley area, leading into the small hamlet of Fordon. You may wish to take a short trip right to see the tiny church but, if not, go straight ahead at the cross-roads.

1. Fordon to Hunmanby (approx 11km)

After a short distance, you’ll find a small butterfly reserve on your left, where you may wish to take a short detour. Continue straight ahead. At the cross-roads, turn left sign-posted to Hunmanby and continue along this straight road until you reach the mini roundabout. If you don’t wish to visit the whisky distillery, turn left (1st exit) at the roundabout and pick up the route from the \* below. If you wish to visit the whisky distillery and tea room, turn right here and continue over the railway track. You’ll pass a carpet shop and an entrance to the industrial estate on your left. Continue ahead for a short distance until you come to a second road onto the industrial estate. You should spot the large signs to the Spirit of Yorkshire distillery at this point. Turn left and immediate right into the car park. You’ll find cycle stands at the back of the building. When you’ve completed your visit/tour, head back the way you came from. At the mini round-about go straight ahead (2nd exit) \* and go straight ahead. Just after passing the church on your right, turn right and you are back on Stonegate and heading back into Filey the way you came.