

About the route

A short, easy ride mainly on quiet country lanes, starting and finishing in Saxilby. Suitable for all cycles.

Cycle Checklist:

Route number

17 of 20.

Start Point

Bridge Street, Saxilby.
O.S. Grid Ref. **SK 896752**

Distance

Approximately 15.5 miles (24.5 kms).

Duration

2 hours + stops.

Significant points of interest

- The Fossdyke.
- Bransby Home of Rest for Horses.
- Torksey Lock.

Refreshments

Refreshment possibilities in Saxilby, Bransby and Torksey Lock.



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Saxilby, Bransby and Torksey Circular



Torksey Lock. Cottam power station in the background.

Start Point: Bridge Street, Saxilby

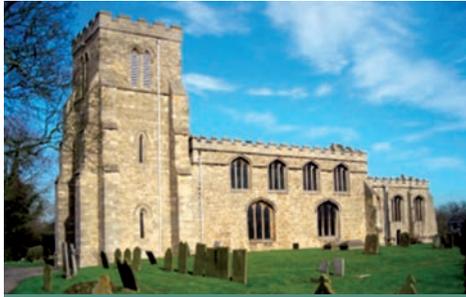
Route Length: Approximately 15.5 miles (24.5 kms)

Route Duration: 2 hours + stops

Route Type: Short ride, road and off road



Saxilby, Bransby and **Torksey** Circular



Saxilby Parish Church.

1 Head West along Bridge Street keeping the Fossdyke on your left then continue along High Street, go up the hill and shortly after passing the church turn left onto the B1241. After approximately 300 yards turn right into Broxholme Lane which is followed for three-quarters of a mile over the River Till to turn left at the crossroads for Broxholme.



The River Till, first seen on cycle route

No.16 as a tiny stream in a few short miles it has become a large river.



2 Go through the village then round a series of right angle bends before turning left onto the A1500, Till Bridge Lane. Pass Till Bridge Farm, over the River Till for a second time then turn left at the first junction for Bransby. This road winds



Bransby Home of Rest for Horses. Allow at least 1 hour for a look round.

through the village, passing the Bransby Home of Rest for Horses to reach a crossroads at the B1241.

3 Continue straight on over the crossroads for two and three-quarter miles passing Crown Farm, going over the railway line then turning left into Sands Lane shortly after passing the junction with Sykes Lane. Sands Lane will bring you to a left turn at the junction with the A156 in Torksey village about a quarter mile North of Torksey Lock. Look out for Torksey Castle on the river bank, behind St Peter's Church. This is a busy main road so care is needed on the short stretch to the lock and tearoom.



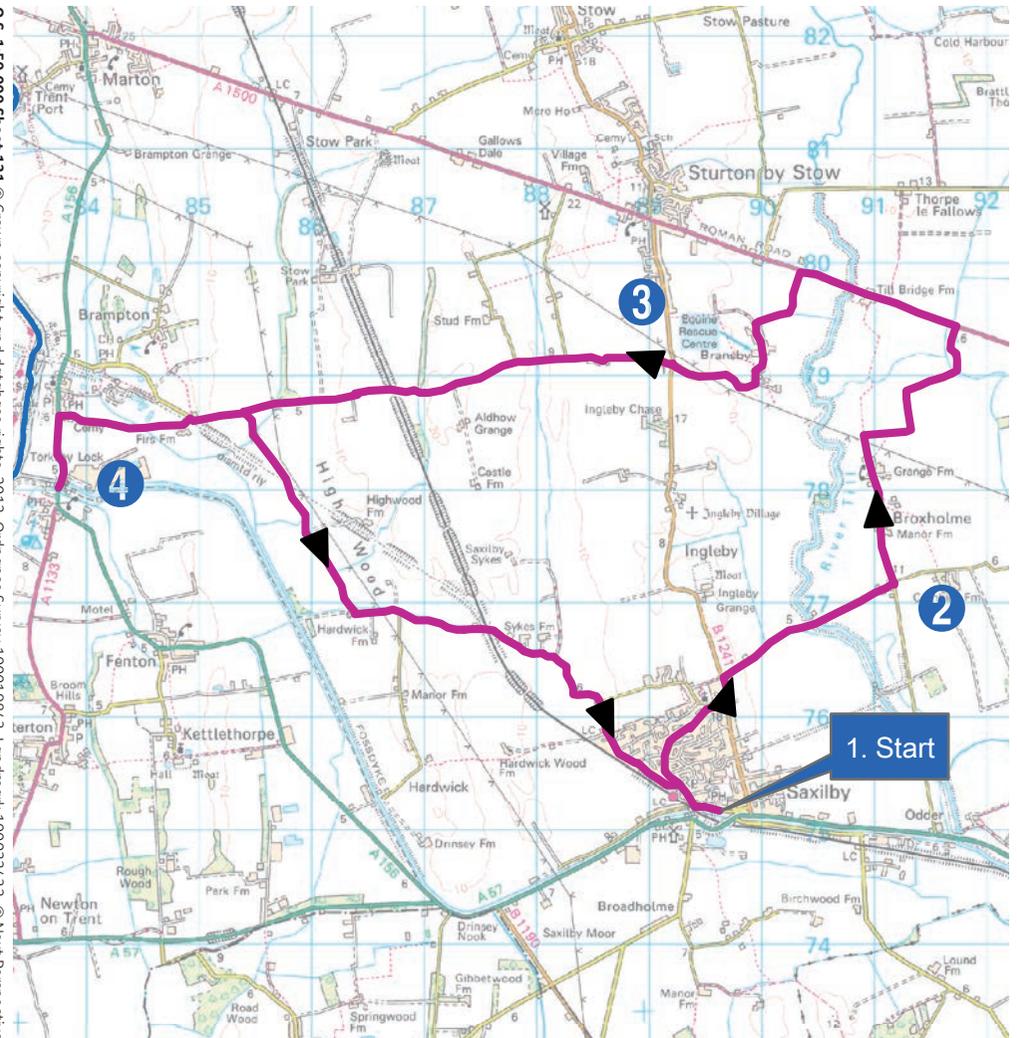
Torksey Lock has five sets of gates, three sets facing Lincoln and two sets facing the River Trent, which is tidal at this point, and so its level can be higher than the level of the canal.

Speculated that the Romans built the Fossdyke navigation it has a strong claim to be Britain's oldest canal. It flows through almost rural scenery for 11 miles from Torksey to Lincoln.



Torksey Castle isn't actually a castle at all. It was built in 1560 as a manor house and came into the possession of the Jermyn family in the middle of the 16th century. Sir Thomas Jermyn, a Royalist was the owner in 1642 when the Civil War began and the 'castle' was bombarded by Commonwealth troops. It remains a ruin to this day.

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Torksey Castle.

4 After leaving the lock retrace your steps back up the A156, along Sands Lane turning right at the end then after a further 300 yards go right into Sykes Lane. This, the last leg of the ride, is followed all the way back to Saxilby crossing under the railway line at Sykes Junction on the way.