

Edge of the Wolds

📍 5 stages | 📏 8 mi (13 km) | 🚲 Ride Steady

Our route begins at Horkstow, well known for the Roman pavements discovered in the grounds of the Georgian Horkstow Hall in 1796. The mosaic depicting a chariot race was lifted in 1927 and is now on display in the Hull Museum.

Enjoy the superb views over the lower Ancholme Valley and the rolling countryside to the east. Pretty hillside lanes link the lower road that joins the four 'low villages' of Horkstow, Saxby, Bonby and Worlabby. Several narrow lanes give access down to the 'Carrs' of the River Ancholme. ('Carrs' are wetlands dominated by shrubs rather than trees).



Highlights

Horkstow Hall

A Romano-British mosaic, dated stylistically to the fourth century AD, was discovered by labourers setting out a kitchen garden in 1797, and was recorded in quick succession by William Fowler and Samuel Lysons. The mosaic was left in situ, protected by a purpose-built building, until its removal to the British Museum in 1927, leaving a slight hollow and an adjacent grassed over low mound of soil. The mosaics, which were transferred to Hull Museum in 1976, are similar in design to those excavated at Brantingham and Winterton and are believed to have been laid by mosaicists from a workshop based at Brough.



The Earthworks & St Maurice's Church

Situated opposite St Maurice's church are the site of an early 17th century Jacobean manor house and formal gardens. George Stubbs lived in the village from 1756 to 1760 and several local families own examples of his work painted during his stay. Here he commenced his gruesome work of dissecting horses to help understand how the animal functioned, for his paintings and book 'Anatomy of the Horse' Take time to visit the attractive church built into the sloping ground of Wolds escarpment, which dates back to the 13th and 14th century.

Saxby Hall and Old Rectory

Once the centre of the Hope-Barton family, Saxby All Saints has some interesting examples of estate architecture like the 18-19th century Hall and the Old Rectory build by William Reid Carson in 1853. Sir George Gilbert Scott designed the village's handsome church in 1845.

Worlabby

This quiet village retains its peaceful charm with its extensive views over the Ancholme Valley. Beyond the river, are the extensive woodlands at Broughton and Appleby.

Bonby

The pretty hillside lane in Bonby has some fine woodland with interesting flowers and open grassland areas. A number of springs along the hillside often create march places, home to the distinctive 'giant' horsetail, a member of an extremely ancient order of plants, rare in North Lincolnshire.



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Rider Information

Road surface is constructed of tarmac and is in a reasonable state of repair. However, watch out for small potholes that pepper the roads.

Low traffic.

Suitable for all types of bikes.

The grades for cycle rides

Ride easy, ride steady, ride well and **ride strong** have been developed by British Cycling to help cyclists to decide whether a particular route is appropriate for their ability.



Directions

This circular route is easily reached from Barton via B1206, Brigg via A18, B1206 and B1204 and South Ferriby via B1204

- 1 Start and Finish at the crossroads of Main Street, Carr Lane and Ostler's Lane, in Horkstow.
- 2 Head North on Main Street for 0.5 mile, with Hall Farm on your left, turn right onto Horkstow Lane. This is a 10% gradient hill and for those new to cycling, or newly returned to cycling, it may be advisable to walk.
- 3 The climb lasts about 0.4 of a mile, then turn sharp right onto Middlegate Lane. The road continues to rise, but at a much gentler gradient, before it levels out and reveals spectacular views of the flatland to the West.
- 4 Stay on Middlegate Lane for about 3.4 miles, before turning right onto Middle Barn Lane, dropping down to Worlaby. This hill has a steep descent, therefore, proceed with caution.
- 5 At the bottom of the hill the road veers to the left, turn right onto New Road. This will take you to a T-junction. Turn right onto the B1204. This will take you all the way back to Horkstow, passing through the villages of Bonby and Saxby All Saints.

Refreshments

- 📍 **The Secret Garden Tea Rooms at Elsham Hall**
www.facebook.com/secretgardenelsham
- 📍 **Bonby Post Office**
Café has shut but they have some food and refreshment that can be bought from the shop.



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