

SHERINGHAM PRIORY MAZE & GARDENS EXPLORER

(Can be used as a 2-mile extension to our Sheringham Explorer ride)

Visit the ruins of Beeston Regis Priory (an English Heritage property on the outskirts of Sheringham), and carry on for a short distance to the absorbing Priory Maze and Gardens (and a great tearoom). The 10-acre gardens also include a Christmas Tree Wood.

NOTE: There is an admission charge for the maze and gardens, but access to the Foxgloves Tearoom is free. The maze and gardens are open from April until the end of September, and the tearoom all year. However they are closed on Mondays and Wednesdays (but open on all Bank Holidays and every day in August).

Distance: Around 10 miles there and back.

Conditions: Some 70 per cent of this ride is off-road, but there is a road section for the approach into Sheringham. However this road is not heavily used, has good visibility, and there is a pavement running for much of its length which is rarely walked. Please note that the return trip is a gentle - mostly! - uphill ride.

PLEASE TAKE CARE TO LOOK AHEAD FOR OBSTACLES WHEN RIDING ON TRAILS - AND ADVISE THOSE WHO ARE BEHIND YOU

Leave the Kelling Heath site by its main entrance, turning left at the road junction and dropping down the short but steep hill **EXTREME CARE**. Just before the bridge by the Weybourne Station (North Norfolk Railway) turn right through the large gap in the hedge. Follow the grassy track which runs parallel to the railway (heading for Sheringham).

Follow the twists and turns of the track (at all forks keep to the left) until you reach the back entrance gate to Sheringham Park (as you approach the park the track may become busy with other people, so please ride slowly). Just before this section you will have to negotiate a barrier - but it is easy.

Pass through the gate into Sheringham Park (which is owned by the National Trust). Continue straight on to where the path becomes tarmac. Continue straight on, ignoring the path that goes off to your right. As you leave the park (across a cattle grid) you join a quiet lane that leads into the village of Upper Sheringham.

At the junction with the 'Give Way' sign continue straight on, passing All Saints Church (note the water feature that once supplied the village). This road (Sheringham Road) bends sharply to the left **CARE** and you follow it for one mile into Sheringham. At the t-junction with the main road **GREAT CARE** cross straight over into Church Street. Cross the railway bridge and turn right into Station Approach.

After passing Sheringham Station of the North Norfolk Railway (pause to explore - or hire your cycles on another day for our Huff & Puff ride, which includes a trip on the railway) continue on to the t-junction. Turn left **CARE** then first right into Melbourne Road (don't be confused by the arrow painted on the road, it is not one way).

At the next junction turn right and then immediately left into Barford Road, following this road through its zig-zags to its end. At the t-junction turn left and then right into Priory Road. As you enter Priory Road turn immediately right **CARE** to take the path beside the stream (technically this short section is a footpath - so you may need to walk if others are present).

At the end of the path turn right on to the road and pass under the railway bridge, then immediately left on to a path. Follow this path to its end (taking **CARE** as you cross the small bridge over the stream). At the next road junction continue straight on (signposted Beeston Priory).



Passing Church Lane on your left continue straight ahead, over the gravel road and on to the track. At the end of this short track (say hello to the horses) turn right on to a grass track (signposted Beeston Regis Priory). The priory is now on your left. It is administered by English Heritage and admission is free.

Continue along the grass track to visit the maze and tearoom. After a short distance you will reach the main coast road. Dismount here and turn right to walk along the wide grass verge to reach the entrance to the Priory Maze and Foxgloves Tearoom. Cycles can be locked under the group of trees that you will see to your right as you view the front of the tearoom building.

Once you have finished exploring retrace your route to return to Kelling Heath... after a truly a-MAZE-ing day!

©HUFF & PUFF CYCLES 07788 132909

