

Leavening Brow & Kirkham Gorge

19 miles
(30.6km) all on road

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The climb up the western escarpment of the Yorkshire Wolds to Leavening Brow (lowest gears after Birdsall estate village) is rewarded with a superb view across the Howardian Hills to the North York Moors and the distant Pennines. Then enjoy the initially steep, undulating descent via tucked-away village pubs into Kirkham Gorge and the AONB itself. The remains of Kirkham Priory (English Heritage) sit peacefully beside the River Derwent, and the attractive riverside can be followed further along the route.

Grade: Hard/moderate

Refreshments: Pubs in Leavening, Burythorpe, Westow and Kirkham. Some drinks and snacks at Kirkham Priory

Public toilets: In Malton (see town centre map)

Cycle shop: In Malton (see town centre map)

Key to route descriptions

R	=	right
L	=	left
SA	=	straight ahead/across
ijct	=	junction
X roads	=	crossroads
NCN 7	=	National Cycle Network (route number)
m	=	metres
km	=	kilometre (0.6 mile)
Scale	=	18mm = 1 km (0.6 mile)

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Key to maps

	Cycle route
	Route instruction
	Cycle path/track
	National Cycle Network
	Footpath (no cycling)
	Bridleway
	Byway open to all traffic
	Other tracks
	Primary route
	Main road
	Secondary road
	Minor road
	Take special care at this point/section
	Gradient: 14-20% (arrow points downhill)
	Railway line/station
	National Park Boundary

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START
Market Square
See town centre map on info sheet for directions to point 2

2 Follow blue Yorkshire Wolds signs out of Norton past the college and keep SA over Langton Wold.

7 Turn L and keep SA to return to Norton and Malton.

6 Turn L following blue Yorkshire Wolds signs.

3 Go SA at X roads and up through Birdsall.

5 Turn R for Malton or continue SA for Kirkham Priory (a good picnic and wild swim spot).

4 Turn R at X roads and follow the blue Yorkshire Wolds Cycle Route signs almost all the way back to Malton.



The 146 mile (235km) Yorkshire Wolds Cycle Route passes just to the south of Malton on its way round rolling chalkland countryside and coastline via Beverley and Bridlington –
www.cycleyorkshirewolds.com