

## Safety first

In 2016, **18,477** cyclists were injured in reported road accidents, including **3,499** who were killed or seriously injured – Source ROSPA.

Before setting out on your bike it's important to make sure you'll be safe when cycling.

## Thank you for cycling!

The **Gov.uk** website provides further advice on what to do to stay safe on the roads including following the Highway Code.

## Be a responsible Cyclist

On all routes – Please be courteous! Always cycle with respect for others, whether cyclists, pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, horse riders or drivers, and acknowledge those who give way to you.

### On shared-use paths:

- Give way to pedestrians: leave them plenty of room
- Keep to your side of any dividing line and keep to the left when you meet other cyclists
- Be prepared to slow down or stop if necessary
- Don't expect to cycle at high speeds
- Be careful at junctions, bends and entrances
- Remember many people are hard of hearing and visually impaired - don't assume they can see or hear you
- Carry a bell and use it - don't surprise people
- Give way where there are wheelchair users and horse riders

### When cycling on roads:

- Always follow the Highway Code
- Be seen - most accidents to cyclists happen at junctions
- Fit lights and use them in poor visibility
- Always wear a helmet and conspicuous clothing
- Keep your bike roadworthy
- Do not cycle on pavements except where designated - pavements are for pedestrians
- Use your bell - not all pedestrians can see you

### In the countryside:

- Always follow the Countryside Code
- Respect other land management activities, farming or forestry and take litter home with you
- Keep erosion to a minimum if off-road
- Try to cycle or use public transport to travel to the start and finish of your ride
- Match your speed to the surface and your skills

# Doddington & Coleby



Cycle from the historic Doddington Hall, down to Thorpe on the Hill, passing the stunning Whisby Nature Park. Then through Coleby, passing rolling fields, to Aubourn and back.

**Route is long distance (50.4km) and contains one steep hill.  
Route avoids main roads. Overall best suited to experienced cyclists.**

For feedback on this route or to make enquiries please email [nk-cyclingstrategy@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:nk-cyclingstrategy@n-kesteven.gov.uk)

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From Doddington Hall, go south down Main Street and turn right onto Whisby Road, following it until the junction where you will turn right onto Eagle Road and continue until you get to Eagle.

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In Eagle, take the left before you pass The Struggler Inn onto Thorpe Lane. Follow this road, crossing the train tracks, until you meet Station Road. Then turn right and pass through Thorpe on the Hill, journeying south down Main Road.

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Turn left onto Butts Lane then right onto Bridge Road, taking a left at its end towards Aubourn.

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Pass through Aubourn and cross the River Brant, taking the next right, and continuing parallel to the river.

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Turn left onto Hill Rise and stay on this road until you get to Coleby, taking a right on to Dovecote Lane and crossing Grantham Road. Take a right at the end of Rose Cottage Lane. (to avoid hill skip 6)

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Follow High Dyke until you reach Heath Lane where you will turn right, passing through Boothby Graffoe and continue down Castle Lane until its end.

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Here take a left and then the next right, over the river and follow Navenby Lane until its end. Go left into Carlton le Moorland and right out onto Norton Disney Road via Sands Lane.

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After you pass over the River Witham, take a right onto Norton Road and follow it round through Norton Disney, going right onto Butts Lane and follow this road up past Norton Big Wood and around the lake until you reach Thurlby.

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Continue North through Thurlby on Moor Lane until you meet up with your previous path at Butts Lane.

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Here continue North up Bridge Road and over Foss Way, retracing your path through Thorpe on the Hill and continue down Station Road, past Whisby and back to Doddington Hall.



### Eagle

Eagle appears in Domesday Book: the landowners were: Roger of Poitou, Durand Malet, Odo the Crossbowman, and Countess Judith. Until their disbandment in 1312, the Knights Templar were major landowners on the higher lands of Lincolnshire, where they had a number of preceptories on property which provided income, while Temple Bruer was an estate on the Lincoln Heath, believed to have been used also for military training.



### Whisby Nature Park

Whisby Nature Park is a beautiful landscape near Lincoln, full of wildlife, walks and trails. Once barren and lifeless, this amazing place now abounds with wildlife. The park was created by quarrying for sand and gravel, but nature has reclaimed the pits and bare sand, creating habitats for many species. The Natural World Centre is open summer (April to September) 9:30am - 5pm and winter (October to March) 09:30am - 4.30pm. The centre is fully accessible on both floors, with toilet facilities. The centre also offers exciting indoor and outdoor adventure play areas for children from approximately aged three and upwards. These adventure areas are completely free for all the family to enjoy.



### Coleby

During the Second World War, the Ministry of Defence constructed an airfield at RAF Coleby Grange to the east of the village on open heathland, immediately west of the A15 road. It opened in 1939 with grass runways as a relief landing ground for RAF Cranwell. In May 1941 it was transferred to 12 Group, RAF Fighter Command and became a satellite station for RAF Digby. The station re-opened in 1959 as a Thor IRBM launching base, it closed again in 1963. Today the airfield is in private hands and used for agriculture with only the Control Tower, which still stands although in a ruined state, as a visible sign of the station's existence.



### Doddington Hall

Doddington Hall was built between 1593 and 1600 by Robert Smythson for Thomas Tailor, who was a lawyer, the Recorder to the Bishop of Lincoln. It is a grade I listed building. In the 12th century the manor of Doddington was owned by the Pigot family who sold it to Sir Thomas Burgh in 1450, and eventually to John Savile of Howley Hall in Leeds. In 1593, he sold the manor house to Thomas Tailor who commissioned the present house. The Hall's contents, including textiles, ceramics, porcelain, furniture and pictures, reflect 400 years of unbroken family occupation. It is surrounded by 6 acres of walled and wild gardens with local produce.



### Norton Disney

There is a commemorative brass in the medieval church of St Michael commemorating three generations of the d'Isigny or Disney family, made about 1580. Two mosaic floors were found when excavating a Roman villa in the parish. The site was near to the Roman town of Brough or Crocoalana, on the Fosse Way, just over the border in Nottinghamshire.



### Aubourn

At the eastern end of Aubourn stands Aubourn Hall, an early to mid-17th-century house set in 1.2 ha of gardens. Built for Sir John Meres between 1587 and 1628, it is brick, with stone quoins, and three storeys high. The interior of the house includes a carved staircase and panelled rooms. The property has been the home of the Nevile family since the 17th century.