

Thixendale

21.5 miles (35km)
from Malton or
Norton on Derwent

Starting from the connected small towns of Malton and Norton, this ride takes you through the attractive estate village of Birdsall and a classic Wolds dry valley to the secluded village of Thixendale. Enjoy wonderful views across the Vale of York as you rise up the Wolds western escarpment and across the Vale of Pickering to the North York Moors as you descend on your return. There's a railway station at Malton.



1 From Malton station, turn **R**. At T-jct turn **R** over the level crossing and (taking extra care) bear **R** onto the Stamford Bridge and Pocklington road. Turn first **L** to pass **St Nicholas Street car park**. After the car park turn **R** at the T-jct and cycle out of Norton over Langton Wold

2 **SA** at crossroads. Stay on winding road through Birdsall village

3 Turn **L** at X-roads along the tree lined road and begin the lengthy descent through the dry valley of Water Dale

4 **SA** through Thixendale village and turn **L** at the T-jct (following the brown Byway sign)

10 Turn **R** at X-roads and retrace your outward route back to Norton or Malton

9 Turn **L** at T-jct in North Grimston

7 At the bend follow the Trail fingerpost onto a track, then **L** when you reach tarmac again. If the track is unsuitable, bear **R** to T-jct. Then (taking extra care) turn **L** down to X-roads in Wharram le Street and **L** again

8 Turn **R** and drop down along the bumpy road over Grimston Brow cattle grid

6 Pass the car park for the deserted medieval village of Wharram Percy (look for the information board at the top of the path)

5 Turn **L** and **L** again up the steep and narrow lane to Wharram-le-Street

Route information

Grade: Long · Hard
All on road, except for short track section

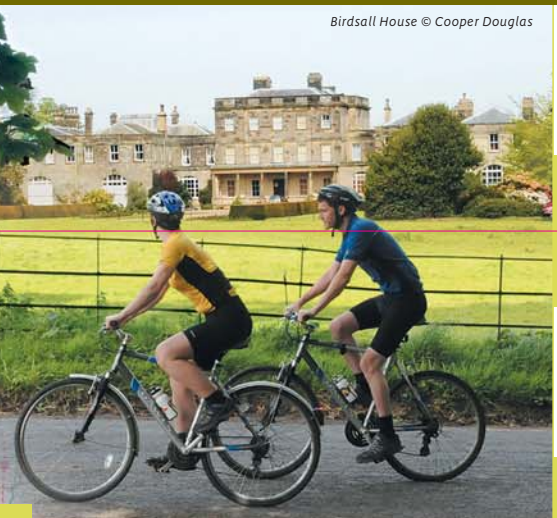
Start/finish: Malton station or St Nicholas Street free car park in Norton

There is a pay & display car park across the river from the station – use alleyway by hotel for Malton town centre and public loos

Refreshments: Choice in Malton and Norton; shop and pub in Thixendale. *Opening times vary*

Public loos: Malton

Cycle shop: Ralph Yates, Malton 01653 605408



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