

WIVETON, CLEY & GLANDFORD EXPLORER

Visit the hamlet of Wiveton, and the village of Cley-next-the-Sea. Both have impressive churches... and excellent pubs (small aviary and a children's play area at Cley). After that you tour the river ford setting of Glandford (with its Shell Museum and unique church). And, just in case that's not enough, you might just squeeze in a visit to the working Letheringsett Mill!!!

Distance: Around 13 miles round trip (14.5 miles for Letheringsett).

Conditions: An easy riding trip. This route is 80 per cent on road but uses quiet lanes, some of which form part of the Norfolk Coast Cycleway which links Cromer to King's Lynn. On the Letheringsett detour there is a mile long section which follows a main road, however there is a good and little used pavement along its length which is easy to cycle.

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

Turn right on to the road out of the cycle hire centre and at the junction turn right again. Follow this road until it takes a sharp right, carry straight on at this point down a track with a sign saying 'No Tourers Beyond This Point'). Continue to the crossing of the North Norfolk Railway, cross over and continue straight on along the path. Where the path meets the road turn left. At most times this road is fairly quiet, however if you have youngsters with you please keep them on your inside or ahead of you. The road is straight and visibility is good. Continue on until you reach the crossroads, turn right. Continue a short distance. At the 'Give Way' sign cross straight over. At the next 'Give Way' sign turn right, signposted 'Kelling / Cley'.

Take the next left signposted 'Lowes/Cley/Blakeney'. Continue straight on, passing Salthouse Heath. At the next cross-roads continue straight on. At the t-junction turn left (opposite is a short track leading to a great sea view). At the next junction continue straight on to head down a steep hill. Part way down the hill take the first turning left signposted 'Wiveton/Blakeney'.

At the cross-roads (see below for Cley) continue straight on, crossing the river bridge to Wiveton and its pub The Bell. (This road was once covered by a sea port... it is still known as the Road to Nowhere. Wander into the churchyard and you can find rope mark grooves caused by ships that once laid their anchors there, cast from a nearby jetty.). Note the cannon barrel on the green. It is said to have been made in King's Lynn for the Napoleonic Wars and was being transported when one of the carts carrying the guns broke, losing the cannon which the men decided to fire. Their action blew a hole in its side, so it was abandoned.

If you wish to visit Cley instead, turn right at the cross-roads (you will find the Three Swallows inn and the church at the end of this road). Turn left in front of the pub if you want to explore more of the village (and other places of refreshment), and to visit its attractive windmill (open only on certain days). Please take care in the High Street as this is the main coast road and can be busy - however traffic has to move slowly through this narrow area. **For your return journey retrace your route to the cross-roads.**

At the cross-roads turn right from Wiveton... or go straight across from Cley. Follow this road. At the sign 'Ford Unsuitable for Motor Vehicles' turn right to visit Glandford. Cross the ford to find the Shell Museum (founded by Sir Alfred Jodrell) and the musical church whose bells play hymns! Return to the 'Ford' sign and continue on up the hill. Part way up this hill, where the road bends to the right, **note the track that is dead ahead (ignore the path to your left). Read on before deciding, but if you do not wish to take this track then move to the section headed Letheringsett Detour** (which involves the pavement section beside a main road).



Track option: The track that you see ahead is labelled as a footpath (so please give way to walkers). One word of (gentle) warning about the first section of this track is that, at times, it might be overgrown and you need to watch out for brambles (the cyclist's number two enemy after blackthorn bushes!!!). We suggest you walk this relatively short section, taking care to keep your tyres away from the brambles (which can snake sneakily across the path). However this section only lasts for about a quarter of mile until the brow of the hill, where it becomes a pleasant and wide track for easy cycling. Continue along the track until you reach the road, where you go straight across (signposted 'Salthouse/Kelling'). At the next cross-roads continue straight over (crossing your outward route). At the next road junction (signposted 'Kelling/Sheringham') turn right. Just past the next turning on your left take the second track on your right (if you reach the 'road narrows' sign you have gone a little too far). Follow the track as it bends to the left and continue straight on. At the junction with the road turn right. Continue on, past the Church of St Mary.

Continue on past the next road junction on your right (at this point you have rejoined your outward route). Take the next turning left (signposted 'Kelling'). At the cross-roads turn left. This road can be busy at times, please watch younger riders. Continue along this road past Emcy Garden Centre. After a short distance, on your right you will see a vehicle width track with a public footpath signpost pointing right. Turn right. Keeping right follow this path until you reach the white railway crossing gate next to a cottage. Cross the track taking care and always looking for trains. Please shut the gates on either side as you cross. Continue straight ahead along the track until you reach the bottom of the site. Continue straight on the tarmac road until you reach the village centre.

LEATHERINGSETT DETOUR: Follow the road until, eventually, you reach the village of Letheringsett. At the main road cross straight over for Letheringsett Mill **EXTREME CARE** (we suggest that, in order to cross more safely, you turn left first - walking - to gain better visibility). After visiting the mill return to the main road, but turn right on to the pavement (please give way to anyone walking). Follow this pavement on up the hill to Holt. Just outside the town you will have to cross over the main road to regain the last section of the pavement **EXTREME CARE**.

Turn left into the town centre (*if you wish to explore Holt, its country park, and its North Norfolk Railway station, you can do so another day, using our easy riding Holt Town & Country Park Explorer route*). Continue straight on until to the War Memorial where you branch right **CARE** into Market Place. Turn left into Pearsons Road. Follow this road to eventually turn right into Grove Road (opposite Gresham's Preparatory School).

Follow this road round, passing the main Gresham's School on your left. At the t-junction turn right **CARE** (after turning you will pass Holt Station on your left). Immediately after the station turn left at the chevrons into Old Cromer Road (do not go on to the main road). Cycle past the wooden Post Office and on to the cycle path beside the main road. Turn left into Bridge Road. Continue straight along this road, over the railway bridge and up to the cross roads. Turn right. This road can be busy at times, please watch younger riders. Continue along this road past Emcy Garden Centre. After a short distance, on your right you will see a vehicle width track with a public footpath signpost pointing right. Turn right. Keeping right follow this path until you reach the white railway crossing gate next to a cottage. Cross the track taking care and always looking for trains. Please shut the gates on either side as you cross. Continue straight ahead along the track until you reach the bottom of the site. Continue straight on the tarmac road until you reach the village centre.

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