

About the route

A short easy ride, on mainly quiet country lanes. Starting and finishing in West Stockwith. Suitable for all cycles.

Cycle Checklist:

Route number

19 of 20.

Start Point

Main Street, West Stockwith.
O.S. Grid Ref. **SK 791948**

Distance

Approximately 10 miles (17.5 kms) to 13.5 miles (21.5 kms) (depending on optional routes).

Duration

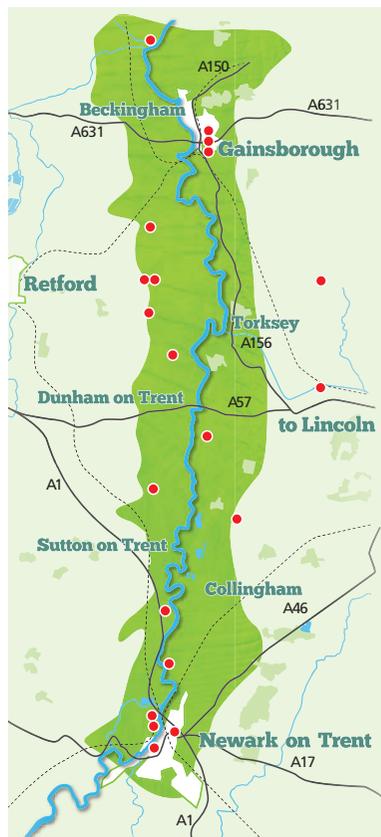
1.5 hours + stops.

Significant points of interest

- The “Water Lanes” West Stockwith.
- St Martin’s Church plus Motte and Bailey Owston Ferry.
- Smithy Museum Owston Ferry.
- St Nicholas Church and Mowbray Stone Haxey.

Refreshments

Refreshment possibilities in West Stockwith, Owston Ferry and Haxey.



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West Stockwith, Owston Ferry and Haxey Circular



West Stockwith Basin. A view of the basin where the Chesterfield Canal enters the River Trent.

Start Point: Main Street, West Stockwith

Main Route Length: Approximately 10 miles (17.5 kms)

Alternative Route Length: Approximately 13.5 miles (21.5 kms)

Route Duration: 1.5 hours + stops

Route Type: Short ride, road and off road



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Looking West along the Chesterfield Canal from the road bridge as you enter West Stockwith.

1 Leaving the car park turn North along Main Street. Follow this road for the next four miles alongside the flood bank of the River Trent, crossing the county boundary into Lincolnshire, until Owston Ferry is reached. Go over the Warping Drain, past the old pumping station then shortly after passing the pub turn left at the T-Junction onto High Street.

 Owston Ferry is home to one of the most unique buildings which shaped its heritage. The South Street venue houses enormous machinery once used to drain around 5,000 acres of land across the Southern part of the Isle of Axholme. It is unique in the fact that the station is the only one of its type in the country to home two sizeable Marshall L-Class double-expansion steam engines. And 100 years on, the station is celebrating its anniversary which volunteers still use for guided tours, often leaving people stunned in awe of the size of machinery.



A view across fields to Lilley's Mill at Owston Ferry.

2 Pass the playing field on your left; continue onto Church Street passing the Smithy Museum and then the triple gateway leading to St Martin's Church.

After the church the road snakes round a series of bends for approximately one mile to enter the small village of East Lound. As you leave this village note the flag pole and brideway sign on your right and if taking the longer route turn right here otherwise continue straight ahead.



The Smithy Museum.

3 After a further half mile, just before the A161 and the impressive Haxey War Memorial, turn left on the minor road running parallel to the A161 to Graiselound.



Haxey War Memorial.

