



CYCLING MAP 2009



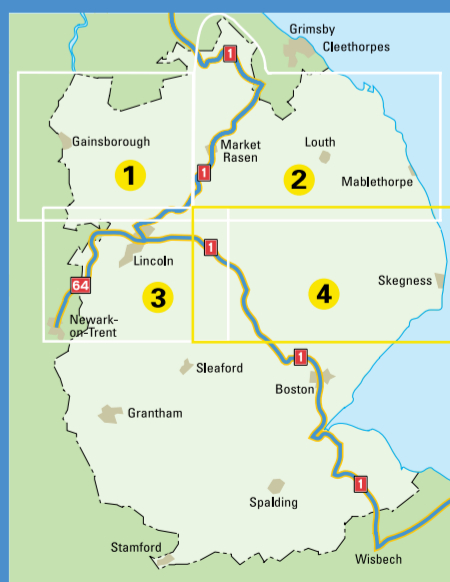
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THE SOUTH WOLDS AND SKEGNESS AREA

This is the fourth map in a series mapping Lincolnshire for cyclists. It has been produced by Lincolnshire County Council in partnership with the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service, The Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership, East and West Lindsey District Councils and local cycling interests.

This second edition shows the enormous variety of landscapes that can be found in this part of Lincolnshire. In the North is the southern part of the Lincolnshire Wolds – an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This offers both hills and open vistas, together with the market towns of Horncastle, Alford and Spilsby. In the south will be found the flatter fenland with its wonderful network of quiet lanes and towns like Wainfleet, which are such a joy to discover. The coastal area from Gibraltar Point, through Skegness to Huttoft Bank offers many temptations to leave the saddle.

The map has been produced to enable cyclists to find and enjoy the network of lanes and cycle facilities in the area. Although the lanes marked are generally the quieter ones, riders must bear in mind that all roads have periods of use when they are busier and attract faster vehicles and so cyclists must always take care.



It is expected that this map will be revised as new facilities are developed. Your comments and suggestions to help improve future editions would be welcomed.

As well as the other maps in this series that can be obtained from Lincolnshire County Council, the council have also produced a set of local rides leaflets for Woodhall Spa, Lincoln, Grantham and Crowland.

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Lincolnshire Limewoods Project Officer
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Horncastle Tourist Information Centre
The Library, Wharf Road, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
t: 01507 601111
e: horncastleinfo@e-lindsey.gov.uk

Skegness Tourist Information Centre
Grand Parade, Skegness, Lincolnshire, PE25 2UG
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e: skegnessinfo@e-lindsey.gov.uk

Woodhall Spa Tourist Information Centre
Seasonal (Easter – end of October)
Cottage Museum, Idlesleigh Road, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, LN10 6SH
t: 01526 353775
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Lincolnshire Tourism
t: 01522 526450
www.visitlincolnshire.com

- Cycle shops
Cycle parking stands
Toucan crossing
School or college
Tourist information
Public toilets
Camping/caravan site
Post Office
Cinema
Mobile Home Parking

- Roads with heavy traffic - best avoided
Off-road cycle route away from highway corridor
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Pedestrian area - no cycling
Other roads
Off-road cycle path within highway corridor
Fast or busy section of route - take extra care
One way

GOOD CYCLING CODE

ON ALL ROUTES

Please be courteous! Always cycle with respect for others, whether cyclists, pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, horse riders or drivers, and acknowledge those who give way to you.

ON SHARED-USE PATHS

- Give way to pedestrians: leave them plenty of room
Keep to your side of any dividing line and keep to the left when you meet other cyclists
Be prepared to slow down or stop if necessary
Don't expect to cycle at high speeds
Be careful at junctions, bends and entrances
Remember many people are hard of hearing and visually impaired - don't assume they can see or hear you
Carry a bell and use it - don't surprise people
Give way where there are wheelchair users and horse riders

WHEN CYCLING ON ROADS

- Always follow the Highway Code
Be seen - most accidents to cyclists happen at junctions
Fit lights and use them in poor visibility
Consider wearing a helmet and conspicuous clothing
Keep your bike roadworthy
Do not cycle on pavements except where designated - pavements are for pedestrians
Use your bell - not all pedestrians can see you

AND IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

- Always follow the Countryside Code
Respect other land management activities, farming or forestry and take litter home with you
Keep erosion to a minimum if off-road
Try to cycle or use public transport to travel to the start and finish of your ride
Match your speed to the surface and your skills

THANK YOU FOR CYCLING!

