

About the route

A short ride through villages South and East of Gainsborough. Suitable for all cycles.

Cycle Checklist:

Route number

15 of 20.

Start Point

Gainsborough Marshall's Yard.
O.S. Grid Ref. **SK 817898**

Distance

Approximately 12.5 miles (20 kms).

Duration

2 hours + stops.

Significant points of interest

- Gainsborough.
- Marshall's Yard.
- Hewitt's Windmill.
- Upton Fish and Chip Shop.

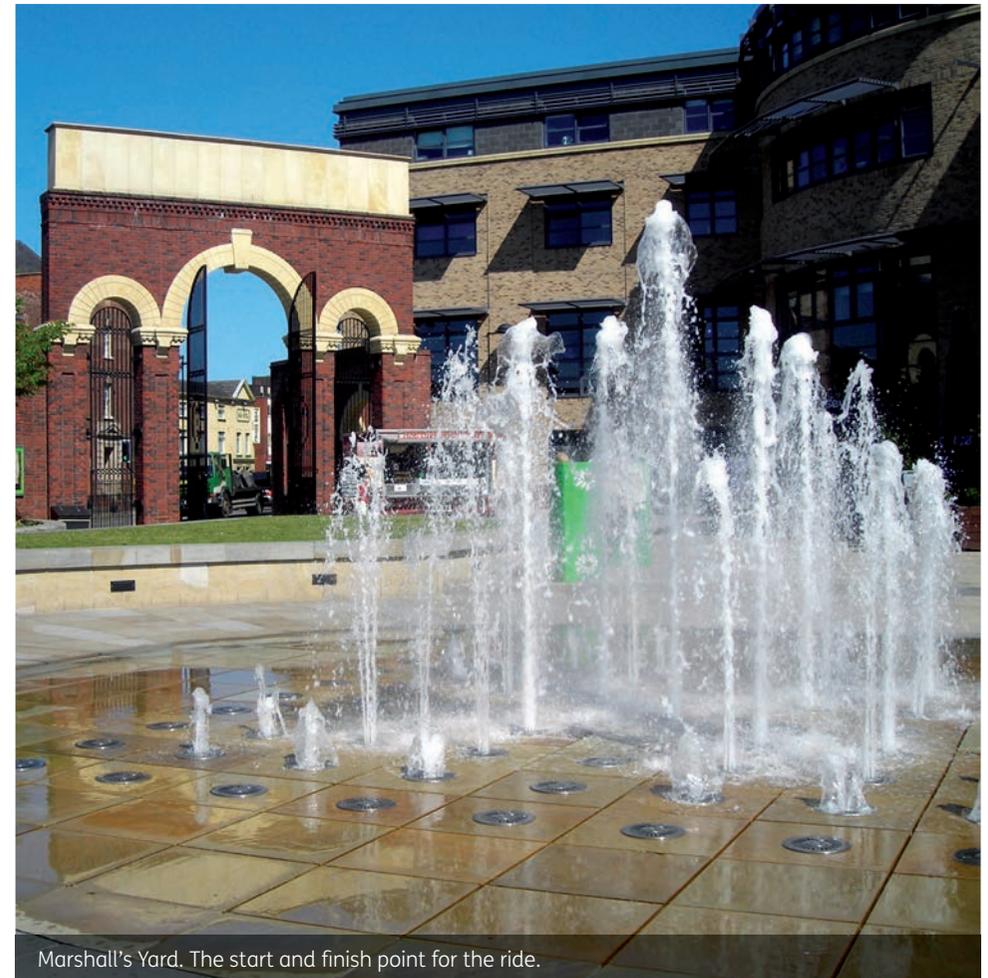
Refreshments

Refreshment possibilities in Gainsborough, Knaith Park and Upton.



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Gainsborough to Upton Circular



Marshall's Yard. The start and finish point for the ride.

Start Point: Gainsborough Marshall's Yard

Route Length: Approximately 12.5 miles (20 kms)

Route Duration: 2 hours + stops

Route Type: Short ride, road and off road



Gainsborough to Upton Circular



Agricultural machinery outside Colville Terrace.

1 Leave Marshall's Yard at the Southern exit and join the A159 for 150m then turn left at the superstore onto Colville Terrace/Sandsfield Lane. This is followed past the Gainsborough Model Railway Society building and the Trinity Arts Centre. Go under the railway bridge then over the A631 Bridge onto the continuation of Sandsfield Lane.



Fish Sculpture outside Trinity Arts Centre.

The Marshall's Yard site was formerly occupied by the Marshall family Britannia Iron Works which was founded in 1848. The company built steam engines, threshing machines and agricultural machines which were exported all over the world. During the First World War, the workforce grew to 5,000 to cope with the production of munitions.

2 The Lea Road cycle track is followed for 1.3 miles to its end, continue along the A159 for a few hundred metres then turn left onto the B1241, Willingham Road.