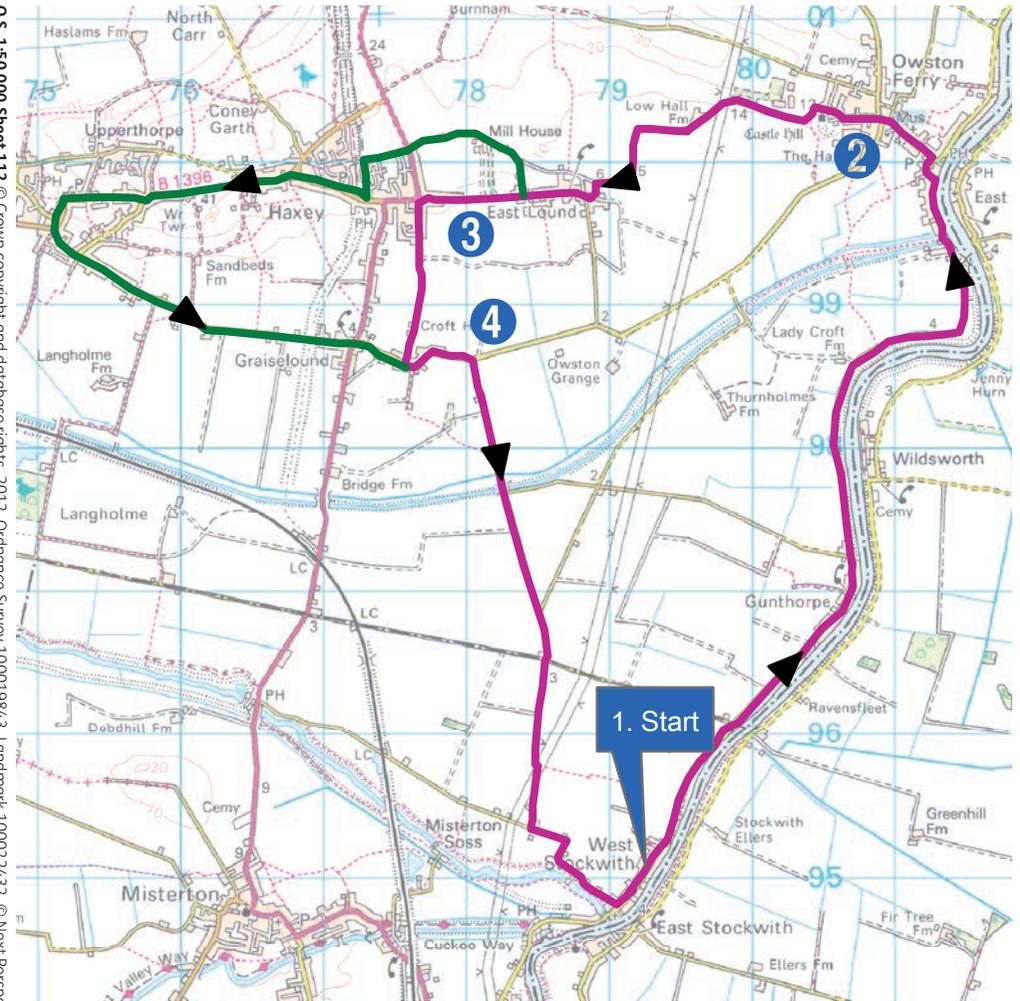
4 Turn left at the end; go round a series of bends and then turn right for West Stockwith. Cross over the Warping Drain and at the next cross roads carry straight on to re-enter Nottinghamshire, follow the road back into West Stockwith and turn left at the T-junction onto Main Street to return to the start point.

Alternative route description

1 Follow the short route as far as East Lound then as you leave the village turn right onto the brideway by a flag pole and follow for about half a mile to reach the A161 where you go straight across onto a tarmac section.

2 Carry on over the disused railway line and at the first junction turn left along Marlborough Avenue to join the B1396 and a right turn into Haxey High Street. Continue past Greenhill, St Nicholas Church and the Water Tower to reach Westwoodside.

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3 Follow the road round a sharp left-hand bend and down to a roundabout where you turn left for Graiselound. This is Akeferry Road and is followed back to the A161 where you go straight across into Graiselound to rejoin the short route.



Parish Church and Mowbray Stone. The Church of St Nicholas know as the "Cathedral of the Isle" and the Mowbray Stone associated with the Haxey Hood Game.

 West Stockwith is not in the Domesday Book and could be a slightly later settlement, although it does appear as Wessockiv in 1139. The name 'Stockwith' is derived from the Old English word 'stoc' meaning a village/farmstead and the Old Norse 'wath' meaning a ford/river crossing.



West Stockwith, garden of commemoration.