The bicycle does not cause pollution or contribute to climate change. Thank you for choosing this environmentally friendly form of transport.

Tastes of Lincolnshire
Lincolnshire people feel strongly about their food and are justifiably proud of the county's tradition of producing the finest produce. The quality branding mark - Tastes of Lincolnshire - represents all that is best in our local food and drink.

It identifies the restaurants, hotels, B&Bs, tea-rooms, pubs and shops throughout the county who believe in the quality of Lincolnshire produce and want to put it on their menus. Eating and drinking are such important parts of our free time - perhaps the ultimate relaxation and particularly so when you are cycling away from home. It's the chance to try something new or to do things differently. This map marks some of the Tastes of Lincolnshire outlets in the area.

Details of these and up-to-date information on the Tastes of Lincolnshire can be found at www.tastesoflincolnshire.com and at tourist information centres throughout Lincolnshire.



Alford
Alford is a charming market town on the slopes of the Lincolnshire Wolds which has become a centre for arts and crafts. It is a marvellous town to potter about in. There's a magnificent five-sailed windmill, six stores high, which still grinds flour. The mill has an antique shop and tearoom in the converted engine house.
MARKET DAYS: TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

Skegness

Skegness is a truly great place to stay. You'll find that there's so much to do that it's difficult to know where to start. The seal sanctuary and animal centre, museums, kids' adventure centres, crazy golf, ten-pin bowling, laser quest, fun fairs, and shopping, not to mention the beautifully landscaped foreshore, Compass Gardens and the colourful Tower Gardens. There are clubs, pubs, and restaurants, cafes and kiosks - something to suit all tastes. The beautiful, award-winning sandy beach stretches for miles - the perfect haven for all the family.

Spilsby

Years of traditional hospitality make this a friendly place for visitors. In the bustling market place, under the statue of the town's famous son, explorer Sir John Franklin, you can experience Spilsby's 700 year old market tradition. There is also a flourishing theatre.

Wainfleet

Wainfleet is said to stand on the site of the old Roman town of 'Vainona' and although it is now several miles from the sea, it was once a thriving and important port.

The town is probably best known as the home of one of Britain's famous breweries, Bateman's, with its award winning 'Good Honest Ales'. The mill tower with its beer bottle weather vane can be seen from a distance and at the Visitor Centre you can experience the brewing process and taste the end result, see the largest bottle collection in the UK and test your skills at traditional pub games.

MARKET DAY: FRIDAY

Woodhall Spa

No more a Spa, but a tonic nonetheless. Woodhall Spa is a delightful inland resort that has become a haven for visitors craving relaxation and tranquility.

The Hotchkin Golf Course has tested many top ranking golfers and is the headquarters of the English Golf Union.

The unique Kinema in the Woods and Kinema Too, near the old Spa building, are well worth a visit. It is one of the few back projection cinemas in the country and even offers entertainment on an original Compton Organ. The Kinema was an old pavilion before becoming a cinema and during the last war it was affectionately known as the 'Flicks in the Sticks'.

The Water Rail Way

This 33 mile route was completed in 2008 and connects Lincoln to Boston. It was named in a local competition and is a pun on its former use as a railway and to celebrate the water rail and other abundant bird life that can be seen from the path.



LINCOLN LONGWOOL SHEEP BY SALLY MATTHEWS

LADY OF SHALLOTT BY ANWICK FORGE

This map shows 20 miles of the Water Rail Way covering ten miles of the traffic-free path and a further ten miles on quiet roads. The popularity of the route is a reflection of the pleasure of travelling beside the River Witham and the experience of the sequence of stunning sculptures that have been commissioned. Shortly after leaving Five Mile Bridge, cyclists ride through the 'The Lady of Shalott' created by Anwick Forge and will pass artworks of Curly Coat Pigs and a Pike. The Lincoln Longwool Sheep by Sally Matthews are a particular favourite with path users, as is 'The River Pillar' by Nigel Sardeson.

The Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership has produced a series of three ride leaflets to cover the traffic free sections of the Water Rail Way and a leaflet that gives details of the wonderful artworks along the route. These leaflets can be obtained from Lincolnshire Tourism, local tourist outlets, Sustrans and www.visitlincolnshire.com

The Lincolnshire Wolds

The Lincolnshire Wolds is a nationally important and cherished landscape. Much of it was designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1973. The AONB contains the highest ground in eastern England between Yorkshire and Kent, rising to over 150m along its western edge. Rolling chalk hills and areas of sandstone and clay underlie this attractive landscape.

A Countryside Service helps to protect and enhance the landscape through partnership projects with local landowners, farmers, parish councils, businesses and residents of the Wolds.

The Lincolnshire Limewoods

The Lincolnshire Limewoods are found to the east of Lincoln, between Wragby and Woodhall Spa and cover an area of over 60 square miles. Woods containing small-leaved lime trees are unusual and there are few left in Britain. These woods date back to prehistoric times. Not only are they mentioned in the Domesday Book but scientists say that they are one of the few remaining British examples of wildwood. The ancient woodlands, medieval monasteries and beautiful countryside are waiting to be explored.

Nature Reserves

The map marks a host of nature reserves that are open to the public. This part of Lincolnshire offers a variety that is not often found in so small an area.

The nature reserve at Gibraltar Point is the end of the line south from Skegness. It offers a wilderness area of extensive sand dunes, saltmarshes and foreshore on the edge of The Wash. Snipe Dales is over 130 acres of valley grassland, woodland and streamside, while Wiloughby Meadows, near Alford, is an old flower-rich meadow, with betony, saw-wort and green-winged orchids.

These are all sites for cycling to, rather than cycling round and cyclists are asked to leave their cycles at the car parks/entrances and enjoy the reserves on foot.



