

Trail Trips - Church Trail - Selby to Howden

Selby to Howden and return - 22 miles (35.5km)

Suitable for walkers and cyclists - the section is also suitable for families who can shorten the route accordingly by turning back at Barmby on the Marsh if desired

TPT Map 3: EAST. Yorkshire - North Sea



Selby Abbey



Join the Trail over the toll bridge from the Abbey



One mile from Selby

Start the route at Selby Toll Bridge which is not nowadays used as a toll. After leaving the town cross the bridge and the Trans Pennine Trail is immediately on the right and is well signed. Proceed on the river bank for a short while until the Trail widens into an excellent surface (slightly bumpy at first). Keep straight on as the Trail wends its way out through Newlands Farm towards Cliffe. Eventually, you will meet the A63 Selby to Hull road. At this point there is a cycle path on the right which runs parallel to the road for approximately one third of a mile, when you turn right away from the A63 down Main Street to Hemingbrough. Passing St Mary's Church on the right keep on for another 250 yards into Landing Lane and then go right through the gateway onto a superb single track along the side of the river Ouse all the way through to the tidal barrage at Barmby (cyclists dismount here). It's worth dismounting if cycling whilst going down the single track and climbing the banking to take in the view down the Ouse. The route now follows an on road section but there is little traffic and the road surface is excellent. The village of Asselby is particularly picturesque. Proceed straight forwards but take care when crossing the B1228 before approaching Howden where you can have a well-earned break before returning to Selby using the same route.

Before leaving Selby, take time out to visit Selby Abbey and the town's shops. You will find all the necessary amenities, including café's and toilets.



Approaching Cliffe



St Mary's Church, Hemingbrough



Drax Power Station dominates the skyline when leaving Hemingbrough

TPT route maps can be obtained from the Trans Pennine Trail office if required:

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At the end of the road from Hemingbrough go through the gate and down the track



View of the Ouse from the bank above the single track from Hemingbrough



Cyclists dismount to cross the barrage on the Ouse at Barmby

Iconic architecture and sacred space makes Selby Abbey the place it is today but people have worshiped here and served the wider community for over 900 years. Selby is a small Yorkshire town, 12 miles south of York with one of the most superb Abbey churches to be found anywhere in England. Selby Abbey is often called the 'Hidden Gem of Yorkshire' as no other church has the size, the age or the beauty that makes this building so unique.

Hemingbrough's St Mary the Virgin Church with its limestone tower and spire can be seen from miles around and was built in c1425 and has links to Selby Abbey and Howden Minster.



Pretty village of Asselby

Howden's Gothic Minster, the church of St Peter and St Paul, dates back to the 13th century. The church itself is well worth a visit and so is the town. Users of the Trail can find refreshments in the cafés and pubs of the town.



Howden Minster

Getting there: The M62 motorway runs nearby, so Selby is easily accessible from both the west and the east. Leave the motorway at J34 and proceed north on the A19. If coming from the north or south on the A1(M), leave at J42 and take the A63 to Selby. If travelling to York take the A19 and A63 to Selby.

Useful information: If travelling into Selby by car there are car parks close to the old toll bridge where the TPT starts but there is a charge, otherwise there is on road car parking out of town. In both Selby and Howden there are shops, cafés, pubs, toilets and tourist information points.

Don't be intimidated by the fact that there are on road sections because most of the roads are very quiet and the busy A63 does have its own cycle pathway (off the main road). In any case seeing the beauty of the surrounding area is well worth the short road ride!



Historic ruins at the rear of Howden Minster



Howden centre



Selby Swing Bridge



Selby Abbey in the distance at the end of the route