

## About the route

A short ride with some hills through the peaceful villages of North and South Muskham, Cromwell, Norwell and Bathley to the North of Newark.

### Cycle Checklist:

#### Route number

5 of 20.

#### Start Point

Main Street, North Muskham.  
O.S. Grid Ref. **SK 796588**

#### Distance

Approximately 9 miles (14 kms).

#### Duration

1.5 hours + stops.

#### Significant points of interest

■ Doll Museum, Cromwell.

#### Refreshments

Refreshment possibilities in route-side pubs in North Muskham, Norwell and Bathley.



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## North Muskham Circular



Parish Church of St Laurence

**Start Point:** Main Street, North Muskham

**Route Length:** Approximately 9 miles (14 kms)

**Route Duration:** 1.5 hours + stops

**Route Type:** Road and off road, some hills



# North Muskham Circular

**1** Ride through village and over the A1 bridge at the Northern end of North Muskham, turning immediately right down to the A1 using the cycle track alongside the Northbound lane of the A1, take care crossing slip road, after approx. one mile leave the cycle track alongside the A1 and enter the village of Cromwell.

Situated on the old Great North Road, the village of Cromwell is recorded in the Domesday Book as Crunwelle, from the Old English words Crumb and Wella meaning 'Crooked Stream'. At Cromwell Lock the remains of a stone and timber bridge were found in the early 19th century, and again in 1884 by the Trent Navigation Company. It was assumed to be Roman, owing to its proximity to a Roman Road (West Brook Lane), but tree ring dating of some of the timbers showed them to be from around 740 - 750 AD. It was therefore very possibly the remains of a rare Anglo-Saxon bridge across the Trent. Cromwell Lock is where the non-tidal River Trent ends and the Tideway starts. Built in 1910, it was one of the first big locks on the Trent and could accommodate four Trent Size barges at any one time.



**2** After passing the Doll museum and church turn left for Norwell (two miles) ride through the village and turn left at the pub for Bathley.



Vina Cooke Museum of Dolls and

Bygone Childhood – a wonderful collection of dolls dating from the 18th century along with Vina's own handmade dolls. Please phone Charles Chambers on 01636 821364 to check opening times and admission charges.



**3** Turn right at the first crossroad and straight on at the second to enter Bathley, go through the village ignoring the turn for North Muskham and continue for one mile then turn left for South Muskham just before the Little Carlton sign.

**4** Go straight on at the cross road into South Muskham continue past South Muskham Church, over railway crossing and A1 to North Muskham and the start point.



St Wilfrid's Church.

There is evidence that there was a stone built church on this site pre-Conquest. St Wilfrid's is a stone-built, Grade 1 Listed building comprising; Nave with aisles, Chancel, West tower and South porch. The North aisle is narrow, approx. 4ft wide and almost certainly dates from the 14th century, the North door is 13th century and was most likely moved when the North aisle was added. The Tower clearly shows three separate dates, the lower part of the tower is 13th century, the second stage 14th century and in the 15th century the tower was unroofed and a lofty belfry added, housing three bells.



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