

## What to expect

**Starting point:** Wainfleet All Saints

**Finish point:** Alford

**Distance:** 18.5 km / 11.5 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, Alford, and Spilsby, leading them to be collectively known as the Three Town Rides.

This route, the longest of the Three Town Rides, meanders along tranquil country lanes, that traverse the marshlands nested between the coast and the Wolds. Passing through towns and villages, there are numerous opportunities to stop and explore – as well as plenty of peaceful spots to rest.



## Getting there

Wainfleet All Saints is near to Skegness and if travelling by road, you can get there along the A52, Boston to Skegness Road. If travelling from the west, follow the B1195, from Spilsby. Wainfleet can also be accessed by rail. Please check timetables.

### Parking

There are limited parking spaces in the Market Place and at the Railway Station.

### Suitability

This route is suitable for all types of bicycles. Some roads are in need of repair (i.e. potholes).



Market town of Alford

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## Three Towns Cycle Routes

# Wainfleet All Saints to Alford

15 stages | 18.5 km / 11.5 miles



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## Directions

**1** Starting from the Railway Station Car Park, cross the High Street and enter Silver Street, which becomes St John Street after the Magdalen College Museum. At the T-junction turn left towards the Market Place.

**2** At the junction, turn right onto the High Street. Follow the High Street for 0.2 of a mile before turning right onto Northolme, and then almost immediately left onto Croft Lane. Stay on Croft Lane for 2.5 miles, until you reach a fork in the road. Take the right fork onto Low Lane.

**3** Follow the lane until you come to a T-junction, and then turn right onto Wainfleet Road.

**4** Travel the road until you come to a sharp left-hand bend, with Hall Lane off to your right. Turn right into Hall Lane and follow it up the rise.

**5** The third turning on the left is Chapman Avenue, take this road. The road sweeps to the left, before sweeping back to the right. As the bend opens out, you want to look out for a little cut through on your left, which is guarded by bollards. Take this little cut through on to Brewery Street, which comes out onto the High Street. Turn right.

**6** At the third junction on your left-hand side, turn left into Ingoldmells Road. Follow the road until you come to a right-hand bend, with a road going off to your left. Take the left fork into Common Lane and follow it to the end. It then becomes a cycle path and cuts through to the A158. Cross over the road to re-join Common Lane.



**7** Follow the lane for 0.7 miles to the junction. Turn left onto Faulkers Lane, which will become Burgh Lane. Stay on this road until you come to the village of Orby.

**8** In Orby, turn right at the junction just after the Red Lion public house. You are now on Marsh Road.

**9** Follow the road for about half a mile, and on a sharp right-hand bend, you'll see the road fork to the left. Take the left fork onto Orby Holme Field Lane.

**10** Stay on this Lane for 0.4 of a mile and you will reach another fork in the road. Take the left fork onto Orby Bank and sign posted for Habertoft.

**11** In Habertoft, the road will go round a sharp left-hand bend. Follow the road and stay on it for 0.7 of a mile, and then turn right at the junction, signposted for Hasthorpe.

**12** In Hasthorpe the road will sweep round to the right and then back to the left, stay on this road, Hasthorpe Lane, and follow it into Sloothby.

**13** In Sloothby, take the first left and then left again onto Mill Lane. This is signposted for Willoughby.

**14** Continue on this lane until you arrive at the crossroads. Turn right onto the B1196, and continue into Willoughby. With the pub on your left, turn right into Church Lane, which is signposted for Bonthorpe. Church Lane becomes Bonthorpe Lane; continue on the road until you reach Bonthorpe village.

**15** In Bonthorpe follow the road round to the left, following the Farlesthorpe signs. You are now on Farlesthorpe Road. Stay on this road for about 3.5 miles, until you reach the junction with the B1196. Turn right onto Market Place and please take care as this road may have heavy traffic on it.

## Focal points & attractions

### Wainfleet All Saints

The market town of Wainfleet All Saints originally stood well to the west of where the site of the original All Saint's Church can be found. Possibly instigated by monastic rivalry, the town moved to Wainfleet Haven and became an important port until the Haven began to silt up in the 15th century.

marshland. Inside the church are monuments and brasses, a handsome lectern and a 15th century chancel screen.

### Burgh le Marsh

Burgh was granted its Market Charter in 1401. However, it had probably already been a substantial town in Roman times, standing high above the surrounding marshland, close to the sea.

### Alford

Alford is famous for its Craft Market, which offers an extensive events programme throughout the year, including the Whitsun and August Bank Holiday Craft Markets held in the grounds of Alford Manor House.

There is a good choice of bed and breakfasts and hotels in Alford, as well as a variety of restaurants and cafes, and arts and antique shops.



### Batemans

The family Brewery was founded by a Friskney farmer, George Bateman in 1874. He paid £505.10s for the original plant and equipment. The fourth generation of the family are now involved with running the Brewery known worldwide as winners of CAMRA's.

### Croft

This little village boasts one of the finest churches on the



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