Great Wold Valley

21.1 miles (34km) from Hunmanby

Just inland from Filey Bay, Hunmanby was once one of the twelve market towns in the East Riding and still retains its own station on the Yorkshire Coast Railway line. From here you ride around the broad swathe of the Great Wold Valley, either side of the Gypsey Race - the only, albeit intermittent, surface stream on the Wolds, visiting small villages and hamlets. Thwing takes its name from the Scandinavian language, meaning 'strip of high land', there's an art gallery at Willerby Wold Farm (Wed-Sun), while Fordon has what must be one of the tiniest churches. A short cut via Wold Newton (with a pub) is shown on the map.

Church at Fordon © Cooper Douglas

The Yorkshire Wolds

|←1km (0.6mile)→|

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Village green & duck pond, Wold Newton © Cooper Douglas

Route information

Grade: Long · Moderate
All on road

Start/finish: Village centre off-street parking area just behind main street, near pubs. From railway station turn R into village centre

Refreshments: Choice in Hunmanby; pub and shops in Burton Fleming; coffee shop in art gallery at Willerby Wold Farm. *Opening times vary*

Public loos: None

1 Head north past the church, bearing **L** uphill. Turn **L** after mini-roundabout *(blue National Route 1 sign to Bridlington)*

2 Turn **R** at X-roads onto Bartindale Road, then first **L** towards Burton Fleming

3 **SA** at X-roads in Burton Fleming onto Thwing Road

4 Turn **R** following brown Byway sign

5 Bear **R** into Thwing village. Turn **L** at staggered X-roads, then **R** onto Octon Road

6 At the T-jct turn **R** past Octon and downhill to Octon Grange

7 At Octon Grange go **SA** at T-jct then slow for sharp L-hand bend. Or for short-cut, turn **R**

8 Go **SA** at X-roads, follow road round into village and turn **R**. Turn first **L** towards Ganton

9 At Ganton Wold Farm, turn **R**

10 Go **SA** at X-roads, descending to where dry valleys converge at Forden hamlet

11 Go **SA** at X-roads. To see tiny church turn **R** for a short distance

12 Turn **L** at X-roads to return to Hunmanby

13 At the mini-roundabout turn **R** for the station or **L** for the village centre

Forden crossroads © Cooper Douglas

Poppies near Foxholes © Alan Green