Iron and Agriculture

This colourful route through the parks of Scunthorpe to the rich flood plains of the Trent, returning through the attractive village of Messingham and historic Bottesford.



Highlights

Central Park

Scunthorpe's beautiful 100-acre Central Park. On the skyline to the East there are the four blast furnaces, affectionately known as the Queens - Mary, Bess, Anne and Victoria.

A Steel Heritage Trail starts from North LincolnIshire Museum (a five minute detour towards town).



Ridge Walk

Created in the 1940's linking open spaces on the West side of Scunthorpe, North to the confluence of the Trent, Ouse and Humber.





St Peter's Church, Bottesford

This 13th century Church of St. Peter in Chains is well worth a visit. The 18th century Manor House with its array of chimney stacks, coach house and turreted library was the home of Edward Peacock, the antiquary. The Knights Templars once held the Manor of Bottesford before their suppression in 1306.

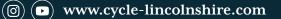
Close to the church and Manor House is the 19th century ironstone St. John's Well which is a must see.











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Rider Information

Scunthorpe sits just North of the M180, consequently can be easily accessed from all areas. The starting point for this ride is Central Park, Scunthorpe.

There is free parking available near the start point.

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

Please take care when crossing over the busy Kingsway (A18) and down Glover Road

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

- Start/finish: North East of Central Park.
- 2 Ride through the Park to the A18, and cross over at the pedestrian lights. Follow the little ginnel onto Kingsway. Ride to the end of the road and turn left onto Glover Road.
- 3 Turn right at the roundabout onto West Common.
- 4 At the crossroads with Scotter Road, go straight ahead onto Brumby Common Lane.
- 5 Shortly after negotiating a sharp left hand bend, you arrive at a junction. Turn right and continue to Burringham. Ride into the heart of the village and take the first exit at the roundabout, taking you onto the High Street.

- 6 At the junction turn right, keeping the River Trent to your right (if the opportunity presents it is worth climbing onto the bank for the view of the River).
- Stay on the road to West Butterwick. As you leave the village/hamlet, take the left turning onto Messingham Road.
- 8 Continue straight over at the next crossroads, remembering to give way to traffic who have priority.
- 9 At the T-junction in Messingham, turn left onto the High Street, and continue until you come to a mini roundabout. Take the second exit onto Holme Lane.
- Follow the road over the M180 flyover and turn left at the T-junction for Bottesford.
- As you come into Bottesford, you cross over the Beck, and then take your first left, staying on Holme Lane. Follow to the end of the road, turning left onto Manor Road.
- 12 Turn right at the traffic lights onto Messingham Road.
- 13 Turn right onto Burringham Road at the T-junction, and then first right onto Ashby Road. Be aware that these traffic lights have a filter lane.
- 14 Take the second exit off the roundabout, and then filter off left back to the start.

Refreshments

- The Pink Pig Farm www.pinkpigfarm.co.uk/cafe sally@pinkpigfarm.co.uk
- The Old School Messingham www.theoldschoolmessingham.co.uk/ 01724 762110

- Café Natura www.facebook.com/CafeNaturaBottesford
- Sit Dog Café www.sitdogcafe.co.uk 01724 487522 hello@sitdogcafe.co.uk
- The Cookie People www.thecookiepeople.co.uk/ 01724 640747
- Dog and Gun Pub www.doggunpub.com/ 01724 782324 info@doggunpub.com
- Take A Gander www.facebook.com/TAGander 01724 502308 takeagander20@gmail.com
- The Beckwood Pub www.facebook.com/TheNewBeckwood 01724 855990
- The Raj Scunthorpe www.therajscunthorpe.co.uk 01724 841846
 - Miller and Carter Scunthorpe www.millerandcarter.co.uk/restaurants/yorkshire-andthe-humber/millerandcarterscunthorpe#/ 01724 842952







