Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. bittern and it is run by the birds particularly the rare designed to attract wading large pit behind. It has been for flood defences leaving a when clay was extracted was created in 2004/5 the main road. The reserve are walking or cycling along Be careful of traffic if you

turn right. you reach the top of the lane Cross the bridge, and when two miles by road from here. Fiskerton Fen Reserve is

### Nature Reserve

the 15th century. though it was largely rebuilt in to its Norman origins even Fiskerton there are clues ancient village church of Museum in Lincoln. In the be seen at The Collection and near the river. Some can treasures have been found in Many rare and beautiful

toot passengers. motor vehicles and the other chain. One carried carts and them across the river on a winding handle that hauled ferries were operated by a predated the bridge. Two cross by the ferries which a train that they first had to remember when catching Many residents of Fiskerton

## Five Mile Bridge

at the British Museum. now be seen on display The Witham Shield can the 4th century BC. shield facing dating from rare decorative bronze

archaeologists discovered a back to the Iron Age. In 1826 unearthed history dating Excavations nearby have Nene, near Peterborough.

edge of the fens to The River which runs along the western 85 mile long watercourse great Roman Car Dyke, an northern starting point of the Fens. Ferry lane marks the beginning of the Lincolnshire Washingborough marks the

### Washingborough

Bomber Command. and reconciliation for recognition, remembrance venue serves as a point of I his award-winning

and beyond. City of Lincoln to the Castle the stunning views over the just off the route and take in Bomber Command Centre Ride to the International

most turbulent times. women who served here in the bravery of the men and and memorials are witness to former airfield's museums the modern-day RAF while operational and serving Several airfields are still

home of Bomber Command. became the most important World War II Lincolnshire during World War I, and in the development of airlields location made it ideal for open countryside and its heritage. The county's flat, Force', has a vast aviation the Home of the Royal Air Lincolnshire, renowned as

KAF connections! **Γοοκ ουτ το**τ

re-Join the route. Refrace your steps to entrance to the centre. toot to find the pedestrian and cross the main road on bsoR notgningieH otno thel first Roundabout and turn up onto the bridge after the (approx. 1 mile) keep left Command Centre, International Bomber If you wish to Visit the To visit the IBBC

joined the route elsewhere.

Lincoln and right if you have

Way cycle path, turning left for

left and re-join the Water Rail

bridge on the bypass then turn

To under the railway

to it is downhill and fast.

roundabout as the approach

TAKE CARE at the second

path closest to the road and

(signposted Washingborough)

route alongside the bypass

bridge and follow the cycle

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Bypass look out for the cycle

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heath until you reach the

of the junctions across the

otherwise take the next left

you may wish to visit this,

John Magee a war Poet,

of a German Henkel Crew

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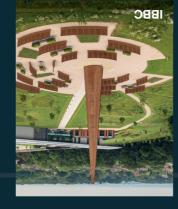
signposted Bracebridge Heath

keeping straight on at all

Fincoln bypass.

roundabouts, keep to the

and across the next two



on the B1188. 4 Scopwick turn right

village then straight across the Woodhall Spa, and unless 3 Follow the route to

first part of the route is on an

Directions – 59.5 km / 37 miles

the right, including the graves cemetery with war graves on 5 There is an interesting

junction towards "Scopwick". "Timberland", go through the a mile then turn right to Bank, follow this for about first left signposted Witham cross the river and take the you wish to visit the town

unmade track. your right TAKE CARE the rail way summer route on and look out for the water 2) At Bardney turn left

to Bardney. path and follow this for 9 miles the "Water Rail Way" cycle the river and turn left to follow Exom the car park cross

Fiskerton Fen Reserve country roads making for a relaxed easy to follow ride. The rides follow a dedicated cycle ways and quiet

> from this path. The shy moorhen-like Water Rail has been spotted bird life that can bee seen in this green corridor. its former life as a railway line but also for the abundant The path was named in a local competition both for

tell how far you've travelled. Lyeke are markers beside the path so you can Witham that connects Lincoln to Boston. the Water Rail Way, the path beside the River Welcome to Washingborough. You are on

> or 59.5 km / 37 miles Distance: 40.2 km / 25 miles Finish point: Lincoln Starting point: Lincoln

> > What to expect

# Focal points & attractions

Directions – 40.2 km/25 miles

- From the car park cross the river and turn left to follow the "Water Rail Way" cycle path and follow this for 9 miles to Bardney.
- 2 At Bardney turn right and cross the river Witham then take the first left signposted to "Wasps Nest".
- 3 At Wasps Nest look out for the vestiges of the Roman Car Dyke as well as an interesting heritage centre in a telephone box!
- At Wasps Nest turn right, then after about a mile turn left into Nocton and take Wellhead lane (the first right in the village) unless you want to see Nocton church which was built by George Gilbert Scott.
- Going straight across the B1188 at its junction with Wellhead lane, but TAKE CARE as this road is an accident red route. then follow the road across the heath.

- 6 Turn right at the next T junction towards Bracebridge Heath and go straight across at the next junction and continue until you reach the Lincoln Bypass.
- 7 On reaching the Lincoln Bypass look out for the cycle path on your right, cross the bridge and follow the cycle route alongside the bypass (signposted Washingborough) and across the next two roundabouts, keep to the path closest to the road and TAKE CARE at the second roundabout as the approach to it is downhill and fast.
- 8 Go under the railway bridge on the bypass then turn left and re-join the Water Rail Way cycle path, turning left for Lincoln and right if you have joined the route elsewhere.



# Getting there

Parking is available near the start of the route on Spa Road by the Lincoln Rowing Club on the North (Cathedral) bank of the river, Postcode LN5 7FB. From the car park cross the river on the bridge and turn left to follow the "Water Rail Way" cycle path to Bardney.

Parking is also available at Washingborough on Ferry lane, at Bardney on Station Road and on the longer route at Southery at the end of Ferry Road.

The route is also easily accessible from Lincoln Railway Station. Take the pedestrian crossing opposite the station into Sincil Street and turn right when you reach the river, then cross the pedestrian footbridge over Broadgate and follow Waterside South to the start.

## Refreshments

No matter which route you take, you'll find plenty of cafés tearooms and pubs to enjoy.

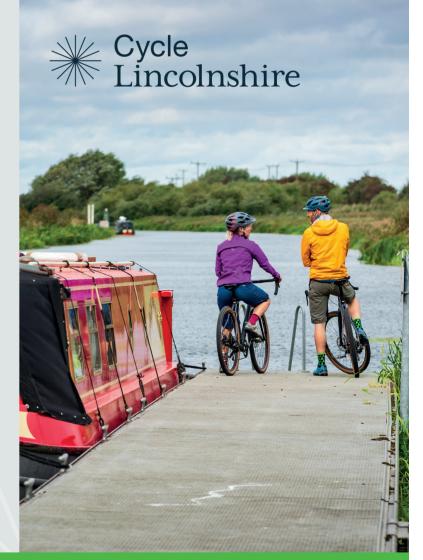


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8 stages | 40.2 km / 25 miles



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Starting point: Lincoln | Finish point: Lincoln | Distance: 40.2 km / 25 miles or 59.5 km / 37 miles



