

# Lincolnshire Limewoods Cycle Routes



Lincolnshire  
Limewoods

## Bardney and Fiskerton



A circular route of 38½ km (24 miles)

## Places to look out for...

The letters used here correspond to those shown on the map.

**A** **Snakeholme Pit Nature Reserve**  
This reserve is managed by the Lincolnshire Branch of Butterfly Conservation. It is a former clay pit that was used by Anglian Water as a fish nursery before becoming a nature reserve. With meadows, trees and a pond there is a wealth of wildlife to be seen. In particular look out for the following butterflies: Common Blue, Meadow Brown and Small Copper. Please do not cycle around the reserve but enjoy it on foot.

**B** **Stainfield**  
Stainfield is a pretty hamlet full of history. A settlement was recorded in the Domesday Book and earthworks in the parkland relate to several periods in history including a pre-monastic village, a monastery, medieval village and a grand country house. The brick church was built in 1711 on a north-south orientation.

**C** **Kingthorpe Holt**  
This former agricultural land was bought by the Woodland Trust in 2006 and planted with native tree species to extend the woodland cover in the area. The Holt is adjacent to College Wood.

**D** **College Wood**  
Part of the Bardney Limewoods National Nature Reserve (NNR) and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The Limewoods are a group of woods which are the most important examples of small-leaved lime woodland in Britain. The woodland is owned and managed by the Forestry Commission.

**E** **Hardy Gang Wood, Newball Wood and Woodside Falconry Centre**  
Sections of both these woods are part of the Bardney Limewoods NNR. The Falconry Centre is open to the public, for details call 01522 754280.

**F** **Barlings Abbey**  
All that remains of the Abbey today are earthworks and a single standing wall, the eastern arch of the north arcade of the church nave and part of the west pillar of the tower base. The Abbey was founded by the Premonstratensian Order in 1154 and dissolved in 1537.

**G** **River Witham and the Water Rail Way**  
The Witham flows from south of Grantham, through Lincoln to Boston and The Wash. The Water Rail Way is a multi-user path beside the river between Lincoln and Boston. Along the route is a variety of artwork including metal sheep and cows and wooden pigs and fish. Watch out for a large pike near Bardney Lock!

Cycling quietly by the river is a great way to see river wildlife. Look out for great crested grebes, goosander and of course the elusive water rail. You may also be lucky enough to see a barn owl out during the day.



## Be a responsible cyclist

- Always follow the highway code
- Always follow the countryside code
- Be courteous to other users and vehicles
- Use a bell to let people know you are there
- Be seen – wear high visibility clothing and use lights in poor visibility
- Wear a helmet
- Keep your bike roadworthy
- Please do not cycle around nature reserves or woodlands - take time to enjoy them on foot

This route has been produced to enable cyclists to explore the Lincolnshire countryside. Although the route is generally quiet please note that all roads have periods when they are busier and attract faster vehicles so please take care.

This is just one in a series of cycle routes produced by Lincolnshire County Council. For others please contact us or visit the website.

We would welcome your comments and suggestions on this route and leaflet to help us improve future editions.

