

Cycle Rides in Nottinghamshire

Pretty Villages

Overview: A 30 mile ride from Southwell, mainly on quiet country roads. The route passes through many pretty villages in north east Nottinghamshire, including Laxton, the only village in England to still use the open field farming method.

Start and Finish: Free long stay car park near Southwell Leisure Centre. NG25 0LW.

Turn right onto A612, towards Southwell. At junction turn right onto Westgate. Straight on at mini roundabout then left onto Queen Street. Right onto the Ropewalk then right again at bottom, mini roundabout. 1 mile. Next left towards Hockerton and follow road for 2.5 miles to the A617. Turn left and then almost immediately right towards Knapthorpe on Caunton Road. Passed Knapthorpe and then cross the A616 at 6 miles, towards Caunton. Follow road into Caunton, turn right onto Main Street, then right again onto Norwell road. Take left turn, for Norwell, at 7.3 miles. Right into Norwell at 8.7 miles. Follow road round to the left through the centre of Norwell. The left, towards Ossington at 9 miles. Left onto Ossington Road at 11 miles. Turn right towards Moorhouse and Egmanon at 11.6 miles. At Moorhouse take right fork towards Egmanon, Weston Road. 14.2 miles, turn left on Weston Road and follow in Egmanon. In Egmanon take the left onto Laxton Road and then turn right onto Main Street, which becomes Kneesall Road at 17 miles. Stay on Kneesall Road into until crossroads at 18.5 miles. Turn right here, Ossington Road, into Kneesall. Keep going, through Kneesall, on the Ossington Road, until reaching the A 616. Turn left onto A616 then take the first left onto Eakring Road, 20 miles. Follow this winding road for over 1.5 miles before turning right towards Eakring. Follow Newark Road into Eakring and then turn left onto Kirklington Road (turning into Eakring Road) at 22.4 miles. Follow this road for just under 3 miles back to the A617. Turn left onto A617 and then take the first right into Kirklington, Southwell Road. Follow Southwell Road before it turns left into Lower Kirklington Road at 26.8 miles. Keep going on this road until you turn right back down the Ropewalk at 28.5 miles. Follow the roads you started on back to your car.

Canals and Rivers

Overview: A 19 mile trip along the rivers and canals of Nottingham, using off road and on road cycle routes. Travelling through a nature reserve and on urban streets, this ride gives a good view of the different elements of rural and industrial Nottinghamshire.

Start and Finish: Nottingham Station, Carrington Street, Nottingham City Centre.

Turn right out of the station, down Carrington Street until you reach the first junction. Turn right onto Sheriffs Way, which becomes Waterway Street. The turn left onto Queens Drive. Follow Queens Drive until you are alongside the River Trent. There is a cycle path on the right hand pavement, get on this until you see a sign for a cycle path down to the river, approx. 1.5 miles. Follow this and turn right along the River Trent. Stay on this path, which follows the course of the river, to Beeston Lock and marina at 4.3 miles. Cross the Nottingham and Beeston canal at the lock and get back onto the river side path. Continue along the river trent towards Attenborough reserve. Carry on through and along the river until you reach Trent Lock at 9.4 miles. Here you turn right onto the Erewash Canal. Stay on the Erewash Canal until, at 11.2 miles, you reach the A6005 which is also Cycle Route 6 on the national cycle network. Turn right onto here and follow the A6005 until you

reach the right hand turn for Station Street which becomes Meadow Road. At the end of this road you will reach the Nottingham and Beeston Canal at 15.5 miles. Cross the canal on the bridge and turn left. You now follow the canal all the way back into Nottingham, coming back off the canal opposite the Canal House and heading back to the station.

Sutton Bonnington Loop

Overview: A 28 mile route exploring some of the villages to the south-west of Nottingham, bordering Leicestershire. Sutton Bonnington is home to a University of Nottingham campus.

Start and Finish: Bridgford Road Car Park, West Bridgford, NG2 6AP

Turn left out of car park, along Bridgford Rd. At mini roundabout, turn right onto Rectory Rd. Follow until junction of A606 at 1 mile. Turn right onto A606 and at next junction take left turn onto B679, Wilford Lane. At 2.5 miles turn left onto Ruddington Lane, B680. Stay on this road into Ruddington. At 4.8 miles turn sharp right onto Clifton Road. Straight on at the first roundabout. At second roundabout take first exit onto Farnborough Road at 5.75 miles. Stay on this road until junction of Nottingham Road at 6.8 miles. Turn left and follow Nottingham Road into Gotham at just over 9 miles. In Gotham, turn right onto Kegworth Road. Stay on this road into Kingston On Soar at 11.8 miles. Keep going straight onto Station Road, towards Sutton Bonnington. As you come into Sutton Bonnington you reach a T Junction at just over 13 miles; turn right here onto Marle Pit Hill and follow road into S. Bonnington. At 13.9 miles turn left onto Hungary Lane. At the next T junction turn left onto Trowell Lane, then right onto Brickyard Lane. Then take a left onto Woodgate Road at 16.25 miles. Continue straight on over two roundabouts and then cross railway and turn immediately right onto Gotham Road. Soon, take the next right onto Bunny Lane and follow road until you reach the junction of A60. Left onto A60 and follow this road through Bunny, Bradmore and into Ruddington. Straight on at roundabout at 23.5 miles then turn right onto Flawforth Lane at 23.9 miles. Follow this road to a large roundabout and take the second exit onto A606 Melton Road. Follow this through Edwalton and back into West Bridgford until you return to the junction for Rectory Road at 27.5 miles. Turn right down here and follow your route back to the start.