

Trail Trips - North Doncaster - Sprotbrough to Braithwaite

Sprotbrough to Braithwaite and return - 26 miles (41.5km)

Suitable for walkers and cyclists - most of this section is suitable for families who can shorten the route accordingly by turning back at any point

TPT Map 3 East: Yorkshire - North Sea



Entrance to the Trail at Sprotbrough



Barges on the river Don at Sprotbrough



Tree lined Trail after turning north from the Don

Start the route at Sprotbrough Lock by leaving the car park onto the Trail (NCN route 62) and turning left keeping the river Don on your right, travel on the bank of the river, under the A1 motorway until you reach the TPT signpost turning you left off towards Doncaster. The Trail is tree-lined and truly beautiful with birds singing as you go. Cusworth Country Park and Cusworth Hall are on your left.

The whole route is very well signposted so you are unlikely to encounter any problems until you get to Bentley where on leaving the off road stretch you need to turn right onto the road and continue towards Bentley centre. When you see the railway crossing go over it and continue until the third turn left which is Truman Street. Proceed to the top of Truman Street and looking carefully for the TPT signs turn right and then left in front of the park. You will then see the off road Trail again. Continue straight on, where you will encounter a couple of slightly bumpy stretches which are not too distressing!

Eventually you will arrive at the end of this off road stretch, where again the sign posting is good. Turn left onto the road (Shaftholme Lane) for a few hundred yards, over the bridge, after which you turn right to Tilts. Proceed through the farm yard and continue to the unmanned level



Turn right at the end of Truman Street and then go left in front of the park



Heading away from Bentley to Toll Bar



Follow the Trail right when approaching the rugby fields

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

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Owston Wood



Trail to the gated crossing after Owston Wood on the return journey



Thorpe Marsh power station

crossing. There is a telephone service to ascertain that it is safe to cross the train track.

Travel on through Owston Wood which is magnificent with birds singing and an abundance of wildlife, etc. On leaving the wood turn right onto the road section which runs all the way through to Braithwaite but again the route is well signed all the way. A few hundred yards from Owston Wood you will find a manned level crossing.

Just keep winding down the lanes until you meet the main road where you will take the left turn signed Moss, Braithwaite (with Thorpe Marsh power station on the right). The signpost states 2 and a half miles to Braithwaite. Once again proceed until the next turn right, which takes you to Braithwaite (one and a quarter miles).

The ride terminates before the return journey but if you are feeling fit you may want to continue on to Sykehouse which is a further four miles (eight miles return).

Do not be put off by the road section because basically it is made up of beautiful country lanes, with very little traffic.

Getting there: To get to Sprotbrough from Doncaster (three and a half miles), head out of town on the new bridge road (A19) then at the roundabout take the second exit onto Sprotbrough Road, then continue on Melton Road before turning left at Park Drive you will then see the TPT sign. Sprotbrough is close to Mexborough and Goldthorpe and there is also easy access from Barnsley via Darfield, and Hickleton through Marr and then under the A1(M) and then turn right to Sprotbrough

Useful information: There is a café and shops in Bentley but afterwards there are no facilities en route so take drinks with you.



The route is well signposted, just follow them closely



Peaceful lanes to ride at leisure



Cyclists using road section to Braithwaite



Turn right for last leg into Braithwaite



Picturesque village of Braithwaite



Almost back to Sprotbrough on your return