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River Witham

# Map



North

Map Scale: 1km 1:75 000  
1mile



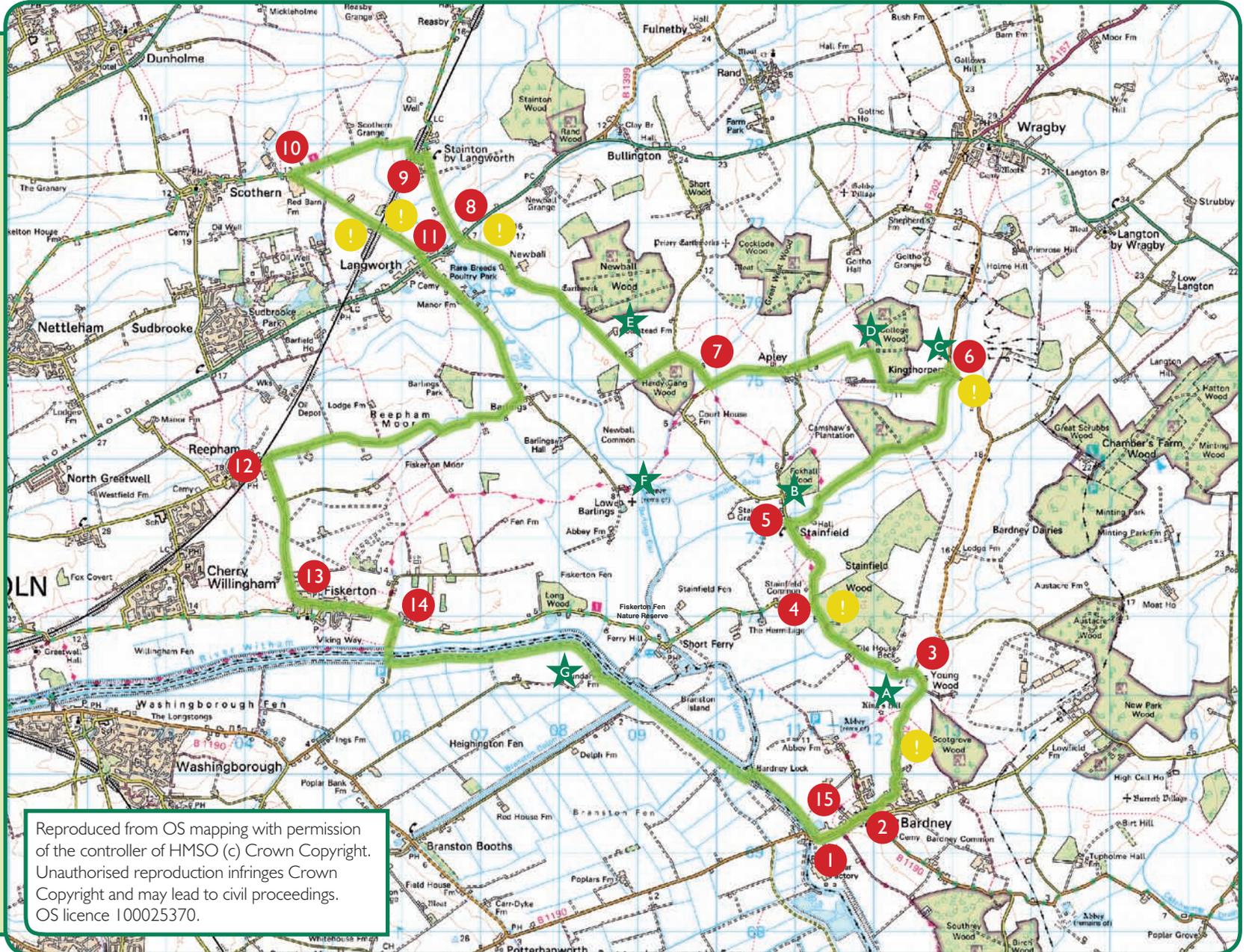
Water Rail Way



College Wood



River Witham



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## Directions

Explore the fascinating Limewoods area on two wheels and you will experience the true nature of the area. With a landscape of woods, arable fields and tiny rural villages it is a great place to discover. Views of the cathedral along the route remind you how close this quiet rural area is to Lincoln.

### Directions

= Pub/Refreshments = Shops = Places to look out for = Take care = Toilets

- 1 From the Heritage Centre turn right and cycle into the village.
- 2 Turn left (signed Stainfield).
- 3 Turn left (signed Stainfield) over the old railway bridge.  
 Snakeholme Pit Nature Reserve
- 4 At the sharp left hand bend turn right (signed Stainfield).
- 5 In Stainfield turn right (signed Kingthorpe).  
 Stainfield
- 6 At T-junction with busy road turn left (signed Wragby).  
Turn left again almost immediately (signed Apley).  
 Kingthorpe Holt  
 College wood
- 7 At the T-junction turn right (signed Langworth).  
 Hardy Gang Wood & Newball Wood & Woodside Falconry Centre



Limewoods landscape

## Directions

- 8 At T-junction with a busy road turn left (signed Lincoln) and then right (signed Stainton). Alternatively, dismount and use the central refuge to cross the road.
  - 9 In Stainton turn left (signed Scothern).
  - 10 At T-junction turn left (signed the Langworth).  
 Level crossing
  - 11 At the busy crossroads in Langworth carry straight on (signed Reepham). Alternatively, dismount and use the pedestrian crossing further along the road to your right.
  - 12 At the T-junction in Reepham turn left (signed Fiskerton).
  - 13 At the T-junction in Fiskerton turn left (signed Short Ferry).
  - 14 Towards the end of the village turn right (signed National Cycle Network (NCN) route 1).  
Cross the river and turn left to join the Water Rail Way to Bardney.  
 River Witham and the Water Rail Way
  - 15 At the junction with the road in Bardney turn left to return to the starting point.
- Follow the road into Reepham.  
(To visit Barlings Abbey turn left at the junction signed to Low Barlings).

Barlings Abbey



St Andrew's Church, Apley

# Useful Information

**Route summary:** Bardney, Stainfield, Kingthorpe, Apley, Langworth, Stainton by Langworth, Langworth, Barlings, Reepham, Fiskerton, Bardney.

**Route length:** 38½ km (24 miles).

**Route description:** Circular, mostly on quiet roads with an off road section (8 km/5 miles) on the surfaced Water Rail Way (NCN 1).

The route crosses the busy A158 twice at Langworth. The route is mostly level.

**Starting and finishing point:** Bardney Heritage Centre, Station Road.  
Grid Ref: TF 113 691. Post code: LN3 5UF.

**Parking:** Please park responsibly in the village.

**Shops:** Bardney, Reepham and Fiskerton.

**Pubs and refreshments:** Selection in Bardney; New Station Inn and The George at Langworth; Fox & Hounds, Reepham; Carpenters Arms, Fiskerton.

**Cycle hire:** Bardney Heritage Centre, Station Road. Opening times: Thursday, Friday & Saturday 9.30am to 4pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm. Plus all Bank Holidays and every day during the summer holidays. To check opening times and bike availability call 01526 397299 or email [bardneyheritage@btinternet.com](mailto:bardneyheritage@btinternet.com). The centre also has a tea room and information on local history.

**Ordnance survey maps:** Landranger 121 Lincoln & Newark. Explorer 272 Lincoln and 273 Lincolnshire Wolds South.

**More information:** South Wolds Cycling Map ([www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk)). Water Rail Way Artworks and The Water Rail Way: Lincoln to Bardney leaflets([www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)).



The Limewoods Project aims to protect, enhance and promote the Lincolnshire Limewoods area through the Limewoods Partnership. [www.limewoods.co.uk](http://www.limewoods.co.uk)

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