

Trail Trips

Braithwaite to Snaith

Braithwaite to Snaith and return - 21 miles (33.6km)

Suitable for walkers, cyclists and most of the route for equestrians.

Families can use this guide for a day out returning once they have reached Sykehouse.

TPT Map 3: East—Yorkshire to North Sea



Start—Braithwaite Top Lane Bridge



Approaching Sykehouse Lock



Sykehouse Lock

Getting to Braithwaite – Car park at Top Lane Bridge. If cycling from Doncaster, follow signs for Barnby Dun then for Braithwaite, route is reasonably quiet.

Before starting, or on your return, you can pay a visit to Threeways café in Braithwaite. It is only about 200 yards into the village along Braithwaite Lane. The homemade cakes come highly recommended and they are also a stamping station

Start the route at Top Lane Bridge car park. Go through the gate onto the canal towpath, which is a well surfaced track and takes you up to Sykehouse Lock. Take care when crossing the road at the first bridge. This is a thoroughly enjoyable ride, with the possibility of seeing kingfishers, herons and other water birds. For equestrians from the car park please follow equestrian route signed along minor roads until you reach Sykehouse and re-join the main route.

Having negotiated Sykehouse Lock, continue on the towpath over one road to the next. At this point turn left joining the road which takes you through Sykehouse (renowned as being the longest village in Yorkshire). Here you pass the Old George, a pub serving excellent real ales and also a stamping station.

Further into Sykehouse watch for the right turn after the church, leading you down narrow rural roads where you catch a glimpse of the Windmill House where the writer of Last of the Summer Wine, Roy Clarke, lived.

Following the signs you will now go over the River Went and onto good surfaced farm tracks across open countryside. The farm tracks meet up with a tarmac road which takes you over the Aire and Calder Canal. Here, cyclists go left and walkers go right. The route for cyclists continues below.

The road skirts around Pollington and onto Long Lane. This takes you over the M62 (worth a stop to feel sorry for all those below!) and down to a left turn onto the A645.

This is a busy, fast road, but it is a short section on a wide road and there is a cycle lane marked

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

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by a solid white line. There is a right turn to Gowdall after about 800 meters. There is a safe means of crossing but please take care.

The road then takes you over a level crossing into Gowdall. A right turn onto Low Road at the T-junction takes you towards Snaith. The cycle route brings you into the north side of Snaith, those continuing along the TPT will miss out on a visit to this fascinating small town, just 200 meters to the south over the level crossing.

Snaith: A thriving historic market town with much to offer a visitor. The centre is a conservation area with 17th century buildings. Snaith Priory is a focal point of the town. Norman in construction but artifacts suggest possible Anglo Saxon foundations. The Priory is now floodlit at night. Next to the Priory is the Penny Lock Up, so named as that was the cost of release. Just next to the Lock Up is the bike lock up – somewhere cyclists can leave their bikes without too much worry.

There are five pubs, three of which offer B&B, and some serve ales from Old Mill Brewery which is based in Snaith. Pre-booked visits can be arranged.

There are plenty of local shops all conveniently located around the centre. These include 3 takeaways, electricians, Co-op, General store, library, flower shop, butcher, printing shop, dentist, optician, deli, 3 hairdressers, a good old fashioned ironmongers and 2 cafes, one with a garden to sit in.

Snaith has provided excellent information boards in various locations to inform visitors of the history of that particular area/venue. These can be found at the Station Car Park, The Town Centre, The Priory and The Wesleyan Church,

The Brewers' Arms has a link up with 51st Bomber Squadron and Old Mill brewery have produced Red Goose beer in memory of the Squadron. 51st Bomber Squadron have been granted Freedom of the Town in recognition of the flights from Snaith Airfield.

Other attractions in the area are 15 heritage walks starting in Snaith and ranging from 1.5 to 8.75 miles, maps available in the town, Park Lodge Shooting school, Beaver sailing club and Cowick Hall, historic home of the Dawnay family.



The Old George, Sykehouse



Yorkshire's Longest Village



Beautiful open countryside you can see along this route



Passing over the M62



Old Mill Brewery



The Penny Lock Up



Snaith Priory and bike lock ups

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