

Directions

- 1** The starting point is the Sir John Franklin Statue. Turn right, and then take your first left onto Boston Road. Follow the road until you arrive at a T-Junction, joining the A16.
- 2** Turn left and follow the A16 for about 0.4 of a mile and take your first left signposted for Toynton All Saints (care should be taken, as at peak times the road can be busy).
- 3** There is a small rise into the village and as you reach the brow, turn left onto Chapel Lane, which will lead onto Peasgate Lane. This road becomes a bridleway and is not suitable for road or narrow tyred cycles. Care should be taken especially in wet or damp conditions.
- 4** Follow the lane round to the right at the next two intersections. When you reach Halton Holgate, turn right at the T-junction onto Station Road. Station Road leads onto Fen Road. Stay on this road for approximately 0.8 of a mile, then turn left at the crossroads, signposted for Little Steeping.
- 5** Turn right onto Station Road and follow it through the village (Station Road will become Fen Road). Follow this road for 0.8 of a mile. You will then reach a crossroads – turn left onto Steeping Road, which leads onto Main Road (just before a right hand bend, with St Andrew's Church on your left).
- 6** Continue through Little Steeping, where the Main Road becomes Station Road. Stay on this road until you reach Thorpe Culvert.
- 7** Turn right at the T-junction and follow the road until you reach Wainfleet Bank. You will then be faced with another T-junction. Turn left, keeping the river on your right side.
- 8** As you approach the next T-junction, you virtually pass through the middle of Batemans Brewery. Turn left at the T-junction; cross over the level crossing and continue until you reach the Market Place.

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Getting there

The A16 cuts through Spilsby with Louth sitting to the North and Boston to the South. The Town is also well signposted on the A158, which runs West to East between Horncastle.

Parking

Main car parks are Market Place (Tues-Sun), Buttercross (Tues-Sun) Post Office Lane, Boston Road.

Suitability

There is a section of this route, Toynton All Saints to Holton Holgate that is not suitable for road specific bicycles. Riders to be aware that some roads are in need of repair (i.e. potholes).



St. James Church, Spilsby

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Three Towns Cycle Routes

Spilsby to Wainfleet All Saints

8 stages | 12.4 km / 7.7 miles



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What to expect

Starting point: Spilsby

Finish point: Wainfleet All Saints

Distance: 12.4 km / 7.7 miles

Picturesque and steeped in history, our Three Towns Cycling routes are relatively flat, easy rides along quiet rural roads. Between them they take in the towns of Wainfleet All Saints, Spilsby and Alford, leading them to be collectively known as the Three Town Rides.

This easy, sedate ride, through bucolic Fenland, is one that the whole family can enjoy.

Sir John Franklin statue in Spilby



Focal points & attractions



Spilsby

Handsome and bustling, Spilsby has been a market town since 1302 and still holds a market every Monday.

Presiding over the main square is a statue of the town's most famous son, the Arctic explorer, Sir John Franklin. Born in 1786, he is credited with discovering the Northwest Passage. A plaque on the wall of the high street bakery marks his birthplace.

The Church of St. James, which sits at the crossroads to the town, dates back over 600 years. Inside is a memorial to Sir John Franklin. Willoughby Chapel, a memorial to the much-revered Lincolnshire family, contains the impressive tombs of its more prominent members.

Toynton All Saints

The road through Toynton All Saints drops down to the Fenland, towards Boston, along a deep-cut lane.

The Church of All Saint's stands high to the east of the road. It contains a list of incumbents dating from 1236 through to 1925. Opposite the church, another deep-cut lane leads down into a valley then up to the village of East Keal.

This is great walking country, with views high up of Boston Stump, the tallest parish church tower (exclusive of spire) in England.

Halton Hologate

It's worth a slight diversion to visit this small village with its excellent pub and beautiful 14th century church. The Church of St. Andrew has some interesting monuments, as well as carvings that children delight in spotting – including a fox running off with a goose, six monkeys and a shoal of modern fish.

Little Steeping

Little Steeping is an attractive village with a restaurant and village hall. It is also the home of one of the finest remaining 'Lincolnshire Mud and Stud' buildings, a construction method unique to the area. This charming cottage has recently been restored and is available for short breaks.

Little Steeping's central field has visible earthworks, suggesting the site of an original settlement.



Wainfleet Bank

Wainfleet Bank Methodist Church opened in 1838 as a Primitive Methodist Chapel. It contains the original painted pews, raised reading desk and handrail.

Batemans Brewery

This award-winning family brewery was founded by Friskney farmer, George Bateman, in 1874. He paid £505.10s for the original plant and equipment. The fourth generation of the family is now involved in its running. The mill tower, with its beer bottle weathervane, can be seen for miles around.

They now offer tours where you'll hear amusing stories about the brewery's fascinating past, learn about the brewing process and enjoy tutored tastings. They hold events throughout the year, including a popular music festival, Bands on the Bank. If you are looking for somewhere to stay their brewery cottages are available to rent and they also have a site that welcomes caravans, motorhomes and campervans.



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