

## Attractions along the route

### Wetherby Town Centre

This historic market town on the banks of the River Wharfe is equidistant from London and Edinburgh and it became an important staging post for mail coaches in the 18th century. Buildings of particular interest are the Town Hall, the Parish Church, the river bridge and The Shambles.

### Wetherby Racecourse

The Romans raced Arab horses at Netherby a few miles upstream from Wetherby. In 1891 the first race meeting was held at Wetherby Racecourse. A National Hunt course, it is famous for its jump meetings.

### Spofforth Castle

The picturesque ruin of a once fortified manor house belonging to the powerful Percy family dating mainly from the 14th and 15th centuries. Entry to the castle is free and the opening times are:

1 April - 30 September 10am-6pm Mon-Sun

1 October - 20 March 10am-4pm Mon-Sun

### Thorp Arch Estate and Retail Park

A large business estate in a parkland setting. It is the North of England home of The British Library and many regional companies. The estate also has a number of home furnishing stores, a garden centre, children's play centre, cafe bar and cycle hire.

### Cycle hire, sales and maintenance

M & D Cycles, 9 Horsefair, Wetherby. Tel: 01937 588 944  
Cyclesense, Unit 657A, Thorpe Arch Estate and Retail Park.  
Tel: 01937 844 068

Cyclesense, 20/22 High Street Tadcaster.  
Tel: 01937 530 303 [www.cyclesense.co.uk](http://www.cyclesense.co.uk)

Spofforth Castle



In 1992 the disused railway between Spofforth and the outskirts of Wetherby was converted by Harrogate Borough Council into a path for walking and cycling, and in 1993 it was extended into the former railway 'triangle' in Wetherby by Wetherby and District Lions Club (the route being named after the late Peter Harland, Lion President). In 2003 Leeds City Council built the route eastwards from Wetherby to Walton Gates and it was continued by Sustrans and Leeds City Council to the Thorp Arch Estate and Retail Park in 2007, guided by the Wetherby to Thorp Arch Railway Path Forum.

### This route is a partnership between:

- Leeds City Council
- Harrogate Borough Council
- The Wetherby to Thorp Arch Railway Path Forum
- The Thorp Arch Estate and Retail Park

### Sustrans and the National Cycle Network

Sustrans is the UK's leading sustainable transport charity, working on practical projects so people choose to travel in ways that benefit their health and the environment. The charity is behind many groundbreaking projects including the National Cycle Network, over 10,000 miles of traffic-free, quiet lanes and on-road walking and cycling routes around the UK. We are the charity making a difference today so everyone can live a better tomorrow.

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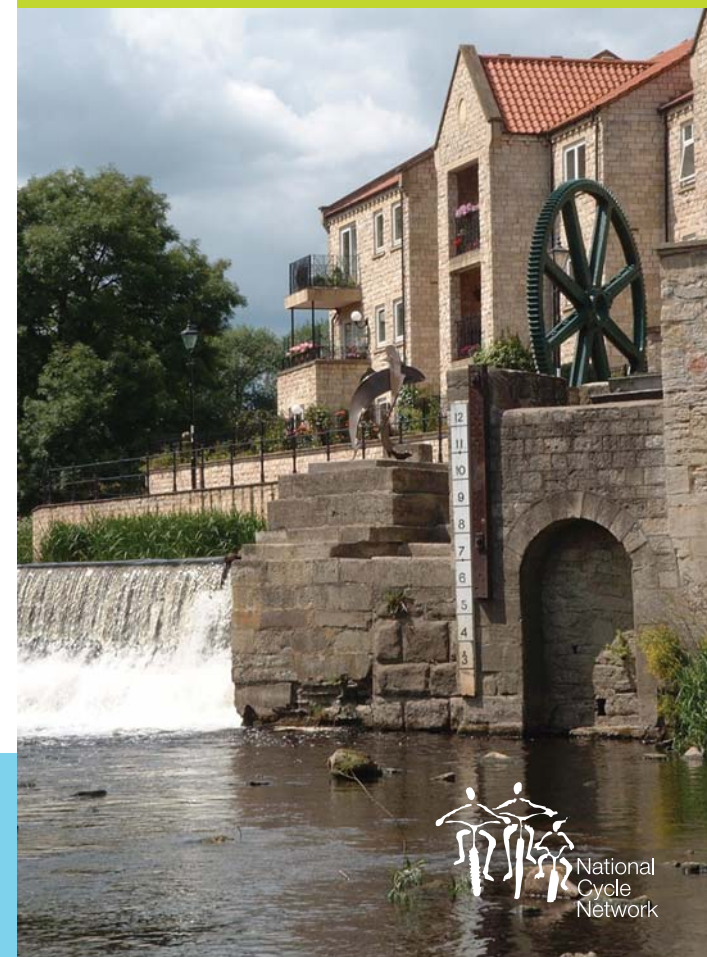
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# The Wetherby Railway Path