GIBRALTAR POINT WITH ITS BEAUTIFUL SALTMARSHES AND DUNES

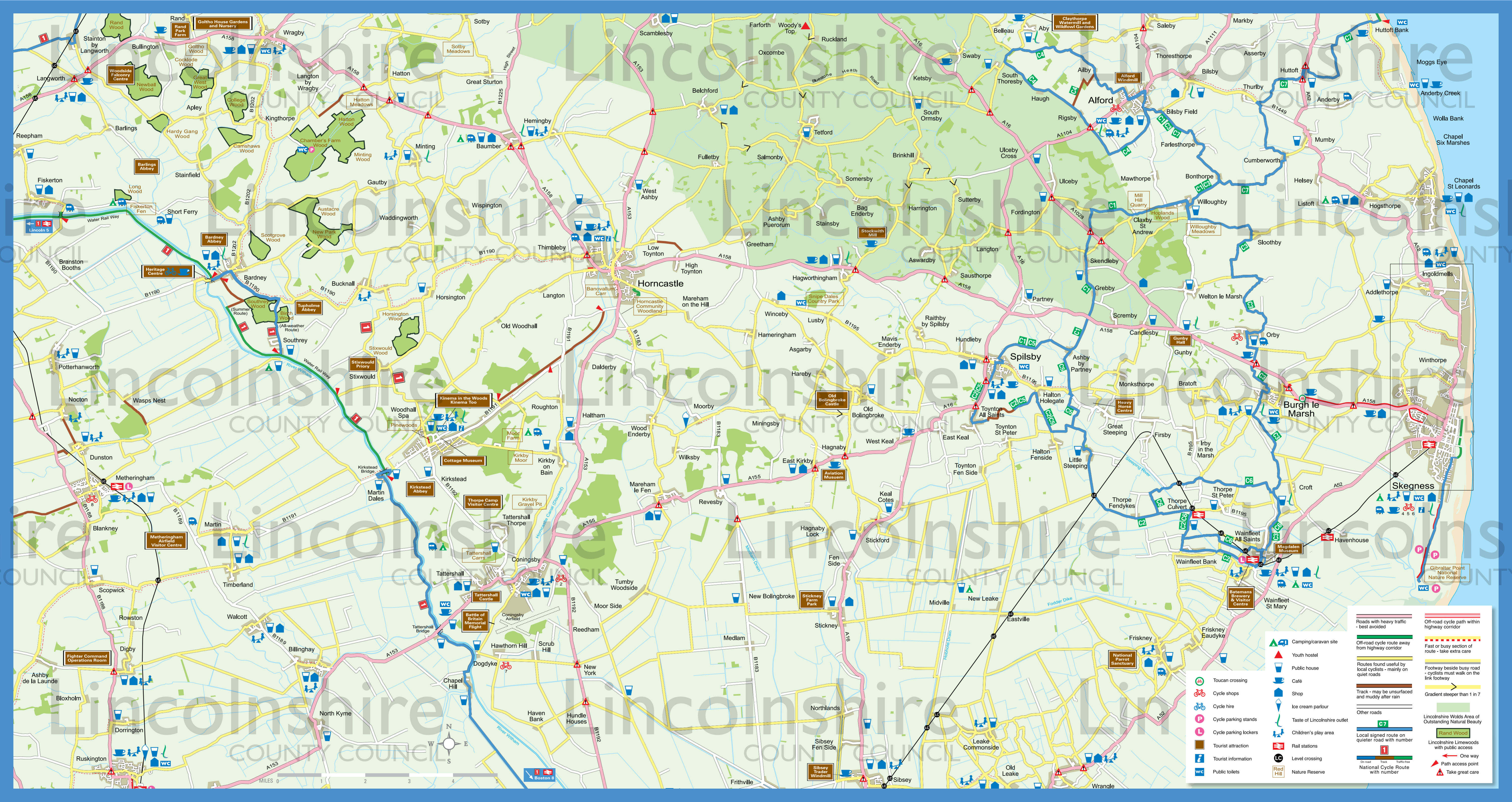
BICYCLES AND TRAINS AROUND THE AREA

The trains from Wainfleet and Skegness will carry two cycles and go through to Sleaford (for Peterborough and Lincoln), Grantham (for London, Yorkshire and Scotland) and Nottingham. The two smaller stations at Thorpe Culvert and Havenhouse are on the same line, but have fewer stopping trains. Ruskington and Metheringham are on the Lincoln-Sleaford-Peterborough line and will also carry two bicycles. Full information from rail enquiries t: 08457 48 49 50.

CYCLE SHOPS

- 1 James Cycles 21 West Street Alford t: 01507 463329
2 Cleveland Cycles 91 High Street Coningsby t: 01526 342291
3 Ken Barnes Bears Den Gunby Road Orby, Skegness t: 01526 343322 www.daveyatescycles.co.uk
4 Derek's Cycles 35 Roman Bank Skegness t: 01754 768833
5 Halfords Skegness Retail Park Heath Road, Skegness t: 01754 898141
6 Ward and Son 36 High Street Skegness t: 01754 762936
7 Dave Yates Cycles Ivy House Farm Hawthorn Hill Coningsby t: 01526 343322 www.daveyatescycles.co.uk
8 Bikes and Kites 19 High Street Metheringham Lincs LN4 3DZ t: 01526 322815

MARKET DAYS: THURSDAY AND SATURDAY



	Roads with heavy traffic - best avoided		Off-road cycle path within highway corridor
	Off-road cycle route away from highway corridor		Fast or busy section of route - take extra care
	Routes found useful by local cyclists - mainly on quiet roads		Footway beside busy road - cyclists must walk on the link footway
	Track - may be unsurfaced and muddy after rain		Gradient steeper than 1 in 7
	Other roads		Lincolnshire Wildlife Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
	Local signed route on quieter road with number		Lincolnshire Limewoods with public access
	On road National Cycle Route with number		One way
	Off road National Cycle Route with number		Path access point
	Camping/caravan site		Take great care
	Youth hostel		
	Public house		
	Café		
	Shop		
	Ice cream parlour		
	Taste of Lincolnshire outlet		
	Children's play area		
	Rail stations		
	Level crossing		
	Nature Reserve		
	Toucan crossing		
	Cycle shops		
	Cycle hire		
	Cycle parking stands		
	Cycle parking lockers		
	Tourist attraction		
	Tourist information		
	Public toilets		



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