

# Lincoln to Harby Cycle Trail



## The Route

**Where:** Lincoln to Harby

**National Route  
Number:** 64

**Distance:** 6 miles

**Terrain:** flat and traffic-free

**Public transport:**  
railway station at Lincoln

**Maps:** leaflet available  
locally from Tourist  
Information or from  
Sustrans on 0845 113  
0065

**OS maps:** Explorer 272  
or Landranger 121

**Tourist information:**  
Lincoln TIC - 01522 873  
213

**Towns to search for  
on Sustrans website  
mapping:** Harby  
(Newark), Skellingthorpe,  
New Boultham



This new traffic-free route takes you from the Nottinghamshire village of Harby into the ancient city of Lincoln. It was primarily designed as a direct commuter route for local people wanting to avoid the indirect and busy B1190 and A46(T), but it is enjoying a double life as a leisure facility for people wanting an attractive place to ride their bikes away from the traffic.

The route from Harby follows the line of a dismantled railway through the countryside to Skellingthorpe and on to Lincoln, where the towpath of the roman Fossdyke canal takes you to Lincoln's Brayford Pool. Brayford Pool is a stretch of open water in the heart of the city where the canal meets the river Witham, next to the campus of the university. This is an ideal place to stop for a leisurely drink or a meal and watch

the world go by, on land and on water. You are also a stone's throw from the attractive narrow streets of this compact city. The celebrated cathedral is at the top of Lincoln's only steep hill, but if you lock your bike up at the bottom, the Walk & Ride bus service can save you the climb.

If you want a longer return ride, there is now a brand new circular route signed southwards along the river bank for two miles and then out on the lanes to Whisby Natural World and back to Harby (14 miles). Whisby Natural World is a newly-opened nature park with lakes, woodland, ponds, grasslands, heath and a wealth of wildlife. The lakeside visitor centre has exhibitions on ecological themes, a café and a shop selling natural, Fairtrade and locally-sourced gifts.