Wetherby to Spofforth and  
Thorp Arch



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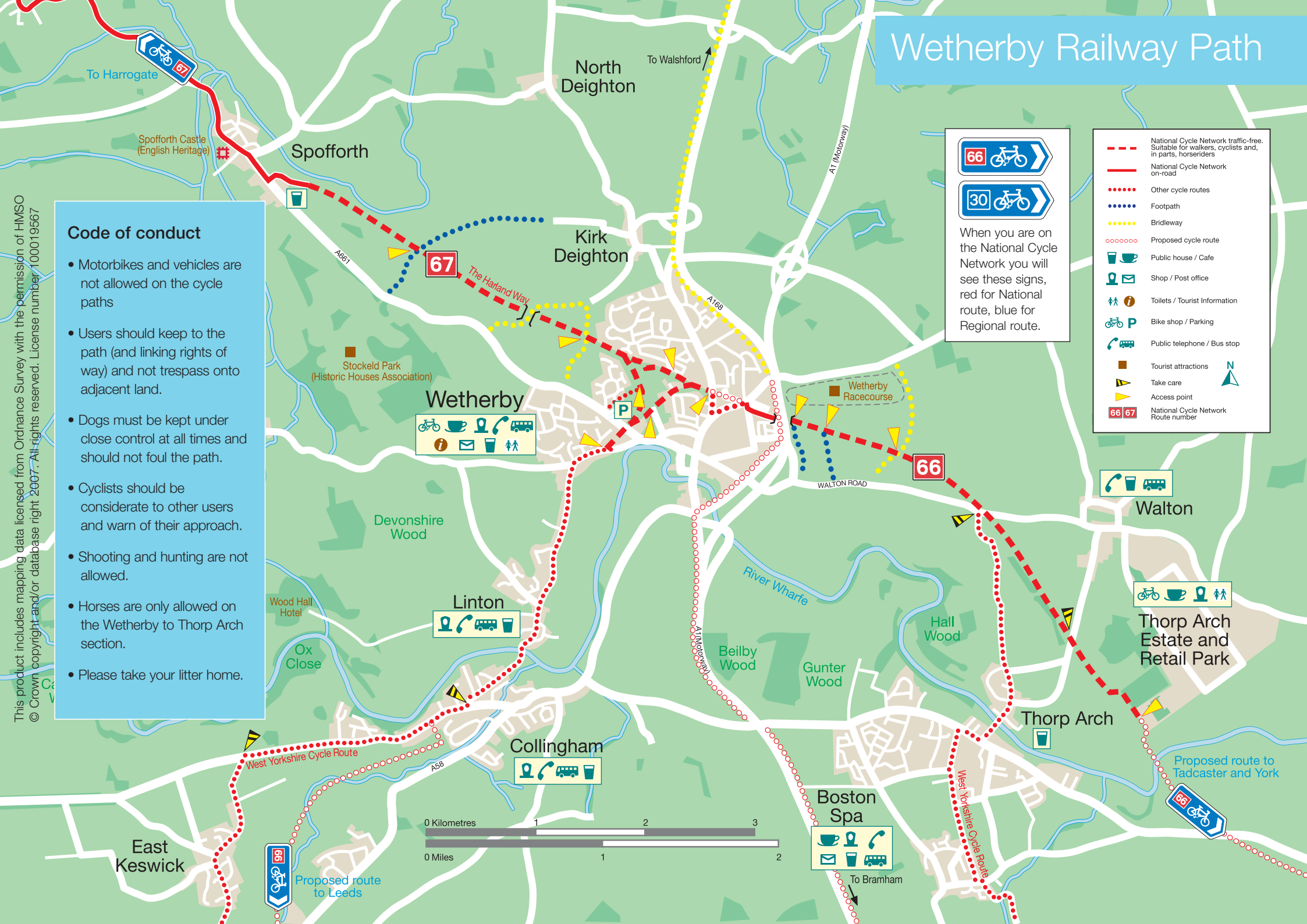
## Code of conduct

- Motorbikes and vehicles are not allowed on the cycle paths
- Users should keep to the path (and linking rights of way) and not trespass onto adjacent land.
- Dogs must be kept under close control at all times and should not foul the path.
- Cyclists should be considerate to other users and warn of their approach.
- Shooting and hunting are not allowed.
- Horses are only allowed on the Wetherby to Thorp Arch section.
- Please take your litter home.

When you are on the National Cycle Network you will see these signs, red for National route, blue for Regional route.

	National Cycle Network traffic-free. Suitable for walkers, cyclists and, in parts, horseriders.
	National Cycle Network on-road
	Other cycle routes
	Footpath
	Bridleway
	Proposed cycle route
	Public house / Cafe
	Shop / Post office
	Toilets / Tourist Information
	Bike shop / Parking
	Public telephone / Bus stop
	Tourist attractions
	Take care
	Access point
	National Cycle Network Route number

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To Harrogate

To Walshford

A1 (Motorway)

A661

A168

WALTON ROAD

River Wharfe

A58

West Yorkshire Cycle Route

Proposed route to Leeds

Proposed route to Tadcaster and York

To Bramham

