Long Ride to Sledmere

Grade: Hard (due to distance)

Distance: Approx 70km (return)

Terrain: Mainly minor roads

Description: On road route through the wolds taking some villages and great views

Coast Railway rou visit small villages and hamlets as you

Refreshments: Wide range in Hunmanby.

Start: Hunmanby Village Centre

1. Hunmanby to Fordon (7km)

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 continue along this road for about 4km. At the crossroads turn right signposted to Fordon. The road takes you through a picturesque valley (Cans Dale) and eventually to the small village of Fordon.

1. Fordon to Sledmere (22km)

At the crossroads in Fordon turn left and start a short climb, this is signposted as Wold Newton and Driffield. At the top of the hill the road opens up and at the crossroads turn right, if the signpost has been repaired it will indicate Foxholes. The road starts to drop and comes to a ‘T’ junction where you turn left on to the B1249, this can be a busy road. The road continues through Foxholes and as you exit the village there is a staggered crossroads where you turn right. This is signposted for Malton. You continue along this road for several miles, passing through the Villages of Butterwick, Weaverthorpe, Helperthorpe, East Lutton & West Lutton. Eventually you’ll arrive in the village of Kirby Grindalythe where yo need to turn left towards Sledmere & Driffield. The road descends though the village and then zig-zags between the cottages before emerging on a long undulating single track road. This brings you to Sledmere where there is a lovely resting spot at the tea rooms at Sledmere House.

1. Sledmere to Kilham (20km)

The House sits directly next to the main road (B1253)and you continue on this road through Sledmere. As the road rises you turn right signposted to Bridlington (B1253) and Scarborough and start the climb out of Sledmere. (You can visit the Sir Tatton Sykes Monument by continuing straight on for 4km at this junction, however, the only way to continue is ride back to this junction.) Fortunately, you are only on this part of the route for about 2.5km when you turn right at the first crossroads by some cottages. The signpost states Cowlam & Driffield. The road is not that well maintained but is easily rideable and takes in a lovely valley. After about 6km turn sharp left at the unsigned junction to climb to Cottam Warren Farm. The road bears right through the farm at the top of the climb and then continues to the ‘T’ junction the B1249. Another fairly busy road which you turn right on to. After about 1km turn right towards Kilham. Take a breather here and if its a clear day you can make out the towers of the Humber Bridge and Beverley Minster. Kilham is about 4km along this road and when you enter continue straight on into the Village

1. Kilham to Boynton

The road becomes West End and you 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. 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.