

Sandhills and Windmills

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Passing through mainly open countryside on the higher ground of the Trent Valley and western slopes of the Lincoln Edge, this pretty route takes you through the attractive villages of Messingham and Manton.



Highlights



The Nature Reserve

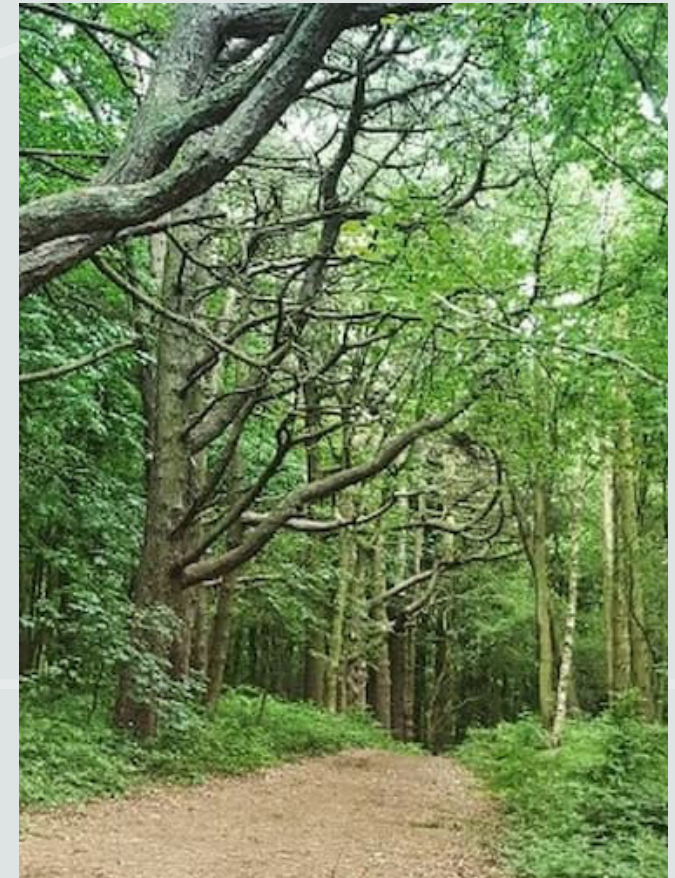
The reserve has been created by the excavation of sand, which has left a series of lagoons. There is a small area of heath supporting heather, petty whin and other heathland flora. Woodland, grassland and marsh add varied habitats and support a vast array of flora including six orchid species.

The richness of wildlife reflects this diversity of habitat and includes more than 180 species of birds, butterflies, moths, bees and wasps.

The reserve lies to the east of the B1400 Messingham-Kirton road. The entrance is opposite Scallow Grove Farm (look for an electricity pylon). The B1400 is a fast road and care must be exercised when entering and leaving the reserve.

Twigmoor Woods

This attractive, rich woodland is home to a huge variety of fauna and flora. In early summer, there is a spectacular display of rhododendrons and large numbers of dragonfly that breed in the slightly acidic waters of the Twigmoor Lakes



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Rider Information

Messingham is situated just south of Scunthorpe and is easily accessed from Scunthorpe and Gainsborough via the A159; and Lincoln via A15 and B1400.

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

There are two sections where it is not advisable to use a road bike. The first is the Bridleway running through Manor Farm, Manton, and the cut through Twigmoor Side Road. Although Twigmoor is of tarmac construction it is in need of repair, with some significant potholes that could easily cause a puncture or damage a wheel.

Directions

- 1 Start/Finish: Junction of Scotter Road and Brigg Road.
- 2 Head east along Brigg Road for 0.8 of a mile, then turn right onto B1400 Kirton Road and follow for about 2.6 miles.
- 3 When negotiating a long right hand bend, you'll see some farm buildings to your left. Immediately after the buildings, turn left off the B1400 onto Manton Road.
- 4 Take your first left for Manton.
- 5 As you come to Manton, look out for Bridleway signs, and follow them through Manor Farm, farmyard across open countryside, and join up with Brigg Road. Turn left onto Brigg Road.
- 6 After a left and a right bend, take the turning on the right onto Twigmoor Side Road (after the initial climb, there is a steep descent and due to surface conditions, great care should be taken).
- 7 Turn left at the T-junction onto Holme Lane.
- 8 Take the first exit at the roundabout and follow the road back to the start.



Refreshments

- 📍 **Sit Dog Café**
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- 📍 **Café Natura**
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- 📍 **Bird in the Barley**
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Kirton Rd

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