



1 From Malton station, turn **R**. At T-jct turn **R** over the level crossing and bear **R** (taking extra care) 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.

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.

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

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

4 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. Take in the stunning Vale of Pickering scenery stretching to the North York Moors as you descend on your return. There's a railway station at Malton.

Big Skies Ride info

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

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

For Malton town centre and public loos from station, follow Railway Street across river, turn **L** then first **R**

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

Public loos: Malton

Cycle shop & hire: Ralph Yates, Malton - 01653 693215



The Yorkshire Wolds