Sledmere Country

17.5 miles (28km) from Sledmere

Unlike the other rides in this guide, this one starts on the high Wolds at Sledmere estate village. Visit Sledmere House, the splendid Georgian and Edwardian house owned and lived in by Sir Tatton Sykes. *(for opening times see www.sledmere.com)*

Wagoners monument © Cooper Douglas

Ride away from its fine park-land setting to visit outlying villages with some fine views to the Vale of York and Duggleby Howe Neolithic burial mound. The Norman church in Kirkby Grindalythe is well worth a look.

The Yorkshire Wolds

Passing St Mary's, Sledmere © Cooper Douglas

Route information

Grade: Medium · Moderate
All on road. Short cut from West Lutton

Start/finish: Parking area under the trees near the Eleanor Cross in village

Refreshments: Tearoom/ restaurant in Sledmere House and pub in village; pubs in Weaverthorpe; pub in West Lutton. *Opening times vary*

Public loos: None

1km (0.6mile)

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Towards West Lutton © Cooper Douglas

ALTERNATIVE START from the small parking area by the church in Wintringham

1 Head into Sledmere village past the Eleanor Cross and Wagoners monument, and turn **L** opposite the pub

2 Go **SA** at X-roads following a brown Byway sign

3 Turn **R** at T-jct into Helperthorpe, again following a brown Byway sign

4 Turn **L** in village, then first **L** to pass Haverdale House.

5 At the T-jct turn **L** downhill towards West Lutton

6 Take first **R** into the village along Back Lane, then **R** again at the T-jct

7 Where the road bears left, turn **R** onto a minor road and climb steadily to High Mowthorpe Plantations

8 After the plantations turn **L** and descend towards Duggleby

9 Go **SA** at X-roads into Duggleby and turn **L** at the T-jct. *(Duggleby Howe is the mound visible in the field on R)*

10 At the next T-jct turn **R** towards Kirby Grindalythe

11 Turn **R** into the village *(turn R again alongside the stream to see the Norman church).* Continue back to Sledmere and turn **R** at the Wagoners Memorial to return to the car park

Short cut back to Sledmere. At point **7** follow the signed road to Kirkby Grindalythe and turn **L** in the village, rejoining the route at point **11** *(to see the Norman church turn R alongside the stream)*

Note: There are two pubs in Weaverthorpe half a mile along the main road from Helperthorpe

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