

# Medieval Maze and Victorian Splendour



📍 11 stages | 📏 14 mi (22 km) | 🚲 Ride Well

This circular route, along mainly quiet country lanes, has amazing views over the lower valley of the River Trent and its confluence with Ouse and Humber.



## Highlights

### Norrmanby Hall Country Park

Lincolnshire's most popular tourist attraction is a 300-acre country park surrounding the ancestral family home. The Hall, designed by Sir Robert Smirke and completed in 1830, has extensive costume displays and period rooms. Attractions include a Victorian walled garden, farming museum and deer park with extensive walks and trails.



### Julian's Bower Turf Maze

At Alkborough, high above the river, is the turf maze known as Julian's Bower. An image of the maze, first mentioned in 1697, is set in the stone floor of the parish church porch and in a window above the altar. Close to the maze are earthworks thought to be of Roman origin. There are excellent views across the confluence of the rivers Trent, Ouse and Humber, towards the Blacktoft Sands bird sanctuary. On a clear day you can see York Minster.

### Walcot

Passing the small hamlet of Walcot, look for the ivy-covered Old Hall, in existence before 1649. On your return to Burton Upon Stather, call at the Burton Hills Picnic Site with views across the valley.

### Flixborough

The birthplace of Sir Edmund Anderson (1530-1605), Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in the reign of Elizabeth I, who took part in the trials of Mary Queen of Scots and Sir Walter Raleigh. The village lies on the northern end of Atkinson's Warren, a relic of the heathland once covering large areas, where rabbits were trapped for their meat and skins.

### West Halton village church

Dedicated to St. Ethelreda, who, according to local tradition, whilst fleeing from London, was sheltered by the villagers on her way to Coldingham. She built the church as a gesture of thanks





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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.

Parking can be difficult to find.

Suitable for all types of bike.

## 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

**Burton Upon Stather is easily reached from Scunthorpe by travelling north along the B1430.**

- 1 Start and finish at Glebe Park, Burton upon Stather
- 2 Head south on the B1430 (High Street).
- 3 After about half a mile, turn right onto Flixborough Road.
- 4 When the road comes into Flixborough, it turns a left-hand bend and becomes Burton Road, High Street, and then Lodge Road. Stay on the road, until you come to a 'Give Way' junction. Turn left onto the B1430 (Normanby Road).
- 5 At the roundabout, take the second exit and continue on Normanby Road.
- 6 Stay on the B1430, passing through the village of Theaby. About 0.5 of a mile after leaving the village, turn left for Coleby. This is an unnamed road.
- 7 Stay on this road through Coleby and after negotiating a sharp right-hand bend, take the first turning on the left for West Halton.
- 8 After passing the church on your right, follow the road to the left for Alkborough.
- 9 At the junction in Alkborough, turn left onto Walcott Road.
- 10 Stay on Walcott Road, which passes through the village of Walcott, and after a sharp left, followed by a sharp right, becomes Tee Lane.
- 11 At the end of the road, turn right at the junction, this brings you back to the start.

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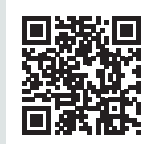
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