Hunmanby Village, including whiskey distillery (6km or 8km)

Grade: Easy

Distance: 6km/8km return

Terrain: Shared cycle paths & minor roads

Description: This route is ideal for getting you to start of some of our more challenging rides or as a short stand-alone ride, providing the opportunity to explore the historic village of Hunmanby, known as the “Gateway to the Yorkshire Wolds”. Many of the traditional 17th & 18th century chalk houses remain, giving you the feeling of stepping back in time. On the outskirts of the village, you’ll find Yorkshire’s only whiskey distillery. Public tours are available daily. The route is on cycle paths and minor roads, with a small section involving riding on a cycle path alongside (and eventually crossing) the busy A165. You have the option of a circular route (approx 8km) but you can keep the ride to 6km by returning back the way you came.

Refreshments: Wide variety in Hunmanby & Filey

Start: BikeAbout Filey

1. Leaving Filey

As you leave the shop, turn left and (as Hope Street is one way) walk your bikes to the end of the road. You will spot Filey Police Station/Evron Centre opposite you to the left. Keeping this building on your left, cycle along John Street. At the junction, turn left onto Belle Vue Street and follow the road as it almost immediately takes you sharp right and past Crescent Gardens on your left. Turn onto Southdene, which is the fourth junction on your right and, at the bottom of the road, turn left onto West Avenue. Continue to the bottom of the road, passing the large car park on your right and the park (Glen Gardens) on your left. After a few metres, you’ll come to what appears to be a footpath with Filey Golf Club straight in front of you. Turn right onto the path, which is a designated shared cycle path, but be aware that during busy times of the year this short section of the route can become very busy with pedestrians.

You’ll pass over the railway bridge (during the summer months, look out for the beach donkeys resting in the field just before you reach the bridge) and, after a short distance, you’ll come to a small junction. You will see the Fairy Garden, which is a lovely outdoor cafe, straight in front of you. Continue ahead onto the tarmac road with the Fairy Garden on your right. Follow the road, passing the holiday parks on your right, until you reach the main road. Turn left, using the path which is a designated cycle route.

1. A165 to Hunmanby

After a short distance, you will come to the roundabout, where you turn left continuing on the shared cycle path along the busy A165. Continue ahead for just under 1km until you cross the railway line. After a short distance, you will see a farm and some bungalows across the road on your right. At this point you will find a dropped kerb. Cross the main road at this point and take the small tarmac road, which runs at behind the bungalows. As the road passes the last of the houses on your left, you’ll arrive at a junction where you turn right. Travel past the Royal Oak pub on your right and, immediately after passing the fuel station on your left, turn right following the sign to Hunmanby (Filey Road). Take care on this short section as it can get busy at times.

1. Hunmanby Village

On your way into the village you’ll pass Orchard Farm campsite on your right with its miniature railway which is open to non-residents. Having past the first road on your right (Outgaites Lane), keep a look out on your left for the small green with its 19th century jail (known as the lock-up) complete with a pen to house the incarcerated farmers’ animals.

Continue straight ahead up Stonegate, passing Hungate Lane on your left and enjoy the quaint feel of this historic street with its old cottages on either side. As the road bends sharply to the right, you’ll arrive at a junction where you turn left and, after a few metres come to the centre of the village with the 12th century All Saints church on your left and the market cross and main car park on your right. This is the starting point for some of our other routes but, if you just want to spend a while enjoying the village with its range of independent shops and places to eat and drink, we’d recommend locking up your bikes at this point.

1. Hunmanby Village to Spirit of Yorkshire (whisky distillery)

When you’re happy to move on, with the church on your right and car park on your left, cycle back up the road. If you wish to shorten the route (and skip the Spirit of Yorkshire distillery and tea room), you can turn right back along Hungate Lane and return to Filey the way that you came as the circular road does add on a couple of km. If you’re happy to continue, pass Hungate Lane and, at the mini round-about, take the 1st exit and then turn immediate left, signposted to Burton Fleming. Continue along this road, passing Hunmanby Hall and the golf course on the left. After about 1km, you’ll come to a junction, where you turn left and, on a clear day, should be able to enjoy distant sea views. Continue downhill until you reach the junction with the cemetery on your right. Turn right and continue ahead, passing over the railway crossing and passing an entrance to an industrial estate on your left. After a short distance, you’ll see another entrance to the industrial estate on your left and you should immediately spot the large signs for Spirit of Yorkshire (the whisky distillery and tea room). Turn left onto the industrial estate and turn immediately right into the car park. You’ll find bike stands at the back of the building.

5) Leaving Hunmanby

Come out of the Spirit of Yorkshire the same way you arrived, going back across the railway track and towards the village. Go straight ahead at the mini-roundabout (2nd exit) and, after a short distance, take your first right onto Sands Lane. Follow this road as it heads past the Piebald Inn (renowned for its pies) on your left and out of the village. After about 1km, you’ll reach a busy roundabout on the A165. Just before the roundabout, turn left onto the small cycle track which brings you to the cycle crossing point. Having crossed the main road, turn left and follow the cycle path along the A165. Continue passed Primrose Valley on your right and you will soon be on a section you rode on the way in. Soon after crossing the railway, turn right onto the small track sign-posted Low Field Farm and holiday park, which is also signed as a bridleway. Follow the road as it passes farm buildings on either side and keep left as it enters the caravan park. Cycle through the caravan park, passing the reception on your left and at the top of the straight road with its harsh speed bumps, turn left onto the small mud track, which brings you back out at The Fairy Garden. Turn right here and you are back on the shared cycle path, which leads to the Golf Club. Turn left onto the tarmac road opposite the Golf Club and this will bring you back to the start of the ride.