

Mysteries of the Marshes

📍 5 stages | 📏 6 mi (9.5 km) | 🚲 Ride Steady

With a wealth of interesting buildings Eastoft is the centre of a vast area, mostly claimed from marsh and fen from the early 1600s onwards. The village formed the boundary between Lincolnshire and the West Riding of Yorkshire, bisected by the River Don and with a high street on each of its banks. When Dutch engineer Vermuyden came to drain the area, he diverted many rivers, including old River Don. The old river course has now been filled in and partly built on, leaving the interesting sight of a line of buildings with a road running down each side.



Highlights

Crowle Stone

Crowle Stone was originally part of the shaft of a stone cross. It now stands in the nave of the church but, for many years was re-used as a lintel over the tower door. The Norman church of St Oswald is unusual in that it has separate roofs for the nave and chancel.



Historic Inns

The 17th century White Hart pub in Crowle still has evidence of timber framing and is a great place to meet the locals for a pint.

Rider Information

This ride can easily be done in conjunction with 'In Search of the Don'. However, both present parking issues if arriving by car.

Road surface is constructed of tarmac and is in a reasonable state of repair. These are quiet country roads and are not that well maintained. Take care as there are numerous potholes to catch out the unsuspecting.

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

- 1 Start/Finish: Eastoft
- 2 Head East out of Eastoft on the B1392 – Luddington Road/Eastoft Road.
- 3 As you enter Luddington prepare to turn right onto Meredyke Road, which is situated after the first block of houses on your right.
- 4 In 0.3 of a mile, turn right onto Ox Pasture Lane. Follow the Lane for about 2.4 miles, before turning right onto Washinghall Lane.
- 5 Stay on Washinghall Lane until you reach Eastoft and the finish line.

Refreshments

- ★ **Sadie's Tea Room (Crowle)**
www.facebook.com/Sadiestearoom
sadieloufeva@msn.com
- ★ **Orgullo Wine Bar and Coffee House (Crowle)**
www.orgullo-wine-bar-and-coffee-house.business.site
- ★ **Red Lion Crowle**
www.theredlioncrowle.co.uk
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Crowle Rd

Field Ln

1

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B1392

Luddington Rd

B1392

Eastoft Rd

Carr Ln

High St

3

Meredyke Rd

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Meredyke Rd

Ox Pasture Ln

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Ox Pasture Ln

Carr Ln



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