Hockney Trail

Grade: Moderate

Distance: Approx 41km (return)

Terrain: Mainly minor roads

Description: David Hockney may be a world-famous artist but he is also local to this area and his work has often been inspired by The Yorkshire Wolds. This circular route takes you through the countryside, which featured in some of Hockney’s paintings. The roads are quiet and feature regular steady inclines/declines, though small sections touch on the B1253 & B1249, which are busy, fast roads. Keep a look out for the artist himself, who can sometimes still be seen sketching by the roadside apparently!

Coast Railway rou visit small villages and hamlets as you

Refreshments: Pubs in Kilham, Langtoft, Thwing & Burton Fleming. Wide range in Hunmanby.

Start: Hunmanby Village Centre

1. Hunmanby to Burton Fleming (approx 6km)

With the 2 village pubs on your left and the church on your right, head up the hill to the mini round-about where you take the 1st exit. Take your immediate left, signposted to Burton Fleming. Continue along this road, passing the golf course on the left. After about 1km, turn right at the cross roads and, after a short distance, turn left towards Burton Fleming. Continue downhill for approx 3km until you come into Burton Fleming with the duck pond and church on your right.

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

Continue to the cross roads, where you go straight ahead onto Thwing Road, following the signs to Thwing. In approximately 1km, you will arrive at a junction. Turn right, following the brown by-way sign to Thwing. At the next junction, turn right into Thwing itself and pass the Falling Stone pub on your left. Continue downhill through the village, taking the first junction on your left and then turning right almost immediately onto Octon Rd. Continue along the road for approx 1.5km until you reach the T junction.

1. Octon to Langtoft (approx 5km)

Turn left at the junction, following the sign to Sledmere. After a short distance, you will come to the B1253, where you turn right towards Sledmere. Take care as this road can get busy. Follow the road to the roundabout at Octon Crossroads, taking the first exit onto the B1249 which will take you into Langtoft. Cycle along the main road through Langtoft. As you start to head out of the village, turn left at the mini roundabout, which is signed to Kilham. On heading out of Langtoft, make sure that you take some time to look around you at the undulating fields. These were the inspiration for Hockney’s painting ‘Tracks Into Wheat Field Near Langtoft’.

1. Langtoft to Boynton via Kilham (approx 13km)

Continue along the minor road, which takes you into Kilham, where the artist spent time capturing various images. Just before the Kilham village sign, look out for the farm track on your left, which is lined with trees on either side. This inspired Hockney’s “The Tunnel”. Follow the road round to the left as it becomes West End and continue to the next junction. Turn left onto Chapel Lane. Follow the road as it bears right and through the village centre. After passing the church on your left, keep ahead along East St until you come to a sharp right hand bend, where the main road is signed to Bridlington. Turn left off the main road onto Woldgate. This old Roman road was the theme of Hockney’s “Woldgate” and “The Arrival of Spring” series. There are stunning sea-views to your right on a clear day but it’s a beautiful road in any weather and virtually traffic-free. In approx 3km, you’ll come to a junction. Turn left signed to Bridlington and, after a few metres, as the road bears to the left, turn right. In about 3.5km, you will reach a cross-roads, where you turn left off the blue signed “Route 1” and head steeply downhill, bringing you to the unsigned junction with the B1253. Turn right. After a short distance, the road brings you into Boynton. Take the first junction on your left, signed to Grindale.

1. Boynton to Hunmanby via Grindale (approx 10.5km)

Follow the winding road uphill out of the village. On arriving in Grindale, turn left at the junction towards Reighton and, after passing the pond on your right, turn left again. Soon after the national speed limit signs, turn right at the junction, following the blue cycle route signs (route 1), which you now follow back to Hunmanby. Take the first junction on your left. Immediately after crossing the railway, turn left and continue along the road until you reach another junction, where you turn right and go back over the railway. After the next cross roads, go straight ahead and the road takes you under the A165 via a new brick tunnel and into Reighton. At the junction, turn left towards Filey. When you reach the busy A165, you can choose to use the main roundabout and take the second exit or you can turn onto a short marked cycle path on your right, which takes you across the road. Continue into Hunmanby village via Sands Lane, turning right at the T junction to end up back where you started.