Climb up the hill, past the parkland on the right, cross the railway line and just past the pub at Knaith Park turn left for Upton.

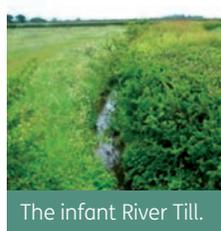
3 Follow the road passing woodland and open fields to the T-junction in Upton village. The route turns left here to pass the chippy (turn right to visit All Saints Church



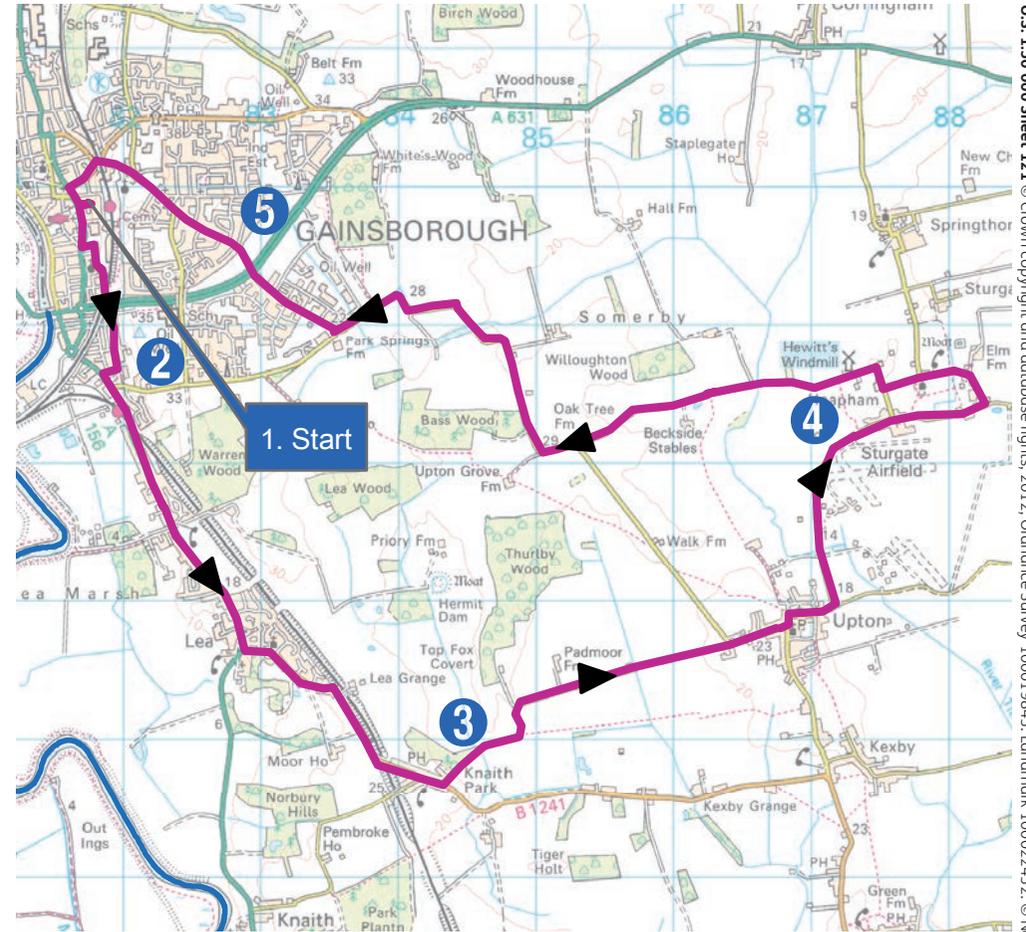
One of the last coal fired fish and chip shops in the country.

and the pub). Continue through Upton village towards Heapham passing Sturgate Airfield on the way, as you enter Heapham turn right at a sharp left hand bend onto a narrow road with high hedges either side. Turn left then left again and you will soon see Heapham All Saints Church, which stands apart from the present day village.

4 At the T-junction turn right (signposted Gainsborough). This is Heapham Road which will take you past Hewitt's Windmill, over the infant River Till then round a series of bends to the industrial park. Here you pass factories on the right and houses on the left up to the A631 where an underpass takes you safely across.



The infant River Till.



Hewitt's Windmill is a 4-sailed tower mill built in 1876 by William Hewitt, which worked regularly for 80 years until struck by lightning in 1956. Fully restored to working order by Frank Hewitt, great grandson of the builder, in 1996, and awarded an SPAB plaque in 1999. There are displays of photographs of



the restoration, a Ruston and Hornsby oil engine and a Booth hammer mill. Sadly, the sails were removed in 2011, due to rot.

5 Carry on along Heapham Road then turn right at the junction to pass the water tower on the left. Turn left at the next junction go under the railway bridge and over a pedestrian crossing then take the first left into Cross Street and a right turn at the end will take you the roundabout for Marshall's Yard.